



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois higher education system is comprised  
3 of three main sectors that are each vital to the education,  
4 training, and economic vitality of our State; and

5 WHEREAS, The State's higher education system includes 12  
6 public universities, 49 community colleges, and 90  
7 independent, not-for profit colleges and universities, which  
8 are each important to the citizens of Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, The State has a vested interest in seeing the  
10 continuing development of collaborations between institutions  
11 of higher learning and between the sectors in the higher  
12 education system; and

13 WHEREAS, Higher education institutions are good employers  
14 and are also vital contributors to many local economies across  
15 the State; and

16 WHEREAS, Community colleges and bachelor's degree-granting  
17 institutions often form collaborative, bachelor's  
18 degree-completion arrangements to deliver upper level courses  
19 on the community college campuses; and

20 WHEREAS, Community colleges have on occasion formed  
21 partnerships with public and private colleges and universities  
22 that are from another state; and

23 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois will benefit from the  
24 continued success and growth of Illinois institutions of higher  
25 education; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
28 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Board of Higher Education

1 to strongly encourage community colleges seeking  
2 baccalaureate-completion partnerships to give preference to  
3 Illinois-based private and public institutions as partners,  
4 when possible, and to promote those community colleges that  
5 give this preference; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we direct the Board of Higher Education to  
7 conduct an inventory of baccalaureate-completion programs and  
8 partnerships between community colleges and public and  
9 private, in-state and out-of-state institutions and report its  
10 findings to the Higher Education Committees of the Senate and  
11 the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2006;  
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Community College Board  
14 (ICCB) to review its policies and guidelines for Illinois  
15 community colleges that are seeking four-year institutions as  
16 degree-completion partners, with regard to preferences for  
17 Illinois-based institutions, and we urge the ICCB to create  
18 guidelines that will guide community colleges to seek  
19 Illinois-based institutions as bachelor's degree partners,  
20 when possible; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
22 delivered to the members of the Board of Higher Education and  
23 the Illinois Community College Board.