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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Untreated mental health problems in children have  
3 serious fiscal consequences for the State because they affect  
4 children's ability to learn and increase their propensity for  
5 violence, alcohol and substance abuse, and other delinquent  
6 behaviors that are extremely costly to treat; and

7 WHEREAS, One in 10 children in Illinois suffers from a  
8 mental illness severe enough to cause some level of impairment;  
9 yet, in any given year only about 20% of these children receive  
10 mental health services; and

11 WHEREAS, Many mental health problems are largely  
12 preventable or can be minimized with prevention and early  
13 intervention services that have been shown to be effective and  
14 that reduce the need for more costly interventions; and

15 WHEREAS, Children's social development and emotional  
16 development are essential underpinnings to school readiness  
17 and academic success; and

18 WHEREAS, A comprehensive, coordinated children's mental  
19 health system can help maximize resources and minimize  
20 duplication of services; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge that the  
3 following be included in amounts appropriated for State  
4 services in Fiscal Year 2008:

5           (1) A continued appropriation of the current  
6 \$5,000,000 under the Children's Mental Health Partnership  
7 line items (that is, \$3,000,000 in the Illinois State Board  
8 of Education budget and \$2,000,000 in the Illinois  
9 Department of Human Services budget);

10           (2) An additional \$15,000,000 in appropriations under  
11 Children's Mental Health Partnership line items allocated  
12 as described in paragraph (3); and

13           (3) Allocation of \$20,000,000 for the Illinois  
14 Children's Mental Health Partnership as follows:

15           (A) Allocation of \$10,000,000 under the Children's  
16 Mental Health Partnership line item in appropriations  
17 to the Department of Human Services for: the Children's  
18 Mental Health Consultation Project; Birth to Five  
19 Treatment Services; Screening, Assessment, and Support  
20 Services (SASS) aftercare services; Early Intervention  
21 Services; the Family Leadership and Support Network;  
22 and the Children's Mental Health Public Awareness  
23 Campaign;

24           (B) Allocation of \$6,000,000 under the Children's  
25 Mental Health Partnership line item in appropriations  
26 to the Illinois State Board of Education for: Social

1 and Emotional Learning Standards Professional  
2 Development and Implementation; expansion of Positive  
3 Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS); and  
4 increased School based Mental Health Support Services;

5 (C) Allocation of \$3,500,000 under the Children's  
6 Mental Health Partnership line item in appropriations  
7 to the Department of Children and Family Services for:  
8 Transitional Services; and Trauma Services; and

9 (D) Allocation of \$500,000 under the Children's  
10 Mental Health Partnership line item in appropriations  
11 to the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority for the  
12 Children's Mental Health Policy and Research Center;  
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to  
15 each of the following: the Governor; the State Superintendent  
16 of Education; the Secretary of Human Services; the Director of  
17 Children and Family Services; and the Attorney General.