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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Governor JB Pritzker's proposed FY25 budget includes a disheartening cut of close to \$45 million to the Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) in appropriation authority compared to FY24; and

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WHEREAS, The proposed reduction includes a decrease of \$15 million in general revenue funds (GRF), including a \$3 million cut to addiction treatment for Medicaid eligible individuals, a \$3 million cut to grants for addiction treatment to the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS), and a \$9 million cut to addiction treatment service grants; and

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WHEREAS, The proposed reduction in FY25 federal funds appropriations for substance abuse disorder treatment totals almost \$33 million, including a reduction of \$22 million for addiction treatment service grants and a \$15 million reduction for addiction treatment, prevention, and related services grants; and

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WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services (DHS) has indicated that these reductions are due to excess appropriations authority and that the request fully funds the FY25 estimated liability, a liability that is the same as the FY24 estimated expenditures; and

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1 WHEREAS, Our State is facing unprecedented numbers
2 regarding overdoses, overdose deaths, and those living with
3 addiction; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 2013, the Illinois Department of Public
5 Health (DPH) has reported a 3,341% increase in synthetic
6 opioid overdose deaths; and

7 WHEREAS, Synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, are hundreds
8 to thousands of times more toxic than heroin, and heroin and
9 street drugs are often mixed with fentanyl; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2022, there were 2.7 times more opioid deaths
11 than car crash deaths and 2.5 times more opioid deaths than
12 homicides; and

13 WHEREAS, Opioid use disorder is a public health crisis in
14 the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, The Governor's FY25 budget proposal states that
16 the trend in the opioid epidemic "has evolved to an overdose
17 crisis as the illicit drug market continues to change and the
18 residual impacts from COVID-19 linger"; and

19 WHEREAS, The Governor's FY25 budget proposal states that

1 "At the end of 2019, prior to the pandemic, there were 16,811
2 opioid related overdoses in Illinois, with 2,219, or 13.2
3 percent, being fatal"; and

4 WHEREAS, The Governor's FY25 budget proposal states that
5 "During calendar year 2022, there were 18,547 opioid-related
6 overdoses. That same year, Illinois recorded 3,908 overall
7 overdose deaths with 3,261 associated with any opioid, a
8 staggering 83.4 percent"; and

9 WHEREAS, The Governor's FY25 budget proposal also states
10 that the "Illinois Department of Human Services Division of
11 Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (DHS/SUPR) is firmly
12 committed to addressing this issue through prevention,
13 intervention, and treatment"; and

14 WHEREAS, The above statistics shared by the Governor
15 clearly demonstrate that Illinois is not doing enough to
16 address the opioid epidemic that the residents in the State
17 are facing; and

18 WHEREAS, It is imperative for the Governor to direct DHS
19 to expand the size and scope of SUPR to mitigate the damage
20 caused by this epidemic; and

21 WHEREAS, Protecting residents of the State from the opioid

1 crisis and protecting other substance abuse related services
2 should be prioritized over providing any additional funding
3 for migrants or undocumented immigrants coming to Illinois;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, the Governor's FY25 proposed
6 budget for SUPR establishes the same level of inadequate
7 treatment provided in FY24, despite what appears to be an
8 upward trend in opioid overdoses and deaths; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we urge Governor JB Pritzker and the Department of Human
12 Services (DHS) to restore the proposed cuts to substance abuse
13 and treatment; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 provided to Governor Pritzker and the DHS Secretary Dulce
16 Quintaro.