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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Over the past several years, elected officials in Illinois have passed a series of reforms intended to publicly show that Illinois is a safe haven for migrants; and

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WHEREAS, In 2017, the General Assembly passed the Illinois TRUST Act, which prohibits law enforcement from using or inquiring about a person's immigration status as part of their investigatory duties and prohibits local law enforcement from working with agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); and

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WHEREAS, Between 2020 and 2022, under Governor JB Pritzker, the majority party in the legislature implemented a series of healthcare coverage expansions for low-income immigrant seniors and adults; and

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WHEREAS, The true cost of this healthcare on state taxpayers was unknown to the general public until late March 2023 when the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) released a report by its contracted actuary that highlighted the significant costs associated with the healthcare expansion; and

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WHEREAS, HFS paused enrollment related to Medicaid

1 benefits for undocumented immigrant seniors and adults as of
2 November 6, 2023 and July 1, 2023, respectively; and

3 WHEREAS, HFS released information dated December 14, 2023
4 that showed dramatic growth in the Medicaid program for
5 undocumented immigrants, which will potentially require \$792
6 million in general revenue funds (GRF) in State Fiscal Year
7 (FY) 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, Despite pauses to new enrollees, FY 2024 cost
9 projections still exceed FY 2024 appropriations by over \$242
10 million; and

11 WHEREAS, Aside from Medicaid, Illinois has provided or
12 committed over \$638 million in funding to address the crisis
13 involving asylum seekers since August 2022; and

14 WHEREAS, The funding has been provided through programs at
15 HFS, the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Illinois
16 Emergency Management Agency, and the Illinois Housing
17 Development Authority; and

18 WHEREAS, The funding includes \$115 million in direct
19 funding from the State to the City of Chicago for asylum seeker
20 support services, food, and shelter, and to municipalities to
21 support asylum seekers statewide; and

1 WHEREAS, On November 16, 2023, Governor Pritzker announced
2 new additional State investments, via the Illinois Department
3 of Human Services, totaling \$160 million to fund winterized
4 base camps and welcoming centers and to provide services to
5 asylum seekers as they await hearings; and

6 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives believes there
7 should be more transparency in how State funds are used to fund
8 asylum seekers and undocumented immigrants here in Illinois;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we direct the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit
13 of the State spending on asylum seekers and undocumented
14 immigrants, and the audit shall include:

15 (1) A review of the Illinois Department of Healthcare
16 and Family Services' program enrollment numbers and amount
17 of money expended for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024 on
18 Medicaid services for asylum seekers and undocumented
19 immigrants; and

20 (2) A comprehensive analysis of any spending by any
21 State agency on asylum seekers and undocumented immigrants
22 for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Department of
2 Healthcare and Family Services, the Illinois Department of
3 Human Services, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the
4 Illinois Housing Development Authority, and any other entity
5 having information relevant to the audit to cooperate fully
6 and promptly with the Office of the Auditor General in the
7 conduct of this audit; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we direct the Auditor General to commence
9 this audit as soon as possible and report his findings and
10 recommendations upon completion in accordance with the
11 provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 delivered to Governor JB Pritzker, Speaker of the House
15 Emanuel "Chris" Welch, President of the Senate Don Harmon,
16 House Minority Leader Tony McCombie, and Senate Minority
17 Leader John Curran.