



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, State-funded homecare workers in Illinois allow  
3 60,000 seniors and people with disabilities to live safely in  
4 their own communities; and

5 WHEREAS, State-funded homecare workers save the State of  
6 Illinois millions in nursing home costs; and

7 WHEREAS, In order to insure a high quality and consistent  
8 workforce, it is necessary to provide these care providers with  
9 health insurance; and

10 WHEREAS, As homecare is a medicaid-funded program and many  
11 of the workers are at or below the poverty line, there are many  
12 opportunities to obtain federal funds for homecare workers'  
13 health insurance; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
16 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the General Assembly shall create a  
17 committee to explore the options to provide health insurance to  
18 State-funded homecare workers; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the committee shall hold a minimum of 4  
20 hearings throughout the State and shall provide  
21 recommendations for the implementation of a health insurance  
22 program to the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2005;  
23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the committee shall be co-chaired by the  
25 Chairperson of the House Aging Committee and the Chairperson of  
26 the Senate Health and Human Services Committee; and be it  
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of 17 members in

1 addition to the co-chairpersons as follows: one member  
2 appointed by the Governor; one member representing the Illinois  
3 Department on Aging appointed by the Governor; one member from  
4 the Office of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of  
5 Human Services appointed by the Governor; 2 members appointed  
6 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 2 members  
7 appointed by the President of the Senate; one member appointed  
8 by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; one  
9 member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; 4  
10 members appointed by the co-chairs, with the recommendation of  
11 the Service Employees International Union Local 880, one member  
12 each from the aging segment and one member each from the  
13 disabilities segment; one member representing the vendors  
14 contracting with the Department of Aging appointed by the  
15 Governor; one member representing the disabled community  
16 appointed by agreement of the co-chairs; one member  
17 representing the senior community appointed by agreement of the  
18 co-chairs; and one member from the general public appointed by  
19 agreement of the co-chairs; and be it further

20       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 delivered to the Chairperson of the House Aging Committee and  
22 the Chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services  
23 Committee.

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