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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Joint Resolution 12 by
3 deleting everything after the heading and replacing it with
4 the following:

5 "WHEREAS, Health insurance for educators throughout our
6 State has become increasingly unaffordable; and

7 WHEREAS, Many school districts find themselves facing
8 financial stress to provide a quality public education for our
9 students and to offer a reasonable compensation package that
10 attracts, retains, and rewards educational employees; and

11 WHEREAS, Illinois has staffing shortages in 62% of its
12 education agencies, which include K-12 schools, special
13 education cooperatives, and career centers, according to a
14 report published by the Illinois State Board of Education and
15 the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of

1 Schools; and

2 WHEREAS, The number of educator vacancies throughout
3 Illinois exceeds 7,000 trained professionals; and

4 WHEREAS, Local governments continue to do more with less,
5 and the idea of creating health insurance efficiencies should
6 be explored; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
9 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Educator Health Insurance
10 Task Force is created to study the feasibility of creating
11 regional health insurance purchasing pools of school districts
12 accessible to all public educators in school districts that
13 have a population of less than 500,000; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
15 following members who will serve without compensation:

16 (1) One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate
17 President, who shall serve as Co-Chair;

18 (2) One member of the House of Representatives
19 appointed by the House Speaker, who shall serve as
20 Co-Chair;

21 (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate
22 Minority Leader;

1 (4) One member of the House of Representatives
2 appointed by the House Minority Leader;

3 (5) One person representing an association that
4 advocates on behalf of school boards appointed by the
5 Governor;

6 (6) One person representing an association that
7 advocates on behalf of school management appointed by the
8 Governor;

9 (7) Two persons each representing an association that
10 advocates on behalf of certified teachers appointed by the
11 Governor;

12 (8) Two persons each representing an association that
13 advocates on behalf of educational support staff appointed
14 by the Governor; and

15 (9) The Director of the Department of Central
16 Management Services or his or her designee; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Board of Education and
19 the Illinois Department of Central Management Services shall
20 provide administrative support for the Task Force along with
21 the relevant resources necessary for the Task Force to
22 complete a comprehensive report to the General Assembly; and
23 be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall conduct a minimum of

1 two public hearings in at least two different counties within
2 the State at the call of the co-chairs; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall convene a wide array
4 of stakeholders to examine the current provision of health
5 insurance to public educators from throughout the State and to
6 explore and study the viability of a plan to create at least
7 four regional insurance purchasing pools; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall explore local
9 governance options for these pools, study the costs and
10 funding associated with this type of health insurance option,
11 consider transition plans and costs for school districts to
12 participate, consider healthcare accessibility, find ways to
13 integrate the program with efficiencies in state government,
14 and consider a variety of health insurance benefits and
15 options while studying the feasibility of regional pools; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Task Force may study a statewide
18 Educator Health Insurance Program; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final
20 report to the General Assembly no later than December 31,
21 2026, and upon the filing of its final report, the Task Force
22 is dissolved; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 delivered to the Senate President, the Speaker of the House,
3 the Senate Minority Leader, the House Minority Leader, the
4 Governor, and the State Superintendent of Education."