

1                   AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

2           AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Resolution 46 by  
3 replacing everything after the title with the following:

4           "WHEREAS, The General Assembly supports a single system  
5 of early intervention services; and

6           WHEREAS, The General Assembly further supports the  
7 sentiments set forth under the Federal Individuals with  
8 Disabilities Education Act Part C, which established federal  
9 financial assistance for states to develop and implement a  
10 statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary,  
11 interagency system that provides early intervention services  
12 to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with  
13 disabilities and to minimize their potential for a  
14 developmental delay; and

15           WHEREAS, Child development research has established that  
16 the rate of human learning and development is most rapid in  
17 the preschool years; and

18           WHEREAS, Research has also shown that early intervention  
19 results in a child requiring fewer special education and  
20 other habilitative services later in life and also reduces  
21 the possibility of the child being held back in school; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to enhancing the personal growth,  
2 health, and opportunity of a child, the Early Intervention  
3 Program, provides a long-term cost-savings of \$5 to \$7 in  
4 special education costs for every \$1 spent on early  
5 intervention services per child; and

6           WHEREAS, The benefits of these services have recently  
7 been jeopardized in Illinois by unanticipated growth in  
8 enrollment, which has subsequently produced a shortfall in  
9 funds for the program; and

10          WHEREAS, The legislature recognizes that in order to  
11 maintain early intervention services for all eligible infants  
12 and toddlers, and thus, continue to reap the full long-term  
13 benefits these services provide, both for the child and the  
14 State, the Department of Human Services must have a dedicated  
15 source of support from members of the General Assembly;  
16 therefore, be it

17          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the General Assembly shall  
20 convene and administer a legislative advisory committee for  
21 the Early Intervention Program; and be it further

22          RESOLVED, That the Early Intervention Legislative  
23 Advisory Committee shall be responsible for providing support  
24 and guidance to the managing body of the Early Intervention  
25 Program within the Department of Human Services and shall be  
26 further responsible for the following:

27                 (1) serving as the representative body to which the  
28 Department of Human Services reports on the progress of  
29 implementing cost-containment strategies and the status  
30 of the program;

31                 (2) monitoring the ongoing implementation of  
32 recommended cost-containment strategies;

1           (3) monitoring the Department's efforts in  
2 utilizing all resources necessary to maintain and ensure  
3 fiscal control without jeopardizing services to all  
4 eligible infants and toddlers;

5           (4) assisting the Department in the development of  
6 an early intervention long-term strategic plan outlining  
7 outcome-based goals; and

8           (5) maintaining ongoing communication with the  
9 Bureau of the Budget and the Office of the Governor  
10 regarding the status of the program; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That the Committee shall consist of a bicameral  
12 and bipartisan membership totaling 8 members, with two  
13 legislative members appointed by each Majority and Minority  
14 Leader in the House and Senate, and shall also consist of a  
15 representative from each of the following: the Department of  
16 Human Services, the Department of Insurance, the Department  
17 of Public Aid, and the University of Illinois at Chicago  
18 Division of Specialized Care for Children; and be it further

19       RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Services shall be  
20 responsible for reporting to the Early Intervention  
21 Legislative Advisory Committee at least once a month  
22 regarding the following information:

23           (1) number of children enrolled in the Early  
24 Intervention Program;

25           (2) number of children covered by Medicaid/Kidcare  
26 and the number of children who may be eligible for  
27 Medicaid/Kidcare;

28           (3) number of children covered by private insurance  
29 and the amount recovered by the Department in billing for  
30 insurance;

31           (4) breakdown of enrollment by diagnosis (including  
32 the number of children with a specific developmental  
33 disability diagnosis);

- 1 (5) CFC/provider caseload;
- 2 (6) CFC funding breakdown;
- 3 (7) status of the data management system;
- 4 (8) status of the implementation of programmatic
- 5 rules and procedures;
- 6 (9) status of the IMDN quality assurance review
- 7 process; and
- 8 (10) any additional information requested by
- 9 members of the Legislative Advisory Committee; and be it
- 10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Services shall be  
12 responsible for submitting an official interim report in  
13 November 2001 and a final report in June 2002 to the Early  
14 Intervention Legislative Advisory Committee, which must  
15 include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 16 (1) all data provided in update reports;
- 17 (2) enrollment and cost projections for FY03 (with
- 18 rough estimates included in the November report and final
- 19 estimates to be included in the June report);
- 20 (3) status of the program's budget, including a
- 21 breakdown of funds collected through private insurance,
- 22 family fees, and Medicaid;
- 23 (4) identification of any programmatic concerns,
- 24 including strategies the Department is considering to
- 25 address these concerns; and
- 26 (5) any additional information requested by members
- 27 of the Legislative Advisory Committee; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
29 delivered to the Secretary of Human Services and the  
30 Associate Secretary in charge of the Early Intervention  
31 Program."