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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly created the Police Training
3 Institute (PTI) at the University of Illinois in 1955; and

4 WHEREAS, The PTI is the largest police training academy in
5 this State, has trained officers in all 102 counties of this
6 State, and has trained 64% of the officers outside of the City
7 of Chicago; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2005, the PTI trained 32% of officers
9 statewide, and that percentage rose to 42% in 2010, while
10 enrollment fell in all academies due to the recession; and

11 WHEREAS, The PTI trains the trainers for other police
12 training academies throughout Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, The General Assembly created the Illinois Law
14 Enforcement Training Standards Board (ILETSB) in 1965; and

15 WHEREAS, The ILETSB wishes to close the PTI and use the
16 funds to open a new academy under its management; and

17 WHEREAS, State statute requires that the Director of the
18 PTI be a member of the ILETSB; and

1 WHEREAS, The State statute creating the ILETSB does not
2 authorize it to override the statute creating the PTI; and

3 WHEREAS, The State statute establishing the ILETSB does not
4 give it the authority to run an academy; and

5 WHEREAS, The ILETSB has also "decertified" the Illinois
6 State Police Academy in the past, although it was later
7 restored; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the PTI shall remain
10 open and its funding must not be diverted to create a new
11 academy; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the ILETSB shall abide by the laws that
13 created the PTI and the ILETSB and not assume new powers
14 without legislative authority; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That no new police training academies shall be
16 created until the level of enrollment and the condition of
17 State finances would make this academically reasonable and
18 financially feasible; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the ILETSB is directed to establish
20 objective professional standards for decertifying courses at

1 police training academies so that minor disagreements do not
2 escalate into disruptions of training; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
4 delivered to President and the members of the Board of Trustees
5 of the University of Illinois, the Director of the Police
6 Training Institute, and to the Executive Director and members
7 of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.