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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2010 the State of Illinois enacted a new set of
3 pension benefits for public employees in State-funded pension
4 systems; and

5 WHEREAS, Public employees hired on or after January 1, 2011
6 are commonly referred to as "Tier 2" members; and

7 WHEREAS, These Tier 2 members include public school
8 teachers in K-12 classrooms throughout the State of Illinois;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Public school teachers do not receive Social
11 Security, and many pension experts believe that Tier 2 benefits
12 do not provide a pension that is at least equal to that federal
13 program; and

14 WHEREAS, It is essential that Illinois provide a benefit
15 and pay package that will attract the most talented and
16 ambitious teachers in the country to our schools; and

17 WHEREAS, These benefits have been in effect for newly hired
18 public school teachers for over two years with no study of how
19 this has impacted recruitment and retention of teachers in
20 Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the General Assembly to
2 study the impact of these benefits on the State's ability to
3 provide the best teachers to our children; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Teacher Recruiting and
7 Retention Task Force be created to study the impact of these
8 Tier 2 pension benefits on the ability of school districts to
9 recruit and retain teachers in public school classrooms; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of 2 members of
12 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
13 House, one of whom shall serve as co-chair, 2 members of the
14 House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of
15 the House, 2 members of the Senate appointed by the President
16 of the Senate, one of whom shall serve as co-chair, 2 members
17 of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate,
18 and 2 members appointed by the Governor; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That 2 members from a statewide school alliance
20 and 2 members from separate unions representing public school
21 teachers statewide shall be appointed by the co-chairs to the
22 Task Force; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be provided technical
2 and staffing support by the Commission on Government and
3 Financial Accountability; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Teacher's Retirement System of the State
5 of Illinois shall provide all necessary support to the Task
6 Force in coordination with Commission on Government and
7 Financial Accountability; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings to
9 the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1,
10 2014.