



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) is a
3 non-profit entity and its voluntary membership is comprised of
4 public and private high schools in the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 1.120 of its Constitution, the
6 IHSA's purpose is to "provide leadership for the development,
7 supervision, and promotion of interscholastic competition and
8 other activities in which its member schools engage"; and

9 WHEREAS, A Public-Private Task Force was formed in June of
10 2004 to make recommendations to the IHSA Board of Directors on
11 possible policy and by-law changes; and

12 WHEREAS, In its January 18, 2005 recommendations to the
13 IHSA Board of Directors, the Public-Private Task Force rejected
14 a proposal from its Multiplier Subcommittee to create a tiered
15 enrollment multiplier and instead recommended that the
16 Subcommittee reexamine the issues involved in establishing a
17 multiplier; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite the Public-Private Task Force
19 recommendation that the multiplier proposal be rejected
20 pending further study, the IHSA Board of Directors adopted a
21 multiplier at a March 19, 2005 meeting; and

22 WHEREAS, Under the policy adopted by the IHSA, enrollment
23 figures for all non-boundaried schools with more than 450
24 students will be multiplied by a factor of 1.65, effective for
25 the 2005-2006 school year; and

26 WHEREAS, As a result, several private schools will be
27 shifted from Class A to Class AA in the two-class system; and

28 WHEREAS, Concern has been expressed about the process

1 followed by the IHSA in adopting the multiplier and the effects
2 of the multiplier on membership schools; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Auditor General to
6 conduct a financial audit of the Illinois High School
7 Association and a management audit of the Illinois High School
8 Association's decision to adopt the enrollment multiplier; and
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the audit include, but not be limited to,
11 the following determinations and considerations:

12 (1) the process followed by the Multiplier
13 Subcommittee of the Public-Private Task Force in
14 developing its proposal advocating the adoption of an
15 enrollment multiplier, including the results of its
16 research on this subject;

17 (2) further review of the process followed by the
18 Public-Private Task Force in rejecting the Multiplier
19 Subcommittee's proposal and in advising about the
20 multiplier issue, including the information it relied upon
21 in reaching this conclusion;

22 (3) the process followed by the IHSA Board of Directors
23 in adopting a multiplier for the 2005-2006 school year,
24 including any recommendations of or information provided
25 by IHSA staff concerning the multiplier issue; and

26 (4) the effect of the multiplier on member schools; and
27 be it further

28 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois High School Association
29 and any other entity that may have relevant information
30 pertaining to this audit to cooperate fully and promptly with
31 the Auditor General's Office in the conduct of this audit; and
32 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we urge the Auditor General to commence this
2 audit as soon as possible and report his findings and
3 recommendations upon completion in accordance with Section
4 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 delivered to the Auditor General.