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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Illinois Teachers' Retirement Insurance  
3 Program (TRIP) was enacted in 1995 to provide a comprehensive  
4 program of health care coverage for retired teachers and their  
5 eligible dependents; and

6           WHEREAS, The number of enrollees in TRIP for FY 2009 was  
7 64,636; overall, membership is expected to increase in FY 2010  
8 to 67,260 or 4.1%; in comparison, the number of enrollees in FY  
9 2000 was 38,446 or 42.8% less than the FY 2009 enrollment; and

10           WHEREAS, On average, the cost of TRIP is increasing at a  
11 faster rate, 9.9%, than the overall funding sources of the  
12 program, which are increasing at a rate of 5.4%; and

13           WHEREAS, In reviewing FY 2008 and FY 2009 revenues and  
14 expenditures, it is evident that the funding sources for TRIP  
15 are not adequate; and

16           WHEREAS, Projections by the Department of Healthcare and  
17 Family Services show TRIP is projected to have a negative cash  
18 balance of \$81 million by FY 2011; this amount will grow  
19 substantially in future fiscal years without changes in the  
20 funding or benefits, or both, of TRIP; and

1           WHEREAS, Since its inception, TRIP has experienced  
2 escalating costs to the program; increased retiree premiums,  
3 increased active teacher and State contributions, and school  
4 district financial assistance are recent changes to the TRIP  
5 program in FY 2003 and FY 2005 to keep the program solvent; and

6           WHEREAS, The most recent changes made to TRIP were  
7 established in Public Act 93-679; the legislation (1) raised  
8 the premiums for retired teachers; (2) increased the  
9 contributions from active teachers, school districts, and the  
10 State; and (3) included a continuing appropriation of \$13  
11 million per fiscal year for 3 years to maintain benefit  
12 enhancements, which expired at the end of FY 2007; and

13           WHEREAS, Public Act 93-679 also established a 10-member  
14 Teacher Retirement Insurance Program Committee that is  
15 appointed by the Governor; the committee is required to meet at  
16 least 4 times a year to consider and make recommendations on  
17 issues affecting TRIP that shall be based on the consensus of  
18 the committee; and

19           WHEREAS, The Teacher Retirement Insurance Program  
20 Committee has not been appointed by the Governor, despite the  
21 dire fiscal projections for TRIP in FY 2011; therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 urge the Governor to appoint and convene the Teacher Retirement  
3 Insurance Program Committee as mandated by Public Act 93-679 to  
4 begin stakeholder discussions on maintaining the solvency of  
5 TRIP in FY 2011 and beyond; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That that a copy of this resolution be delivered  
7 to the Governor.