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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The College Insurance Program provides health
3 insurance for retired community college professionals; and

4 WHEREAS, The College Insurance Program has experienced
5 extensive financial challenges over the past decade; and

6 WHEREAS, Retired community college professionals rely upon
7 this program, in some cases as their sole source of health
8 insurance, during their retirement and as a supplement to
9 Medicare upon eligibility; and

10 WHEREAS, The College Insurance Program is currently
11 experiencing a billing hold cycle and is running a deficit on
12 an annual basis; and

13 WHEREAS, It is essential that the State of Illinois honor
14 its commitment to retired educators who have devoted their
15 careers to the improvement of the economic prospects for
16 countless students in Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, The increasing need for community college faculty
18 and staff requires that a reliable and valuable set of
19 benefits be provided in order to attract and retain
20 prospective educators; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
3 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the College Insurance Program
4 Task Force is created to study the College Insurance Program
5 and present policy and legislative recommendations to the
6 General Assembly; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
8 following members, who shall serve without compensation:

9 (1) One member of the Illinois Senate appointed by the
10 Senate President, who shall serve as co-chair;

11 (2) One member of the Illinois House appointed by the
12 Speaker of the House, who shall serve as co-chair;

13 (3) One member of the Illinois Senate appointed by the
14 Senate Minority Leader;

15 (4) One member of the Illinois House appointed by the
16 House Minority Leader;

17 (5) The Chair of the Illinois Community College Board,
18 or his or her designee;

19 (6) One member from an organization representing
20 community college trustees appointed by the Senate
21 President;

22 (7) One member from an organization representing
23 community college presidents appointed the Speaker of the
24 House;

1 (8) One member from an organization representing
2 college retirees appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

3 (9) One member from an organization representing
4 county assessors appointed by the House Minority Leader;
5 and

6 (10) Two members from separate organizations
7 representing community college staff and faculty appointed
8 by the Governor; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Central
10 Management Services shall provide administrative support for
11 the Task Force; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall conduct a minimum of
13 two public hearings in at least two different counties within
14 the State at the call of the co-chairs; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall convene a wide array
16 of stakeholders to examine the current state of the College
17 Insurance Program and present a recommendation to the General
18 Assembly to ensure the program remains a viable and healthy
19 benefit; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final
21 report to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2025,
22 and upon the filing of its final report, is dissolved; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 delivered to the Senate President, the Speaker of the House,
4 the Senate Minority Leader, the House Minority Leader, the
5 Chair of the Illinois Community College Board, and the
6 Governor.