



1 a day and a half after DCFS case workers visited the home to  
2 investigate an allegation of child neglect, has elicited sharp  
3 criticism on how DCFS investigates reports of child abuse and  
4 neglect; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois has an interest in ensuring that all  
6 reports of child abuse and neglect are thoroughly investigated  
7 and that the children of this State have access to adequate and  
8 efficient protective services and programs; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the  
11 Auditor General is directed in accordance with Section 3-2 of  
12 the Illinois State Auditing Act to conduct a performance audit  
13 on the Department of Children and Family Services to review and  
14 assess the Department's protocols for investigating reports of  
15 child abuse and neglect; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the audit include a review of abuse and  
17 neglect investigations conducted by the Department of Children  
18 and Family Services in Fiscal Year 2015, Fiscal Year 2016, and  
19 Fiscal Year 2017, including, but not limited to, a review of:

- 20 (1) the status of abuse and neglect investigations;  
21 (2) the final determination or findings made by the  
22 Department for abuse and neglect investigations;  
23 (3) the time frame within which the Department

1 completed or closed abuse and neglect investigations;

2 (4) for sampled cases, recommendations made by the  
3 Department to families who were the subject of an abuse or  
4 neglect investigation, including any services provided by  
5 the Department to the child or family; and

6 (5) demographic information on abuse and neglect  
7 investigations, including the age, race, and gender of  
8 children who were subjects of the abuse or neglect  
9 investigations, and, if available, the zip code and county  
10 where the abuse or neglect was alleged to have occurred;  
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General compile a detailed  
13 report that includes a full summary on the number of lawsuits  
14 or other legal actions filed against the Department within the  
15 past 3 fiscal years that concern an abuse or neglect  
16 investigation and the number of lawsuits the Department settled  
17 within the past 3 fiscal years that concern an abuse or neglect  
18 investigation; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Department of Children and Family  
20 Services cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General  
21 in the conduct of this audit; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General is not allowed or  
23 authorized to release or disclose in his report any information

1 that is prohibited from public disclosure under the Abused and  
2 Neglected Child Reporting Act or under any other State or  
3 federal law; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as  
5 soon as possible and submit his report, including his findings  
6 and recommendations, upon completion in accordance with the  
7 provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act;  
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to  
10 the Auditor General and the Department of Children and Family  
11 Services."