



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, One of the goals of the Illinois correctional  
3 system is to provide rehabilitation to prisoners so that after  
4 their release from prison they have the training, education,  
5 and proper supervision to lead productive lives without further  
6 committing criminal offenses; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Corrections provides  
8 transition services for prisoners upon their release; and

9 WHEREAS, The Department's transition program has not  
10 substantially reduced the recidivism rate; and

11 WHEREAS, Although, the Operation Spotlight Parole Reform  
12 Initiative of the Illinois Department of Corrections has  
13 resulted in placing more than 100 new parole agents in  
14 communities and more than doubling contacts with parolees in  
15 many communities, more needs to be done to help prisoners  
16 readjust to society; and

17 WHEREAS, An improved transition program could greatly  
18 reduce the recidivism rate among the Illinois prison  
19 population; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we urge the Illinois Department of Corrections to improve its  
23 transition programs for prisoners so as to provide them with  
24 adequate skills, education, and supervision that would prevent  
25 their return to crime and eventual reincarceration; and be it  
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to  
28 the Director of Corrections.