August 13, 2007

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois House of Representatives 95th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 961, entitled "AN ACT concerning education." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, House Bill 961 contains identical language as Public Act 95-0119, which I signed into law on August 13, 2007.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 961.

Sincerely,

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH Governor