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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, A fundamental goal of the People of this State is the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capacities, this State shall provide for an efficient system of high quality, public educational institutions and services, education in public schools through the secondary level shall be free, there may be such other free education as the General Assembly provides by law, and this State has the primary responsibility for financing the system of public education; and

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WHEREAS, It is the intent and policy of the State of Illinois that every student, regardless of the economic or social circumstances and regardless of the school to which the student is assigned, has the right to the same level of educational services as every other student in this State, to the extent allowed by State funds; and

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WHEREAS, Twenty-nine percent of students in the Chicago Public School system (CPS) did not meet State testing standards in reading and 21% of students in CPS did not meet State testing standards in mathematics in 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Only 68% of CPS students graduate high school, and 30% of students are chronically truant; and

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1 WHEREAS, CPS has reported a plan to close 54 schools in the
2 district; and

3 WHEREAS, Students who are at least 2 grade levels behind in
4 reading or mathematics, based on an assessment of the student's
5 reading and mathematics skills, would benefit from being placed
6 in a basic skills class when the student is in the 4th, 5th,
7 and 6th grades until he or she completes 6th grade or attains
8 reading or mathematics skills that are at or above the 6th
9 grade level, whichever occurs first; and

10 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the State Board of
11 Education to take action against CPS for the failure to
12 adequately educate its students; and

13 WHEREAS, CPS has the opportunity to help failing students
14 by developing a plan that would address the issues students
15 within the district face; and

16 WHEREAS, CPS can help students by developing such a plan to
17 help build a foundation that helps students excel academically;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we urge the State Board of Education to withhold State funding
2 from the Chicago Public School system until the school district
3 has developed a plan to aid students within the district in
4 becoming academically successful and further evaluated the
5 impact of school closings to students and the community; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 delivered to the State Board of Education and City of Chicago
9 School District 299.