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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Background checks through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System are a prerequisite and requirement of acquiring and possessing firearms and ammunition; and

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WHEREAS, Background checks are meant to ensure that people who are legally prohibited from owning, acquiring, or possessing firearms, such as criminals, mentally unstable individuals, or other persons enumerated in Section 8 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act are unable to do so; and

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WHEREAS, Firearm Owners Identification Card background check information and the National Instant Criminal Background Check System are only as good as the information submitted by the courts and law enforcement; and

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WHEREAS, The Firearm Owners Identification Card Act requires the courts and the Department of State Police to fully comply with the requirements for reporting data submitted to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; and

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WHEREAS, It is the duty of the Department of State Police to revoke and seize a Firearm Owners Identification Card from a person prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition, as

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1 well as to ensure that such persons no longer possess any  
2 firearms or ammunition; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Auditor General shall conduct a  
6 performance audit of the Department of State Police's  
7 administration of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act;  
8 and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the Auditor General shall review, among  
10 other things, information reported to the Department of State  
11 Police by clerks of the circuit court and municipal courts  
12 under the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, the database  
13 utilized by the Department of State Police in reporting  
14 information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check  
15 System, the method of reporting any revocations to the National  
16 Instant Criminal Background Check System, and the method of  
17 ensuring that a person who had a Firearm Owners Identification  
18 Card revoked is no longer in possession of a firearm or  
19 ammunition; and be it further

20       RESOLVED, That the Department of State Police and any other  
21 State agency, entity, or person that may have information  
22 relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the  
23 Auditor General's office in its conduct; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as  
2           soon as possible and, upon completion, distribute a report in  
3           accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing  
4           Act.