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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Congress of the United States to take 1
action on the federal Workforce Investment Act to 2
allow states greater flexibility to address 3
current economic realities. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Ohio's unemployment rate was 8.5 per cent in 5
November 2011 according to data released by the Ohio Department of 6
Job and Family Services; and 7

WHEREAS, The federal "Workforce Investment Act of 1998," 112 8
Stat. 936, was enacted in 1998, a period of healthy economic 9
growth, and was intended to be reauthorized every five years; and 10

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has not 11
reauthorized the Workforce Investment Act since its original 12
enactment in 1998; and 13

WHEREAS, The mandates of the Workforce Investment Act result 14
in the duplication of effort throughout the workforce development 15

system; and 16

WHEREAS, Ohio needs a unified system to create, collect, and 17
report strategic performance metrics of workforce development 18
efforts and needs more flexibility in establishing criteria for 19
eligibility of workforce development programs; and 20

WHEREAS, Ohio needs the flexibility to increase and 21
strengthen partnerships between employers and workforce 22
development programs to make programs more responsive to employer 23
demand and the current job market; and 24

WHEREAS, The current employment and training system under the 25
Workforce Investment Act does not reflect the economic realities 26
of the day and does not allow Ohio to adequately respond to 27
employer demand and a changing marketplace; now therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 29
of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to 30
reauthorize and modernize the Workforce Investment Act by making 31
it more flexible and responsive to employer demand; and be it 32
further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 34
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 35
Secretary of the United States Department of Labor, to the Speaker 36
and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the 37
President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, 38
to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the 39
news media of Ohio. 40