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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, High school is a critical time for development of
3 career choices; and

4 WHEREAS, Apprenticeship programs for students combine
5 academic and technical classroom instruction with work
6 experience through experiential learning and hands-on
7 training; and

8 WHEREAS, Apprenticeships provide students with access to
9 high-quality, industry-focused training that combines
10 classroom and on-the-job learning and affordable pathways to
11 college and careers in high-demand industries; and

12 WHEREAS, Apprenticeship programs connect students to
13 high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand occupations in such
14 fields as business and finance, healthcare, information
15 technology, advanced manufacturing, and education; and

16 WHEREAS, New sectors are emerging with the Clean Energy
17 Jobs Act (CEJA) that will repower communities by expanding
18 access to clean energy careers, building community wealth, and
19 ensuring new opportunities as they build a new clean energy
20 economy; and

1 WHEREAS, Students are provided the foundation to
2 jump-start their careers and to choose among multiple
3 pathways, including to enroll in college, begin full-time
4 employment, or a combination of both; and

5 WHEREAS, Apprenticeships are also valuable for school
6 systems, as they may enhance school retention and graduation
7 rates; and

8 WHEREAS, Apprenticeships promote student success by
9 providing students with the support they need to take the next
10 steps to succeed in college and careers; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge high school
13 educators and counselors to promote career and technical
14 education by assisting each student to determine an
15 appropriate post-secondary plan based upon their skills,
16 strengths, and goals and by helping them implement the best
17 practices that improve career or workforce readiness after
18 high school; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 delivered to the State Superintendent of Education.