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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There is no official statewide data on the health  
3 needs of our diverse student populations or the level of  
4 services required to meet these needs in this State; and

5 WHEREAS, Unmet health needs interfere with a student's  
6 ability to focus on learning and achieve their highest  
7 potential; and

8 WHEREAS, It is our intent to assure that students are  
9 healthy and ready to learn and to provide health service  
10 resources to enable all students to access education equally;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, It is also our intent to support and sustain the  
13 healthy development of youth in partnership with parents,  
14 schools, health care providers, community organizations , and  
15 governmental agencies in keeping with the goals and objectives  
16 of Healthy People 2010; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we respectfully request that the  
20 State Board of Education, the Department of Human Services  
21 School Health Program and the Department of Public Health

1 Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Control establish a  
2 task force to study and compile a report on:

3 1) Identification of current student health needs and  
4 the level of health services required to address such  
5 needs;

6 2) Regulatory conflicts that limit delivery of school  
7 health services to students in need along with possible  
8 solutions; and

9 3) Needed support for and monitoring of school health  
10 services; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Public Health  
12 shall provide administrative and other support to the task  
13 force; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the task force shall consist of no more than  
15 15 members appointed jointly by a working group of the three  
16 above agencies; the task force shall include one member from  
17 each of the agencies as well as additional members that shall  
18 be selected by the work group from organizations representing  
19 the interests of at minimum; school administrators, school  
20 board members, school nurses, nurses, school health advocates,  
21 school health centers, physician groups, teacher unions and  
22 parents; additional members may be determined at the discretion  
23 of the State agencies; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the task force will report to the General  
2    Assembly by January 1, 2010.