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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State's nine public universities are
3 operated, managed, controlled, and maintained by their
4 respective individual boards of trustees; and

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WHEREAS, Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations to the public
6 universities totaled nearly \$6 billion; and

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WHEREAS, On June 30, 2008, the public universities had over
8 \$2 billion in outstanding bonds and notes payable and
9 certificates of participation, and additional debt has been
10 issued subsequent to that date; and

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WHEREAS, State payments to the public universities are
12 backlogged, with over \$475 million owed to the University of
13 Illinois alone; and

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WHEREAS, According to the Comprehensive Annual Financial
15 Report (CAFR), the number of employees at the University of
16 Illinois has grown by 12% between 1999 and 2008 (from 26,331 to
17 29,403), while the number of State employees (not including
18 universities) dropped by 20% during that same time frame (from
19 87,719 to 70,144); and

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WHEREAS, According to the College Illinois! website,

1 average annual weighted tuition and fees at this State's public
2 universities was \$10,442 for freshman level students entering
3 college in the fall of 2009, an increase of 10.5% over the
4 2008-2009 academic year; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General is
7 directed to conduct a management audit of the State's nine
8 public universities; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the audit include, but not be limited to,
10 the following determinations for the most recent completed
11 academic year for which information is available:

12 (1) the total cost of operating each campus, the
13 average number of credit hours offered to students, the
14 average cost per credit hour, the number of students
15 enrolled, and the number of degrees conferred;

16 (2) the total amount of revenue received by each public
17 university and the sources of that revenue;

18 (3) comparison of the administrative structure at each
19 public university and costs related to upper level
20 administration at each campus;

21 (4) the number of academic personnel at each campus,
22 the average credit hour workload of professors and
23 instructors at each campus, the range of salaries and the
24 average salary of professors and instructors at each

1 campus, and the number of professors and instructors on
2 sabbatical at each campus and the associated costs; and

3 (5) the amount of tuition received by each campus and
4 how much of that tuition was provided in the form of
5 financial aid provided by or through this State and how
6 much of that financial aid provided by or through this
7 State is subject to repayment by the students receiving
8 that aid; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the State's public universities, the Board
10 of Higher Education, and any other entity having information
11 relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the
12 Office of the Auditor General in the conduct of this audit; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as
15 soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations
16 upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section
17 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 delivered to the Auditor General and the Board of Higher
20 Education.