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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Public Act 98-0706, effective July 16, 2014, created the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), which applies to State grant-making agencies that make State and federal pass-through awards; and

WHEREAS, The intent of GATA is to develop a coordinated, effective, and efficient oversight of the selection and monitoring of grant recipients that increases accountability and transparency in the use of grant funds from whatever source; and

WHEREAS, GATA charged the Governor's Office of Management and Budget with implementation of the Act, including the adoption of State rules that adopt Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR 200 and the adoption of supplemental rules pertaining to issuance of grants, development of uniform budgets, and criteria to define mandatory formula-based grants and discretionary grants; and

WHEREAS, GATA required the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to establish a centralized unit known as the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (Unit) by July 1, 2016 and defines the specific duties and responsibilities for the Unit; and

1 WHEREAS, The Unit is to be funded with a portion of the
2 administrative funds provided under existing and future State
3 and federal pass-through grants; and

4 WHEREAS, GATA required the Governor's Office of Management
5 and Budget to submit an annual report to the General Assembly
6 and the Governor that demonstrates the efficiencies, cost
7 savings, and reductions in fraud, waste, and abuse as a result
8 of the implementation of the Act; and

9 WHEREAS, The initial annual report, which was released
10 January 1, 2016 and dated 534 days after the effective date of
11 GATA, reported that GATA efforts have been strained due to the
12 lack of a State budget and that the Unit had one full-time
13 staff and up to three total staff for periods of time; and

14 WHEREAS, In the 6th Annual GATA report to the Governor and
15 General Assembly, which was released January 1, 2021, the Unit
16 estimated over \$319 million in cost savings/avoidance based on
17 assumptions in place since FY17; and

18 WHEREAS, Public Act 99-0523, the FY17 Stopgap Budget
19 Implementation Act (effective June 30, 2016) in part, created
20 the Grant Accountability and Transparency Fund (Fund) and
21 directed the moneys that were to be deposited into the Fund and

1 the uses for those funds; and

2 WHEREAS, The Fund received a \$4 million appropriation from
3 the General Assembly in FY21; and

4 WHEREAS, The Governor's Office of Management and Budget
5 reported that grants comprised approximately two-thirds of the
6 Illinois State Budget and that 51 State agencies had
7 grant-making authority; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 the Auditor General is directed to conduct a performance audit
11 of the progress of implementation efforts of the Grant
12 Accountability and Transparency Act; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the audit include but not be limited to,
14 for the period July 2014 to the present, the following
15 determinations:

16 (1) An examination of the extent of implementation of
17 required elements of the Grant Accountability and
18 Transparency Act by the Governor's Office of Management
19 and Budget and State grant-awarding agencies;

20 (2) A review of the amount of savings attributable to
21 the implementation of the Grant Accountability and
22 Transparency Act and an examination of the documentation

1 of those savings claims by the Governor's Office of
2 Management and Budget;

3 (3) An examination of uses of the moneys in the Grant
4 Accountability and Transparency Fund;

5 (4) An examination of the monitoring activities by the
6 top ten grant-awarding agencies for compliance with the
7 Grant Accountability and Transparency Act;

8 (5) An examination of the oversight by the Grant
9 Accountability and Transparency Unit over the competitive
10 grant procurement process; and

11 (6) An examination of the impact of the Grant
12 Accountability and Transparency Act on State
13 grant-awarding agencies and the provider community; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Governor's Office of Management and
16 Budget, State grant making agencies, and any other entity
17 having information relevant to this audit cooperate fully and
18 promptly with the Auditor General's Office in the conduct of
19 this audit; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as
21 soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations
22 upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section
23 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 delivered to the Auditor General.