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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly and the Governor have failed  
3 to enact a State budget for the last 20 months; and

4 WHEREAS, The State adds approximately 11 million dollars in  
5 debt every day that a budget is not signed into law; and

6 WHEREAS, The State has not met its contractual obligations  
7 to the numerous vendors that render services; and

8 WHEREAS, The Illinois Comptroller cites that the bill  
9 backlog continues to increase and is a crippling 12.6 billion  
10 dollars; and

11 WHEREAS, The State, its local municipalities, and their  
12 institutions continue to suffer from continual downgrades from  
13 all of the major credit rating agencies, which is nearing junk  
14 status; and

15 WHEREAS, The lack of a State budget has caused homeless  
16 shelters to close on Christmas Eve, youth violence prevention  
17 centers to go out of business, domestic abuse programs to be  
18 defunded, and a myriad of other essential human services needs  
19 have gone unfunded; and

1           WHEREAS, The General Assembly and the Governor have not met  
2 their duty to fully fund the future of our State - the  
3 education of the children; and

4           WHEREAS, Teacher strikes, school closings, instructional  
5 time decreases, and faculty layoffs loom over school districts  
6 and institutions of higher learning across the State; and

7           WHEREAS, Like generations of Illinois students before  
8 them, thousands of current students continue to count on the  
9 funding of the Monetary Assistance Program to create promising  
10 futures for themselves and equal access to education; and

11           WHEREAS, Without the guarantee of those funds in-state  
12 students are seeking educational advancement outside of  
13 Illinois and over 16,000 thousand students migrated to  
14 out-of-state universities; and

15           WHEREAS, As economic development and opportunity in the  
16 State have become less available particularly to ethnic and  
17 racial minorities, Illinois has seen a historic spike in the  
18 murder rate; and

19           WHEREAS, For the 17th consecutive month, Illinois has had  
20 the highest unemployment rate among African Americans in the  
21 nation, nearing 15%; and

1           WHEREAS, Forty-four percent of African American young men  
2           in Illinois between the ages of 20 and 24 are unemployed and  
3           out of school; and

4           WHEREAS, Conditions are not improving for the middle class  
5           and poor citizens of our State during this historic budget  
6           impasse; people are hurting; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
8           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we wholeheartedly  
9           commit to enacting a State budget; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That the Senate will desist from working on any  
11          non-essential State business until a budget is enacted; and be  
12          it further

13          RESOLVED, That we will dedicate all of the resources of the  
14          Senate to work toward a solution to the budget impasse; and be  
15          it further

16          RESOLVED, That any bill, initiative, or committee hearing  
17          not pertaining to the budget of the State of Illinois should  
18          not be advanced in a Chamber of the General Assembly until a  
19          budget is enacted.