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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Social Security coverage has never been available  
3 for the vast majority of members in the State-funded pension  
4 systems; and

5 WHEREAS, Seventy-eight percent of participants in  
6 Illinois' public pension systems do not receive Social  
7 Security; and

8 WHEREAS, Members of these State-funded pension systems who  
9 have earned Social Security coverage through past employment  
10 have these benefits reduced up to 66% by the Windfall  
11 Elimination Provision or the Government Pension Offset; and

12 WHEREAS, The General Assembly is considering a reduction in  
13 pension benefits for future members of these State-funded  
14 pension systems; and

15 WHEREAS, Currently, the normal cost for new members of the  
16 retirement systems is below the cost of providing Social  
17 Security; and

18 WHEREAS, The cost of the current benefit plan is lower than  
19 what is paid in the private sector for Social Security; and

1           WHEREAS, Social Security is a 50-50 pick-up between  
2 employees and employers; and

3           WHEREAS, Current pension reduction proposals would require  
4 new members to pick up 80% to 90% of the cost of their  
5 retirement; and

6           WHEREAS, Retirement security for members of State-funded  
7 pension systems that are not participating in Social Security  
8 is solely dependent on the level of the benefits provided by  
9 these systems; and

10           WHEREAS, It is prudent for the State of Illinois to study  
11 the impact of mandating Social Security for all public  
12 employees in State-funded pension systems; and

13           WHEREAS, The study shall compare the cost of mandating  
14 Social Security for new members and the normal cost of those  
15 new members; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
18 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Commission on Government  
19 Forecasting and Accountability shall conduct a study to analyze  
20 the cost of mandating Social Security coverage for all members  
21 of State-funded pension systems; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Commission on Government Forecasting  
2           and Accountability shall compare the normal cost of the benefit  
3           plan offered to current and future members of State-funded  
4           pension systems to the cost of Social Security coverage; and be  
5           it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Commission on Government Forecasting  
7           and Accountability shall present the results of this study to  
8           the leaders of each legislative caucus and the Governor's  
9           office by May 7, 2010; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11          delivered to the Commission on Government Forecasting and  
12          Accountability.