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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3284

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3284 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Opportunities for At-Risk Women Act.

6 Section 5. Task Force. There is created within the
7 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity the Task Force
8 on Opportunities for At-Risk Women, composed of the following
9 members:

10 (1) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives;

12 (2) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
13 House of Representatives;

14 (3) one member appointed by the President of the Senate;

15 (4) one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
16 Senate;

1 (5) the Secretary of State, or his or her designee;

2 (6) the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice
3 Information Authority, or his or her designee;

4 (7) the Director of the Department of Children and Family
5 Services, or his or her designee;

6 (8) the Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic
7 Opportunity, or his or her designee;

8 (9) the Director of the Department of Employment Security,
9 or his or her designee;

10 (10) the Director of the Department of Healthcare and
11 Family Services, or his or her designee;

12 (11) the Executive Director of the Community College Board,
13 or his or her designee;

14 (12) the Superintendent of the State Board of Education, or
15 his or her designee; and

16 (13) such other members as the Governor may appoint, who
17 shall be experts with the following backgrounds: educators,
18 prison officials, 21st Century programmers or other after
19 school tutoring programs that are implemented in other counties
20 throughout Illinois, community organization service providers,
21 local college personnel, healthcare personnel, housing
22 authority personnel, and addiction and recovery personnel.

23 Members shall serve for 4-year terms and may be
24 reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled by the respective
25 appointing authorities for the remainder of the current term.
26 Members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed

1 for reasonable expenses from funds appropriated for that
2 purpose.

3 Members shall elect from their number a chairperson, and
4 such other officers as they may choose, for a 2-year term. The
5 Task Force shall meet at the call of the chair, but not less
6 than twice per year. The Department of Commerce and Economic
7 Opportunity shall provide administrative support, technical
8 assistance, meeting space, and funding to the Task Force.

9 Section 10. Duties of the Task Force.

10 (a) The Task Force shall strategize and design a plan for
11 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to partner
12 and outsource with State and local governmental agencies,
13 companies, and organizations that aid in helping at-risk women
14 and their families become successful productive citizens.

15 (b) This partnership will include material distribution of
16 available resources offered in their communities as well as
17 referrals to organizations and companies that provide
18 necessary services to aide in their success. The following are
19 targeted areas of assistance and outsourcing: housing
20 assistance; educational information on enhancement and
21 advancement; parenting and family bonding classes; financial
22 education and literacy, including budgeting; quality
23 afterschool programming, including tutoring; self-esteem and
24 empowerment classes; healthy relationships classes for the
25 entire family, including warning signs and appropriate

1 handling of bullying; integrity classes; social etiquette
2 classes; job preparedness workshops; temperament behavior
3 classes, including anger management; addiction and recovery
4 clinics, including referrals; health education classes; job
5 training opportunities; and the expansion of Redeploy Illinois
6 into Cook County.

7 (c) For the purposes of this Act, "at-risk women" means
8 women who are at increased risk of incarceration because of
9 poverty, abuse, addiction, financial challenges, illiteracy,
10 or other causes. The term "at-risk women" may include, but
11 shall not be limited to, women who have previously been
12 incarcerated.

13 Section 15. Annual report. The Task Force shall report
14 annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on its
15 activities and shall include any recommendations for
16 legislation or rulemaking to facilitate its work in the
17 targeted areas of assistance and outsourcing."