

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The services provided by the Department of
3 Corrections protect all of the citizens of the State of
4 Illinois from criminal offenders through a system of
5 incarceration and supervision that securely segregates
6 offenders from society; and

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections provides housing,
8 food, medical care, and educational and vocational programs
9 to juvenile and adult offenders committed to correctional
10 facilities by a State court, and all of these services
11 require funding from the State; and

12 WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections received
13 approximately \$1.45 billion in appropriations for fiscal year
14 2002, which represents almost 3 percent of the annual budget
15 for the State of Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections is required to
17 submit an annual request for funding to the General Assembly
18 detailing all expenses associated with each division and
19 facility administered by the Department; and

20 WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections has been given the
21 authority to transfer 2 percent of its total budget because
22 it is impossible to predict the exact amounts required for
23 each line item and facility when making appropriations; and

24 WHEREAS, The amount of this transfer authority was \$27
25 million in fiscal year 2002, which represents a significant
26 amount of funding that is not specifically accounted for in
27 the appropriations to the Department of Corrections; and

28 WHEREAS, It is vital that the General Assembly have all
29 possible information about the fiscal operations of the
30 Department of Corrections when making decisions about funding
31 for each budgetary year; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 within one week following the Governor's Budget Address, the
4 Department of Corrections shall submit to the General
5 Assembly a detailed accounting of all transfers made by the
6 Department under its 2 percent transfer authority during the
7 previous and current fiscal years; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 delivered to the Director of Corrections.