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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is the obligation of the Illinois General
3 Assembly and the various executive agencies of State government
4 to provide such public services as are necessary to ensure that
5 every person in Illinois can maximize his or her own potential
6 and to provide such services as are required to ensure that the
7 most unfortunate among us can live in dignity and safety; and

8 WHEREAS, It is also the obligation of the Illinois General
9 Assembly and the various executive agencies of State government
10 to not unduly burden the taxpayers of the State by extracting
11 any greater amount of tax revenue than is necessary to achieve
12 those ends; and

13 WHEREAS, The budgeting process in Illinois all too often
14 fails to examine the inefficiencies brought about by the
15 existence of redundant and outdated programs; and

16 WHEREAS, State agencies may not be in compliance with
17 adequate cost-control measures to provide efficient use of
18 State appropriations or such measures may be outdated or
19 non-existent; and

20 WHEREAS, The failure to examine measures to control costs
21 leads to ever-increasing demands for revenue; and

1 WHEREAS, The taxpayers of Illinois are faced with high
2 taxation which is hampering the development of business in the
3 State and creating an exodus of productive, taxpaying citizens
4 to other States, thus making it necessary to investigate ways
5 by which Illinois government can reduce costs and yet fulfill
6 its obligations in an efficient and cost-effective manner;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
10 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the creation via legislation of
11 the Illinois Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform,
12 whose purpose shall be to examine the extent to which current
13 practices of the executive agencies either conform to or fall
14 short of established laws, regulations, and best practices, and
15 to determine the fiscal impact which the State realizes as a
16 result of falling short of compliance with such practices; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Commission should conduct a private
19 sector survey on cost control in State government and advise
20 the Governor, the General Assembly, and the executive agency
21 heads with respect to improving management practices and
22 reducing costs; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the heads of executive agencies should, to
2 the extent permitted by law, and in a timely manner, be
3 required to provide to the Commission and its staff units such
4 information, including that relating to the structure,
5 organization, personnel and operations of the executive
6 agencies, as may be required for carrying out the purposes of
7 the Commission's duties; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Commission's recommendations should
9 focus on the following areas: (1) Discretionary State spending,
10 (2) Specific areas in which State agencies could be required to
11 reduce expenditures, and (3) State budget and accounting
12 practices leading to the establishment and enforcement of
13 guidelines and procedures by which executive agencies must
14 demand and confirm accountability from such stakeholders who
15 may seek or be granted appropriations of State funds; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Commission on Fiscal
18 Responsibility and Reform, as a body with responsibilities that
19 cross over the chronological boundaries of this Illinois
20 General Assembly, should be created by legislation; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
23 delivered to the Speaker of the House, the House Minority

1 Leader, the President of the Senate, and the Senate Minority
2 Leader.