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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Implementation of the Partnership for Assessment
3 of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment has
4 been an object of contention for students, parents, teachers,
5 and school districts in this State, as well as in other states;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In 2010, 23 states were slated to participate in
8 PARCC, and now there are only 12 states participating; and

9 WHEREAS, To date, a comprehensive fiscal impact to this
10 State and school districts regarding technology and
11 infrastructure needs to fully implement the PARCC assessment
12 has yet to be determined; and

13 WHEREAS, The State Board of Education submitted a capital
14 request of \$450 million last year and \$126 million this year
15 for technology infrastructure, which is a cost directly
16 associated with the PARCC assessment; and

17 WHEREAS, New learning standards were adopted through the
18 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; and

19 WHEREAS, Approval of any new standards and assessments,
20 particularly those with tremendous financial and educational

1 repercussions, should come before the entire General Assembly;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, State law requires that school districts use an
4 assessment that gauges career and college readiness; and

5 WHEREAS, Unlike the previous State assessment, the PARCC
6 assessment is not inclusive of the ACT, which is a common and
7 accepted measurement of college readiness for admissions
8 purposes in institution of higher education across the country;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes that not
11 complying with federal testing requirements could jeopardize
12 close to \$1.1 billion in federal funds for K through 12
13 education, which is unacceptable; and

14 WHEREAS, The State Board of Education entered into a
15 contract for the PARCC assessment, which is set to expire on
16 June 30, 2018; and

17 WHEREAS, State and federal law allows for other assessment
18 options outside of the PARCC assessment; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 urge the Governor, in conjunction with the State Board of
2 Education, to reevaluate its contract with PARCC in the hopes
3 of making new recommendations on how this State can comply with
4 State and federal law, while maintaining a rigorous and
5 comprehensive assessment that accurately evaluates student
6 academic needs and growth; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we urge the State Board of Education to
8 better communicate changes of this size, scope, and cost,
9 particularly those pertaining to learning standards and
10 assessments, to the General Assembly and the public before
11 entering into the rulemaking process; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 delivered the Governor and the State Board of Education.