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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly finds that health
3 benefits exchanges authorized by the federal Patient
4 Protection and Affordable Care Act are a cost-effective way in
5 which the State can provide individuals access to greater
6 coverage options; and

7 WHEREAS, The State has, pursuant to Public Act 97-0142,
8 established an Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Legislative
9 Study Committee to conduct a study regarding State
10 implementation and establishment of an Illinois Health
11 Benefits Exchange; and

12 WHEREAS, The Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Legislative
13 Study Committee has been directed to report on coverage for
14 full-time and part-time employees and their dependents and to
15 make recommendations to the General Assembly on prospective
16 actions; and

17 WHEREAS, Health benefits exchanges currently provide
18 affordable health insurance for hundreds of thousands of
19 Medicare eligible retirees; and

20 WHEREAS, Health benefits exchanges may provide similar
21 health benefits and reduced costs for Medicare eligible former

1 State employees currently receiving health benefits from the
2 State of Illinois; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange
6 Legislative Study Committee shall study the utilization of a
7 health benefits exchange in order to provide retiree health
8 benefits for Medicare eligible former State employees; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange
11 Legislative Study Committee shall hold subject-matter hearings
12 and shall prepare a written report to be presented to members
13 of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2012; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 delivered to the members of the Illinois General Assembly, the
17 Governor of the State of Illinois, the Director of the Office
18 of Management and Budget, the Director of Health and Family
19 Services, and the Director of Central Management Services.