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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is the obligation of the Illinois General
3 Assembly and the various executive agencies of State
4 government to provide such public services as are necessary to
5 ensure that every person in Illinois can maximize his or her
6 own potential and to provide such services as are required to
7 ensure that the most unfortunate among us can live in dignity
8 and safety; and

9 WHEREAS, It is also the obligation of the Illinois General
10 Assembly and the various executive agencies of State
11 government to not unduly burden the taxpayers of the State by
12 extracting any greater amount of tax revenue than is necessary
13 to achieve those ends; and

14 WHEREAS, The budgeting process in Illinois all too often
15 fails to examine the inefficiencies brought about by the
16 existence of redundant and outdated programs; and

17 WHEREAS, State agencies may not be in compliance with
18 adequate cost-control measures to provide efficient use of
19 State appropriations, or such measures may be outdated or
20 non-existent; and

21 WHEREAS, The failure to examine measures to control costs

1 leads to ever-increasing demands for revenue; and

2 WHEREAS, The taxpayers of Illinois are faced with high
3 taxation that is hampering the development of business in the
4 State and creating an exodus of productive, taxpaying citizens
5 to other States, thus making it necessary to investigate ways
6 by which Illinois government can reduce costs and yet fulfill
7 its obligations in an efficient and cost-effective manner;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
11 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the creation via
12 legislation of the Illinois Commission on Fiscal
13 Responsibility and Reform, whose purpose shall be to examine
14 the extent to which current practices of the executive
15 agencies either conform to or fall short of established laws,
16 regulations, and best practices, and to determine the fiscal
17 impact which the State realizes as a result of falling short of
18 compliance with such practices; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Commission should conduct a private
20 sector survey on cost control in State government and advise
21 the Governor, the General Assembly, and the executive agency
22 heads with respect to improving management practices and
23 reducing costs; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the heads of executive agencies should, to
2 the extent permitted by law, and in a timely manner, be
3 required to provide to the Commission and its staff units such
4 information, including that relating to the structure,
5 organization, personnel and operations of the executive
6 agencies, as may be required for carrying out the purposes of
7 the Commission's duties; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Commission's recommendations should
9 focus on the following areas: (1) Discretionary State
10 spending, (2) Specific areas in which State agencies could be
11 required to reduce expenditures, and (3) State budget and
12 accounting practices leading to the establishment and
13 enforcement of guidelines and procedures by which executive
14 agencies must demand and confirm accountability from such
15 stakeholders who may seek or be granted appropriations of
16 State funds; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Commission on Fiscal
18 Responsibility and Reform, as a body with responsibilities
19 that cross over the chronological boundaries of this Illinois
20 General Assembly, should be created by legislation; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 delivered to the Speaker of the House, the House Minority
2 Leader, the President of the Senate, and the Senate Minority
3 Leader.