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Rod Blagojevich Governor

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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois Senate 93rd General Assembly

Senate Bill 192 requires the State to reimburse school districts for administrative costs of coordinating the special education services for wards of the State who are educated in residential facilities. The administration has been committed to reducing administrative costs wherever possible and given the fiscal constraints the State is facing, we cannot justify an additional \$500,000 to \$1.0 million in reimbursement for administrative costs.

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto and return Senate Bill 192, entitled "AN ACT in relating to education."

Sincerely, Rod R. Blagojevich Governor