August 18, 2009

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois House of Representatives 96th General Assembly

Today I return House Bill 2445 with my specific recommendations for change. I thank the sponsors for their hard work and the members of the General Assembly for passing this bill. However, during this period of unprecedented fiscal challenges, we cannot create any new mandates without available revenue. Accordingly, I am conditioning this program on sufficient appropriations being available for its support.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 2445, entitled "AN ACT concerning government.", with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 7, line 6, by replacing "employ" with "employ, subject to appropriation,"; and on page 34, line 4, by replacing "employ" with "employ, subject to appropriation,".

With these changes, House Bill 2445 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence. Sincerely,

PAT QUINN Governor