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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives recognizes that the State Board of Education's  
4 decision to implement, both, the Common Core Standards and the  
5 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and  
6 Career's were not authorized by the Illinois State Legislature;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, In 2010, Illinois became one of 48 states to opt  
9 in for the Common Core Standards by accepting federal funds  
10 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and through the  
11 Race to the Top Initiative of the federal government; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the next few years, the Common Core  
13 Standards, which are largely untested in the United States,  
14 will substantively change the educational standards for  
15 students in Illinois, thus affecting every teacher and student  
16 in the State; and

17           WHEREAS, There are many unknown and significant costs  
18 associated with the Common Core Standards and the Partnership  
19 for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career's; and

20           WHEREAS, The only substantive cost analysis of the  
21 implementation of the Common Core Standards was conducted by

1 the Pioneer Institute, a non-partisan, privately funded  
2 research organization, which estimates the financial impact  
3 for Illinois to be close to \$773 million over 7 years; and

4 WHEREAS, There are many school districts who lack the  
5 technology, infrastructure, and funding to create an  
6 environment for the online standards testing required by the  
7 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and  
8 Career's or the new textbooks that will be needed to teach to  
9 the Common Core Standards; and

10 WHEREAS, The State Board of Education has not secured  
11 funding for schools that will need curricular, technological,  
12 and infrastructure upgrades; and

13 WHEREAS, The most recent data shows that close to 67% of  
14 school districts are operating with a deficit, the prospect of  
15 a pension cost-shift, and other expensive unfunded mandates by  
16 the State; and

17 WHEREAS, It is inconceivable to require districts to incur  
18 costs to upgrade schools in their respective districts because  
19 the State Board of Education unilaterally made the decision to  
20 move to the Common Core Standards, without counsel from local  
21 school districts, without a strong Statewide informational  
22 campaign about the Common Core Standards, and without

1 performing a cost analysis for local school districts and the  
2 State; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we urge State Superintendent Koch and the State Board of  
6 Education to delay the implementation of the Common Core  
7 Standards until a Board authorized and conducted study shows  
8 the costs associated with the Common Core Standards and the  
9 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and  
10 Career's; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education and General  
12 Assembly create a viable plan to provide funding to school  
13 districts that need improvements and modernizations to comply  
14 with the new Common Core Standards and the Partnership for  
15 Assessment of Readiness for College and Career's; and be it  
16 further

17       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
18 presented to the State Board of Education and all members of  
19 the Illinois General Assembly.