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**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging assessment of industry recognized standards for middle-skills industry clusters that are essential to the state's economy to ensure that the education and training programs in Indiana meet these standards.

*Whereas, Middle-skills jobs, defined as jobs that require more than a high school diploma but less than a four-year college degree, make up the largest segment of jobs in Indiana's economy;*

*Whereas, As of 2009, approximately 55% of Indiana's jobs were in middle-skills occupations; however, only 49% of the state's workers are likely to have the appropriate training for these jobs;*

*Whereas, Middle-skills jobs are essential to Indiana's health, infrastructure, and economic growth;*

*Whereas, Many of these jobs — including the care of our sick and elderly, the repair of our computerized cars, the running and maintenance of our factories' advanced machinery, and the construction of our nation's bridges and buildings — cannot be outsourced;*

*Whereas, It is time for Indiana to assess industry recognized standards for middle-skills clusters that are essential to the state's economy and ensure that the education and training programs in Indiana meet these standards; and*



*Whereas, Indiana is committed to supporting its industries by ensuring that its workforce has the skills that these industries need to stay competitive and viable in the new global economy: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges the governing bodies  
2 of the Workforce Investment State Plan, the Adult Basic Education  
3 State Plan, and the Career and Technical Education State Plan to  
4 amend their plans to create an assessment of industry recognized,  
5 objectively assessed credentials of middle-skills occupations in  
6 industries that are essential to Indiana's economy and the education and  
7 training programs in Indiana that train workers to earn these  
8 credentials; to identify gaps in which training programs do not exist for  
9 specified credentials or fall short of adequately preparing workers for  
10 specified credentials; to develop recommendations to close these  
11 identified gaps; to monitor completion of this assessment and  
12 development of these recommendations; and to review and, if  
13 considered appropriate, revise the recommendations.

14           SECTION 2. That the Indiana Senate urges the Education  
15 Roundtable to consider the importance of industry recognized  
16 standards and assessments for middle-skills industry clusters and the  
17 alignment of education and training programs with these standards and  
18 assessments.

19           SECTION 3. That the Indiana Senate urges the State Workforce  
20 Innovation Council to amend its bylaws to expand the purposes of its  
21 Education Review Committee to include the development,  
22 implementation, and review of career pathways and the assessment of  
23 skill standards.

