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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, School districts in this State began implementing  
3 new learning standards in English language arts and mathematics  
4 in 2010, commonly referenced as the Common Core Learning  
5 Standards; and

6 WHEREAS, These new standards in English language arts and  
7 mathematics replaced older standards previously adopted in  
8 1997; and

9 WHEREAS, The Illinois Learning Standards outline what all  
10 students in public school districts should know and be able to  
11 do in core educational areas; and

12 WHEREAS, These new standards were originally designed to be  
13 more rigorous and to better prepare students for college and  
14 careers; and

15 WHEREAS, The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for  
16 College and Careers is a new State assessment that will be  
17 given to students in public school districts for the first time  
18 beginning in the 2014-2015 school year; and

19 WHEREAS, The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for  
20 College and Careers has never been given as a full assessment

1 in this State; and

2 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for  
3 College and Careers will be based on the new learning standards  
4 adopted in 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, There is an increased emphasis on student  
6 performance on State assessments; and

7 WHEREAS, there is also a greater emphasis on using student  
8 assessment results to make major decisions that affect  
9 students, schools, educators, and funding; and

10 WHEREAS, The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for  
11 College and Careers is a new and untested student assessment;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
15 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that for the 2014-2015 school year  
16 through the 2017-2018 school year, we encourage school  
17 districts to not use results of the Partnership for Assessment  
18 of Readiness for College and Careers test as a determining  
19 factor for making decisions about a student's educational  
20 opportunities, the evaluation of educators, and the allocation  
21 of resources based on educational achievement on this

1 assessment; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
3 delivered to each school district in this State.