July 28, 2010

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois House of Representatives, 96th General Assembly

I hereby return House Bill 5863 with a specific recommendation for change.

House Bill 5863 will help ensure that Illinois students are served by substitute teachers of the highest caliber. Our students deserve a high quality education even when regular teachers are out of the classroom and I believe that this bill is an important step in that direction. I commend the sponsors for their hard work in passing this bill.

Since this bill was transmitted to me, the sponsor of this bill has requested an amendatory veto delaying the effective date of this bill to January 1, 2011 in order to address issues related to implementing this measure. Because I want this bill to be fully implemented, I am pleased to honor that request.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 5863, entitled "AN ACT concerning education," with the following specific recommendation for change:

on page 12, by replacing lines 16 and 17 with "Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on January 1, 2011.".

With this change, House Bill 5863 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

PAT QUINN Governor