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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The first Illinois families will soon be 3 reaching their 60-month TANF lifetime eligibility limitation 4 for public assistance grants and supportive services; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Public Aid Code at 305 ILCS 6 5/4-1.12 permits the Department of Human Services to exempt 7 individual assistance units from this 60-month limitation; 8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Department has not yet established how it 10 will resolve addressing the many families that reach their 11 60-month lifetime limitation under the TANF program; 12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 14 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 15 the Department of Human Services shall conduct full case 16 reviews 6 months before each family reaches its 60-month TANF 17 limitation to determine, by the end of the 60-month 18 limitation period, what can be done to overcome the need for 19 future public assistance for the family; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Services shall 21 report to the House of Representatives, by March 30, 2001, 22 the manner in which it intends to ensure that impoverished 23 families will be housed, fed, and clothed, have their 24 necessary medical care covered, and be otherwise protected 25 once their 60-month TANF eligibility has expired; and be it 26 further

27 RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Services shall 28 include in its report an estimate of how much State funding 29 would be necessary to cover the costs of a TANF continuation 30 program funded with only State moneys for as many of these 31 families as the Department recommends be continued in a 1 TANF-like program, with eligibility for such a continuation 2 program renewable in 3-month or 6-month increments for each 3 family, based on the family's hardship circumstances and good 4 faith efforts to become self-supporting and the family's 5 continued need for assistance; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Services shall 7 also include in its report the Department's recommended 8 statutory changes that may be necessary to implement such a 9 TANF continuation program for Illinois families, and the 10 recommended manner of amending the Department's 11 appropriations line items to accommodate such a program.

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