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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pursuant to House Resolution 147, the Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the State Board of Education, has conducted a sugar consumption study to determine the effect of sugar consumption on the overall health of school children; and

WHEREAS, The January 2004 study, which reviewed the literature on the relationships between increased sugar consumption in children's diets and health outcomes, found no clear, direct link between cavities and modest school-age consumption of sugared soft drinks; and

WHEREAS, As a result of such lack of data, the Department of Public Health is currently conducting a statewide survey to collect current cavities' data; and

WHEREAS, The study has found that an inactive lifestyle and sedentary behavior is troubling and has a deleterious effect on childhood obesity and its health-related consequences; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health's report on sugar consumption stated a suggestion to "create a Nutritional Advisory Committee to recommend state-wide school standards for nutrition including formulating a state-wide policy on vending machines in all schools"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recommend the creation of the Nutrition Advisory Committee, to be made up of 16 members as follows: the President of the Senate or designee, the Minority Leader of the Senate or designee, the Speaker of the House or designee, the Minority Leader of the House or designee, the Director of Public Health or designee, the Secretary of Human Services or designee, and

1 the State Superintendent of Education or designee; and the  
2 following appointed by the Governor: 2 representatives of the  
3 soft drink industry, 2 representatives of the non-beverage  
4 snack food industry, one representative of the Illinois State  
5 Dental Society, one licensed dietician who works with  
6 school-age children, one physical education instructor who  
7 works with school-age children, one representative of the  
8 Illinois Coaches Association, and one member of the Illinois  
9 Association of School Boards; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That Committee members shall serve without  
11 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and  
12 necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose,  
13 that the Committee shall meet initially at the joint call of  
14 the 4 legislative leaders, that the Committee shall select one  
15 member as chairperson at its initial meeting and thereafter  
16 meet at the call of the chairperson, that the Committee shall  
17 receive the assistance of staff of the Department of Public  
18 Health, and that the Committee shall report its findings and  
19 recommendations concerning school standards for nutrition to  
20 the General Assembly on or before September 1, 2005; and be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
23 delivered to the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader  
24 of the Senate, the Director of Public Health, the State  
25 Superintendent of Education, and the Governor.