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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a responsibility to  
3 educate its citizens for success in the global economy; and

4 WHEREAS, Postsecondary education plays an increasingly  
5 important role in preparing Illinois residents for the demands  
6 of the modern workforce; and

7 WHEREAS, It is essential for Illinois' schools and colleges  
8 and universities to collaborate on measures to ensure that  
9 students are well-prepared to succeed in postsecondary  
10 education and in the workplace; and

11 WHEREAS, Nationally, one in 3 first-year students in  
12 postsecondary education require remedial coursework; and

13 WHEREAS, The senior year of high school could be profitably  
14 used by students to become better prepared for college or to  
15 take advanced coursework for college credit; and

16 WHEREAS, All Illinois high school juniors take the Prairie  
17 State Achievement Examination, which assesses college  
18 readiness; and

19 WHEREAS, Data on student performance, both in kindergarten

1 through grade 12 schools and in higher education, is crucial  
2 for improving curriculum, teaching, and learning; and

3 WHEREAS, The data available in the existing High School  
4 Feedback Report reported by public universities could be  
5 improved as a guide to high schools and policymakers in  
6 improving curriculum and pedagogy, but is currently  
7 inaccessible to State policymakers; and

8 WHEREAS, Implementing an effective feedback report can  
9 provide valuable tools for the assessment of student  
10 performance, the improvement of teaching and learning, and the  
11 alignment of graduation standards and curriculum with  
12 collegiate demands and expectations; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
15 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois Community College Board,  
16 the State Board of Education, and the Board of Higher Education  
17 are directed to develop a plan for using the Prairie State  
18 Achievement Examination to gauge students' college readiness,  
19 including the ability to place in college-level courses; and be  
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, the Illinois  
22 Community College Board, and the Board of Higher Education

1 shall develop a plan to use Prairie State Achievement  
2 Examination results to shape students' senior-year curricula,  
3 including any necessary remediation, in order to ensure college  
4 readiness upon high school graduation; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, the Illinois  
6 Community College Board, and the Board of Higher Education, in  
7 conjunction with testing services, shall develop a new high  
8 school feedback report to better inform high school  
9 administrators and education policymakers about students'  
10 performance during their first year at postsecondary  
11 institutions; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That the new high school feedback report be  
13 available to the State Board of Education, the Illinois  
14 Community College Board, and the Board of Higher Education and  
15 that it be made public; and be it further

16       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 delivered to the State Board of Education, the Illinois  
18 Community College Board, and the Board of Higher Education.