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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Human Services' (DHS) mission is to provide equitable access to social and human services, supports, programs, and resources to enhance the lives of all it serves; and

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WHEREAS, The DHS mission is conducted by multiple divisions, including the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), which has oversight for the Illinois system of programs and services designed for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

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WHEREAS, In July 2018, the Auditor General released a performance audit of the DHS oversight of the Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) program, a program under the purview of DDD; and

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WHEREAS, The audit found weaknesses in the licensing process for CILAs and the monitoring of CILAs by DHS, resulting in 26 recommendations to DHS to improve CILA oversight; and

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WHEREAS, In July 2020, the Auditor General released a compliance audit of DHS for the period that ended June 30, 2019; this audit found that DHS had not yet fully implemented

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1 19 of the 26 recommendations (74 percent) from the audit
2 released in 2018; and

3 WHEREAS, In April 2020, the Auditor General released a
4 management audit of the DHS process for the selection of
5 Independent Service Coordination providers, providers that
6 serve the front line providing information and assistance to
7 help individuals and families make informed choices for
8 services; and

9 WHEREAS, The audit found significant problems with the
10 competitive procurement process used to select the Independent
11 Service Coordination providers, resulting in 13
12 recommendations, including:

13 (1) 274 scoring irregularities in this one grant
14 opportunity;

15 (2) Failure to uniformly apply the grant criteria to
16 grantee proposals;

17 (3) Failure to maintain documentation to show how
18 protests resolutions were made; and

19 (4) Failure to follow selection criteria for the grant
20 opportunity; and

21 WHEREAS, The Auditor General, given the failures by DDD,
22 could not conclude with absolute certainty that the correct
23 proposers were selected by DHS for the awards, estimated to

1 value over \$38 million; and

2 WHEREAS, DDD oversees the administration of the
3 Independent Service Coordination providers, including awarding
4 competitively procured grants; and

5 WHEREAS, The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act
6 website lists the grant opportunities available by State
7 Agency; and

8 WHEREAS, DHS reported 225 grant opportunities available
9 through the department, including 15 within DDD; and

10 WHEREAS, DHS received nearly \$1.6 billion in
11 appropriations in FY20 for DDD grants-in-aid and purchased
12 care; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 the Auditor General is directed to conduct a management audit
16 of the Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental
17 Disabilities oversight of the CILA program and the awarding of
18 competitively-procured grants; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the audit investigate the findings from the
20 2018 performance audit and 2020 management audit and include,

1 but not be limited to, the following determinations:

2 (1) The process for licensing developmental services
3 agencies and certifying CILAs for persons with
4 developmental disabilities;

5 (2) Whether oversight and monitoring of licensed CILA
6 providers complies with statutory and regulatory
7 requirements, including site visits and inspections of
8 records and premises;

9 (3) The extent and timing of follow-up and monitoring
10 by DDD of individuals transitioned from state-operated
11 developmental centers to CILAs, including its provision of
12 follow-along services to support an individual's
13 transition into new service arrangements;

14 (4) The role of any contractors in the administration
15 or oversight of the CILA program and whether these
16 contractors were selected in compliance with any required
17 regulation and whether oversight by DHS was adequate;

18 (5) Whether all aspects of the competitive funding
19 process was conducted in accordance with applicable laws,
20 rules, regulations, and policies for grant opportunities
21 overseen by DDD; and

22 (6) An examination for a sample of competitive
23 procurements conducted by DDD of whether:

24 (a) The evaluative criteria guiding the selection
25 of the award winner was adequate and were uniformly
26 applied;

1 (b) Decisions concerning the selection of
2 successful bidding agencies were adequately supported
3 and documented;

4 (c) Decisions concerning the resolution of
5 protests were adequately supported and documented; and

6 (d) The competitive funding process was adequately
7 planned to allow reasonable time frames for responses
8 from bidding agencies and review of responses by DDD;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Services and any
11 other entity having information relevant to this audit
12 cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office
13 in the conduct of this audit; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as
15 soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations
16 upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section
17 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 delivered to the Auditor General.