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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Governor Quinn has announced his intention to
3 transition care from State-Operated Developmental Centers and,
4 as part of that initiative, proposed the closure of the
5 Jacksonville Developmental Center and the Warren G. Murray
6 Developmental Center; and

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services (DHS) has entered
8 into financial agreements with Community Resource Associates
9 (CRA) to assist the Department in the transition process; and

10 WHEREAS, The community services agreement between DHS and
11 CRA authorizes payments of up to \$1,350,000 to the vendor for
12 the development of a clinical transition plan, as well as the
13 performance of resident assessments costing \$5,300 per
14 resident; and

15 WHEREAS, The assessment of residents to facilitate
16 community transitions has been a function historically
17 performed by facility staff as an ongoing process requiring
18 substantial interaction with the client, medical providers,
19 and family members; and

20 WHEREAS, Concerns have been raised that current client
21 reviews performed by CRA include only a minimal amount of

1 observation and interaction with clients prior to individual
2 transition plans being determined; and

3 WHEREAS, Concerns have also been raised that assessments of
4 clients have been hindered because families of clients
5 currently residing at the Jacksonville and Murray
6 Developmental Centers have voiced support for the continuation
7 of the current care provided and have declined to give
8 permission to new, out-of-state review teams brought in by CRA
9 to be involved in the transition of their loved ones; and

10 WHEREAS, Adequate accountability and oversight of the
11 assessment process is key to ensuring the safety of and proper
12 care for residents currently being considered for community
13 placements; and

14 WHEREAS, The use of a competitively bid procurement
15 utilizing the State procurement process provides safeguards to
16 ensure the efficient expenditure of State funds; and

17 WHEREAS, The current community services agreement between
18 DHS and CRA expires on October 31, 2012, and a full review of
19 the services provided under the existing grant should be
20 provided prior to an extension of the grant being considered;
21 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General is
3 directed to conduct an audit of the DHS grant to CRA; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That the audit shall address, but need not be
6 limited to addressing:

7 (1) whether CRA has provided the deliverables required
8 under the grant agreement with DHS;

9 (2) whether the other requirements of the grant are
10 being met;

11 (3) whether DHS has assessed the performance of CRA in
12 meeting the grant requirements;

13 (4) whether prior business relationships have existed
14 between the principals of CRA and staff within the
15 Governor's office and DHS;

16 (5) whether the principals of CRA have any business
17 interests in the community group homes to which affected
18 residents are being transferred; and

19 (6) whether the prerequisites for competitive bid
20 procurement had been triggered, thus making it
21 inappropriate for DHS to award a grant in order to secure
22 the services provided by CRA; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That DHS and any other entity having relevant
24 information to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the

1 Auditor General's Office in the conduct of this audit; and be
2 it further

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