

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 143

Presented by Senator Chris Lauzen

Whereas, in FY10 State appropriations and payments made on behalf of the State's public universities totaled \$2.5 billion, or approximately 35% of the public universities' total operating expenses of \$7.1 billion that fiscal year; and

Whereas, instruction costs, as a percentage of total operating expense by function, varied from a low of 22.3% at the University of Illinois to a high of 45.85% at Governors State University in FY10; and

Whereas, according to data collected by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IPEDS Fall 2009 Fall Staff Survey) and available on its website, the State's public universities employed a total of 42,831 full time staff in the Fall of 2009, of which 10,508 (24.5%) were classified as faculty; and

Whereas, according to data collected by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (Institution Profiles) and available on its website, in the fall of 2010 there were a total of 161,731 full-time students at the State's nine public universities; and

Whereas, fiscal year 2011 tuition and fees ranged from a low of \$8,401 at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville to a high of \$13,658 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, with room and board adding approximately \$9,000 in costs at most campuses; and

Whereas, the ability of all qualified students to afford a quality higher education at the State's public universities is of increasing concern; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION, that the Auditor General is directed to conduct a Management Audit of the State's nine public universities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the audit include, but not be limited to, the following determinations for the most recent completed fiscal and/or academic year for which information is available:

- A comparison of the management structure at each public university and related costs;
- A breakdown and comparison of operating expenses by function, including instruction, at each public university;
- A comparison of administrative to faculty salaries, for each public university, and including an analysis of terms and benefits provided in contracts between the universities and administrators; and

- A summary, review and comparison of selected administrative expenditures at each public university.

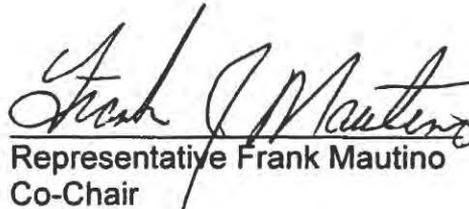
RESOLVED, that the State's public universities, the Board of Higher Education, and any other entity having information relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office in the conduct of this audit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Auditor General commence this audit as soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

Adopted this 6th day of December, 2011.



Senator Chris Lauzen
Co-Chair



Representative Frank Mautino
Co-Chair