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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Governor and many other education and
3 business-related groups have called for the creation of a
4 permanent State P-20 Council to help produce a seamless
5 education system that no longer treats kindergarten through
6 grade 12 and higher education as two separate and competing
7 forces; and

8 WHEREAS, House Bill 1648 of the 95th General Assembly
9 creates a State P-20 Council, consisting of business and
10 community leaders, representatives of kindergarten through
11 grade 12 education, and representatives of community college
12 and higher education institutions, to articulate a framework
13 for systemic educational improvement and to prepare students
14 throughout their entire academic career for success in the
15 workforce and the community; and

16 WHEREAS, The legislation calls upon the Council to
17 specifically coordinate pre-kindergarten through grade 20
18 education; leverage strategies, actions, legislation, and
19 resources of all stakeholders to support fundamental and
20 lasting improvement in Illinois' public schools, community
21 colleges, and universities; discuss issues that are vital to
22 educational reform in Illinois; provide recommendations on
23 subjects related to education to the State Board of Education,

1 the Governor, and the General Assembly; develop consensus on
2 educational policy reforms and innovations; and help align
3 university teaching programs with the needs of Illinois
4 schools; and

5 WHEREAS, Numerous education advocacy groups have proposed
6 plans to enhance school accountability as a part of education
7 reform, including the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the Civic
8 Federation, A+ Illinois, the Center for Tax and Budget
9 Accountability, and the Saturday Morning Dialogue Group;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 upon establishment of the P-20 Council, the Council shall, in
14 addition to its stated duties and responsibilities under House
15 Bill 1648 of the 95th General Assembly, take up all proposed
16 plans and legislation related to school accountability and make
17 recommendations relating to accountability issues; and be it
18 further

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