



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

2 WHEREAS, During the 1970s, a special provision was written
3 into the Social Security Act of 1935 concerning contingent
4 academic workers; that provision excluded education workers
5 from receipt of unemployment benefits unless they can
6 demonstrate that they do not have "reasonable assurance" of
7 continued employment; and

8 WHEREAS, Academic contingent workers in higher education
9 are frequently denied access to unemployment benefits based on
10 a very broad interpretation of "reasonable assurance";
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Unemployment
15 Insurance for Contingent Academic Workers Task Force; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be charged with the
18 following tasks:

19 (1) to estimate costs to higher education institutions
20 of a change in law that allows contingent academics to
21 collect unemployment insurance; and

22 (2) to examine the growth of employment of part-time

1 contingent faculty over the past 10 years; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of the
4 following:

5 (1) 2 members who are statewide education labor union
6 representatives from a 2-year institution; each member
7 shall be appointed by the union that he or she represents;

8 (2) 2 members who are statewide education labor union
9 representatives from a 4-year institution; each member
10 shall be appointed by the union that he or she represents;

11 (3) 4 members who are management representatives from
12 higher education institutions appointed by the Board of
13 Higher Education;

14 (4) one member appointed by the Director of Employment
15 Security;

16 (5) 4 legislative members; one of whom shall be
17 appointed by the President of the Senate; one of whom shall
18 be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one of
19 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives; and one of whom shall be appointed by the
21 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

22 (6) one member appointed by the Governor; and be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That the Task Force may hold hearings on the

1 issue of unemployment insurance for contingent academic
2 workers and shall report its findings to the General Assembly
3 on or before July 1, 2010; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 delivered to the Board of Higher Education, the Director of
6 Employment Security, and the Governor.