

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has an unemployment rate  
3 of 6.1%; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois continues to see decline  
5 in the industries of Manufacturing, Services,  
6 Transportation-Public Utilities, and Trade; and

7 WHEREAS, More than \$1 billion in unemployment benefits  
8 have been distributed so far this year; and

9 WHEREAS, Johnson County has an unemployment rate of 6.5%;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Johnson County participates in both the Illinois  
12 Workforce Advantage program and the Mississippi Delta  
13 Authority program; and

14 WHEREAS, The closure of the Vienna Correctional facility  
15 will cause additional unemployment and poverty; therefore, be  
16 it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 the Auditor General is directed to conduct an immediate  
20 economic impact study of any State-operated facility that is  
21 proposed to be closed that lies within an Illinois Enterprise  
22 Zone, federal empowerment zone, or federal enterprise  
23 community; this impact study should forecast the effect the  
24 proposed closing will have on the surrounding community; and  
25 be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the economic impact study shall include,  
27 but not be limited to the following determinations:

- 28 (1) Pervasive poverty: Factors indicating this are the  
29 levels of public assistance, the numbers of persons or  
30 families living at or below poverty, and other indicators of

1 poverty deemed relevant by the Auditor General;

2 (2) Unemployment: Factors indicating this are the number  
3 of persons unemployed or underemployed (persons with only a  
4 seasonal or part-time job), any increase in the unemployment  
5 rate, and other indicators or employment level deemed  
6 relevant by the Auditor General;

7 (3) General Distress: Factors indicating this are a  
8 decline in per capita income, a decline in earnings per  
9 worker, or a decline in per capital property tax base; and be  
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That the State-operated facility shall remain  
12 open during the duration of the study; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General shall submit a report  
14 of his findings to the Governor, the Speaker and Minority  
15 Leader of the House, and the President and Minority Leader of  
16 the Senate for their review and comment.