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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 83
2 (As Amended By Senate Amendment No. 1)

3 WHEREAS, During the 1970s, a special provision was written
4 into the Social Security Act of 1935 concerning contingent
5 academic workers; that provision excluded education workers
6 from receipt of unemployment benefits unless they can
7 demonstrate that they do not have "reasonable assurance" of
8 continued employment; and

9 WHEREAS, Academic contingent workers in higher education
10 are frequently denied access to unemployment benefits based on
11 a very broad interpretation of "reasonable assurance";
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Unemployment
16 Insurance for Contingent Academic Workers Task Force; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be charged with the
19 following tasks:

- 20 (1) to estimate costs to higher education institutions
- 21 of a change in law that allows contingent academics to
- 22 collect unemployment insurance; and

1 (2) to examine the growth of employment of part-time
2 contingent faculty over the past 10 years; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of the
5 following:

6 (1) 2 members who are statewide education labor union
7 representatives from a 2-year institution; each member
8 shall be appointed by the union that he or she represents;

9 (2) 2 members who are statewide education labor union
10 representatives from a 4-year institution; each member
11 shall be appointed by the union that he or she represents;

12 (3) 2 members who are management representatives from
13 higher education institutions appointed by the Board of
14 Higher Education;

15 (4) one member appointed by the Department of
16 Employment Security;

17 (5) 4 legislative members; one of whom shall be
18 appointed by the President of the Senate; one of whom shall
19 be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one of
20 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives; and one of whom shall be appointed by the
22 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

23 (6) one member appointed by the Governor; and be it
24 further

1 RESOLVED, That the Task Force may hold hearings on the
2 issue of unemployment insurance for contingent academic
3 workers and will report its findings to the General Assembly on
4 or before December 31, 2009; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to the Board of Higher Education and the Director of
7 Labor.