



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88
2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

3 WHEREAS, The Illinois higher education system is comprised
4 of three main sectors that are each vital to the education,
5 training, and economic vitality of our State; and

6 WHEREAS, The State's higher education system includes 9
7 public universities on 12 campuses, 48 community colleges, 94
8 independent, not-for-profit colleges and universities, and 30
9 independent, for-profit institutions, which are each important
10 to the citizens of Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, The State has a vested interest in seeing the
12 continuing development of collaborations between institutions
13 of higher learning and between the sectors in the higher
14 education system; and

15 WHEREAS, Higher education institutions are good employers
16 and are also vital contributors to many local economies across
17 the State; and

18 WHEREAS, Community colleges and bachelor's degree-granting
19 institutions often form collaborative, bachelor's
20 degree-completion arrangements to deliver upper-level courses
21 on the community college campuses; and

22 WHEREAS, Community colleges have on occasion formed
23 partnerships with public and private colleges and universities
24 that are from another state; and

25 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois will benefit from the
26 continued success and growth of Illinois institutions of higher
27 education; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Board of Higher Education
3 to strongly encourage community colleges seeking
4 baccalaureate-completion partnerships to give preference to
5 Illinois-based private and public institutions as partners,
6 when possible, and to promote those community colleges that
7 give this preference; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we direct the Board of Higher Education to
9 conduct an inventory of baccalaureate-completion programs and
10 partnerships between community colleges and public and
11 private, in-state and out-of-state institutions and report its
12 findings to the Higher Education Committees of the Senate and
13 the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2006;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Community College Board
16 (ICCB) to review its policies and guidelines for Illinois
17 community colleges that are seeking four-year institutions as
18 degree-completion partners, with regard to preferences for
19 Illinois-based institutions, and we urge the ICCB to create
20 guidelines that will guide community colleges to seek
21 Illinois-based institutions as bachelor's degree partners,
22 when possible; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
24 delivered to the members of the Board of Higher Education and
25 the Illinois Community College Board.