

1                                    AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Joint Resolution 2 by  
3 replacing lines 2 through 31 on page 1 and all of page 2 with  
4 the following:

5            "WHEREAS, Public Act 91-930 amended the Illinois Income  
6 Tax Act to create employer income tax credits for the  
7 construction and operation of employee child care facilities;  
8 and

9            WHEREAS, The Act provides for a credit of 30% of the  
10 start-up costs expended by a corporation to provide a child  
11 care facility for the children of its employees; this credit  
12 is available beginning with taxable years ending on or after  
13 December 31, 2000; and

14            WHEREAS, The Act provides for an additional credit of 5%  
15 of the annual amount paid by the corporation in providing the  
16 child care facility for employees' children; this credit is  
17 available beginning with taxable years ending on or after  
18 December 31, 2000 and does not have an expiration date; and

19            WHEREAS, The Act provides that, to be eligible for the  
20 credit, a corporation may provide and operate a child care  
21 facility independently or in partnership with one or more  
22 other corporations; the Act limits the credit to child care

1 facilities located in Illinois; and

2 WHEREAS, The Governor's Children and Family Leadership  
3 Subcabinet, in its Year One Report, recognizes the importance  
4 of family-friendly workplaces and recommends that the State  
5 work to promote employers that assist employees in balancing  
6 work and family life; and

7 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that employers providing  
8 child care services report improved employee recruitment and  
9 retention; and

10 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the citizens of  
11 Illinois that the State promote the availability of quality  
12 child care for the taxpayers of Illinois; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
15 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Department of Commerce and  
16 Community Affairs, in cooperation with the Department of  
17 Revenue, shall track and monitor the use by Illinois  
18 employers of the tax credits for employee child care created  
19 by Public Act 91-930; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That there is created the Family-Friendly  
21 Workplace Task Force; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the task force shall be composed of 12  
23 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor of the State of  
24 Illinois, who shall serve as Chairperson; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Family-Friendly Workplace Task Force  
26 shall publicize the availability of the tax credits created  
27 by Public Act 91-930; shall examine the availability of  
28 family-friendly workplace incentives in Illinois, the  
29 effectiveness of tax credits for employee child care created  
30 by Public Act 91-930, and appropriate scholarly, statistical,  
31 and other materials relating to these issues and laws

1 relating thereto; shall evaluate the data gathered by the  
2 Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and the  
3 Department of Revenue in regards to the use of the tax credit  
4 created by Public Act 91-930; shall study any significant  
5 problems that have arisen regarding the use of this credit  
6 and other family-friendly workplace incentives in Illinois;  
7 and shall develop recommendations for addressing any problems  
8 it determines to be significant; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Department of Commerce and Community  
10 Affairs, in cooperation with the Department of Revenue, shall  
11 report to the Children and Family Leadership Subcabinet and  
12 the Family-Friendly Workplace Task Force by March 1, 2002,  
13 and each March 1 thereafter, on the extent the credits are  
14 used and, if the credits are not used as expected, the  
15 reasons why employers are not using the credits; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Family-Friendly Workplace Task Force  
18 shall report its initial findings and recommendations to the  
19 General Assembly by December 31, 2002, and shall report its  
20 subsequent findings and recommendations by December 31 of  
21 each year thereafter; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
23 delivered to the Director of Commerce and Community Affairs,  
24 the Director of Revenue, and the Governor."