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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Professional Review Panel is responsible for  
3 evaluating and recommending modifications to the  
4 Evidence-Based Funding Formula to ensure all students have  
5 access to a quality education, including students who are  
6 identified as advanced learners; and

7 WHEREAS, Currently each Organizational Unit must receive  
8 \$40 per kindergarten through grade 12 Average Student  
9 Enrollment ("ASE") for Gifted investments; and

10 WHEREAS, Since the Evidence-Based Funding Formula was  
11 established, legislative changes have expanded the ways in  
12 which Illinois students are identified as advanced learners,  
13 so that "gifted" is only one of the categories of advanced  
14 learners recognized in the Illinois School Code, which now  
15 includes children eligible for accelerated placement and other  
16 advanced academic programs under Section 14A-17 of the School  
17 Code, such as advanced placement coursework, International  
18 Baccalaureate coursework, dual credit courses, or any course  
19 designated as enriched or honors; and

20 WHEREAS, Using only "gifted" as an adequacy factor to  
21 describe advanced learners may be outdated and insufficient to  
22 provide the educational supports necessary to meet the needs

1 of advanced learners in Illinois schools; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we direct the Professional  
5 Review Panel and the Illinois State Board of Education to  
6 conduct the analysis and financial modeling required to  
7 evaluate the implications of including other categories of  
8 advanced learners in addition to gifted as adequacy factors  
9 beginning in the 2026-2027 school year; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That the Professional Review Panel and the  
11 Illinois State Board of Education should include their  
12 findings in a written report to the General Assembly and the  
13 Governor by December 31, 2025.