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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 57

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Corrections
3 (Department) has approximately 47,000 inmates at its 27
4 correctional centers; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2011, the Department of Healthcare and Family
6 Services awarded a 10-year, \$1.36 billion contract to Wexford
7 Health Sources, Inc. (Vendor) to "provide comprehensive
8 medical and mental health services to offenders [in the custody
9 of the Department] ... in order to maintain their health status,
10 establish innovative and cost effective medical and
11 administrative programs, improve the quality of care, provide
12 acceptable, cost effective levels of staffing, [and]
13 positively impact purchasing of pharmaceutical and/or medical
14 supplies"; and

15 WHEREAS, Pursuant to the solicitation for the contract
16 awarded to the Vendor, the Vendor is required to provide
17 services at targeted performance levels (including compliance
18 with staffing schedules, administrative directives, and
19 treatment protocols) with any failure to meet the target levels
20 of performance subjecting the Vendor to payment adjustments;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Also pursuant to the solicitation, the Department

1 is required to "conduct audits to confirm the validity of the
2 performance guarantee results reported and enforce penalties
3 as appropriate"; and

4 WHEREAS, At the time the solicitation was issued, the
5 Department identified approximately 250 pending inmate
6 healthcare lawsuits in which the State, its employees, or
7 agents were named parties; and

8 WHEREAS, The National Commission on Correctional Health
9 Care (NCCHC) has been accrediting correctional facilities
10 since 1983 with their mission of improving the quality of
11 healthcare that is delivered to patients in correctional
12 facilities, according to national accepted, peer-reviewed, and
13 evidence based standards; and

14 WHEREAS, The accreditation is an external review that
15 assesses the sites compliance with 2008 Standards for Health
16 Services; and

17 WHEREAS, The basis of all standards is to ensure inmates
18 have access to the medical care needed to meet their health
19 needs; this is the principle on which all NCCHC standards are
20 based and is the basic principle established by the U.S.
21 Supreme Court in the 1976 landmark case *Estelle v. Gamble*; and

1 WHEREAS, This process could determine the current level of
2 the Department's medical practices, as the auditing process
3 will be conducted by a national, independent organization that
4 will audit the Department's practices against national
5 correctional medicine best practices; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 the Illinois Department of Corrections is directed to select a
9 sample of facilities to be surveyed, audited, and accredited by
10 the NCCHC over the next 3 years; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the accreditation process is to include:

- 12 (1) an onsite visit;
13 (2) interviews with staff and inmates; and
14 (3) an extensive review of policies, practices, and
15 documentation; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the areas examined in the standards are to
17 include:

- 18 (1) governance and administration;
19 (2) safety;
20 (3) personnel and training;
21 (4) health care services and support;
22 (5) inmate care and treatment;
23 (6) health promotion;

- 1 (7) special needs and services;
2 (8) health records; and
3 (9) medical-legal issues; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the facilities surveyed are to include
5 Robinson, Southwestern, Graham, Pinckneyville, Illinois River,
6 Logan, Dixon, and Stateville Correctional Centers; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Department commence this accreditation
9 as soon as possible and report any findings, recommendations,
10 and results upon completion to the Illinois General Assembly;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That any changes to policy or practices driven by
13 either the survey or audit process at any of the above-listed
14 facilities be implemented throughout Department facilities
15 statewide.