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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate recognize that
3 the State Board of Education's decision to implement both the
4 Common Core State Standards and the Partnership for Assessment
5 of Readiness for College and Careers were not authorized by the
6 General Assembly; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2010, Illinois became one of 48 states to opt
8 into the Common Core State Standards Initiative by accepting
9 federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
10 of 2009 and through the Race to the Top initiative of the
11 federal government; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the next few years, the Common Core State
13 Standards, which are largely untested in the United States,
14 will substantively change the educational standards for
15 students in Illinois, thus affecting every teacher and student
16 in the State; and

17 WHEREAS, There are many unknown and significant costs
18 associated with the Common Core State Standards and the
19 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and
20 Careers; and

21 WHEREAS, The only substantive cost analysis of the

1 implementation of the Common Core State Standards was conducted
2 by the Pioneer Institute, a non-partisan, privately funded
3 research organization, which estimates the financial impact
4 for Illinois to be close to \$773 million over 7 years; and

5 WHEREAS, There are many school districts who lack the
6 technology, infrastructure, and funding to create an
7 environment for the online-standards testing required by the
8 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
9 or the new textbooks that will be needed to teach to the Common
10 Core State Standards; and

11 WHEREAS, The State Board of Education has not secured
12 funding for schools that will need curricular, technological,
13 and infrastructure upgrades; and

14 WHEREAS, The most recent data shows that close to 67% of
15 school districts are operating with a deficit, the prospect of
16 a pension cost-shift, and other expensive unfunded mandates by
17 the State; and

18 WHEREAS, It is inconceivable to require districts to incur
19 costs to upgrade schools in their respective districts because
20 the State Board of Education unilaterally made the decision to
21 move to the Common Core State Standards, without counsel from
22 school districts, without a strong statewide informational

1 campaign about the Common Core State Standards, and without
2 performing a cost analysis for school districts and the State;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the State
6 Superintendent of Education and the State Board of Education to
7 delay the implementation of the Common Core State Standards
8 until a Board-authorized and conducted study shows the costs
9 associated with the Common Core State Standards and the
10 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and
11 Careers; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education and General
13 Assembly create a viable plan to provide funding to school
14 districts that need improvements and modernizations to comply
15 with the new Common Core State Standards and the Partnership
16 for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 delivered to the State Superintendent of Education and the
20 State Board of Education.