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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State Prompt Payment Act was adopted by the  
3 General Assembly to penalize the State for payment delays and  
4 thereby encourage timely payments to vendors; and

5 WHEREAS, The State Prompt Payment Act, while a punitive  
6 measure against the State, provides fair compensation to  
7 vendors not receiving timely reimbursement for services  
8 rendered; and

9 WHEREAS, The State Prompt Payment Act requires the State to  
10 automatically pay interest on any delinquent bill that  
11 generates in excess of \$50 in interest; and

12 WHEREAS, The State Prompt Payment Act allows vendors to  
13 request interest on any delinquent bill that generates in  
14 excess of \$5 in interest; and

15 WHEREAS, The Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
16 has amassed millions of dollars in Prompt Payment interest over  
17 the past four years; and

18 WHEREAS, The vast amount of unpaid bills at the Department  
19 of Healthcare and Family Services are unpaid Medicaid and Group  
20 Health Insurance bills; and

1           WHEREAS, There is substantial evidence that the Department  
2 of Healthcare and Family Services is not paying Prompt Payment  
3 interest on delinquent bills that the Department is statutorily  
4 required to pay; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General is  
7 directed to conduct a performance audit on the Medicaid program  
8 and Group Health Insurance program at the Department of  
9 Healthcare and Family Services for compliance with the mandates  
10 of the State Prompt Payment Act from July 1, 2003 through  
11 December 31, 2006; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the audit include, but is not limited to,  
13 the following determinations:

14           (i) the number of unpaid bills that have generated in  
15 excess of \$50 in interest, by fiscal year;

16           (ii) the amount of unpaid Prompt Payment interest on  
17 unpaid bills that have generated in excess of \$50 in  
18 interest, by fiscal year;

19           (iii) the amount of paid Prompt Payment interest on  
20 unpaid bills that have generated in excess of \$50 in  
21 interest, by fiscal year;

22           (iv) the number of unpaid bills that have generated in  
23 excess of \$5 in interest but no more than \$50 in interest,

1 by fiscal year;

2 (v) the amount of unpaid Prompt Payment interest on  
3 unpaid bills that have generated in excess of \$5 in  
4 interest but no more than \$50 in interest, by fiscal year;  
5 and

6 (vi) the amount of paid Prompt Payment interest on  
7 unpaid bills that have generated in excess of \$5 interest  
8 but no more than \$50 in interest, by fiscal year; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as  
11 soon as possible and, upon completion, make the findings and  
12 recommendations public in accordance with the provisions of  
13 Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.