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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Medicaid program is a joint
3 federal-state program to support medical services for certain
4 portions of the low income population; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 2.5 million Illinois residents
6 receive some Medicaid services and it is the primary source of
7 medical coverage for more than one out of six residents; and

8 WHEREAS, Illinois Medicaid expenses have grown from \$11.8
9 billion in FY2005 to \$12.4 billion in FY2008; and

10 WHEREAS, FY2009 expenses are likely to exceed \$13 billion
11 or about one-quarter of the State's annual operating
12 appropriations; and

13 WHEREAS, The State operating budget is difficult to
14 understand as it pertains to Medicaid since it confounds
15 changes in payment cycles, eligibility standards, and
16 inflation-related adjustments built into existing programs;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois will receive federal
19 stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
20 of 2009 (ARRA) to support Medicaid services; and

1 WHEREAS, ARRA has temporarily raised the rate of Illinois
2 federal Medicaid match to 60.48% from 50.32%, which is expected
3 to generate an additional \$2.9 billion in federal Medicaid
4 funds between October 1, 2008 and December 31, 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Upon the expiration of ARRA in 2011, the State of
6 Illinois will experience a Medicaid budget gap of at least \$1.3
7 billion; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the General Assembly of the State of
11 Illinois hereby establishes a joint legislative and
12 gubernatorial commission to launch a review of the future
13 financing of the State's Medicaid program; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the review must include a plan to compensate
15 for the expiration of the federal stimulus program on December
16 31, 2010; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the commission recommend the creation of an
18 executive-level Medicaid management group to address program
19 issues that cut across specific agencies and budgetary
20 categories; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the commission recommend the issuance of a
2 comprehensive annual report on Illinois Medicaid in a
3 prescribed format that would provide essential data and
4 evaluate the program's operations and effectiveness; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the commission will be composed of four
7 members appointed by the Illinois House of Representatives, two
8 by the Speaker of the House and two by the Minority Leader;
9 four members appointed by the Illinois Senate, two by the
10 Senate President and two by the Minority Leader; and three
11 members appointed by the Governor of Illinois.