

1 STATE OF ILLINOIS
2 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
3 SENATE

4 Senate Resolution No. 152

5 Offered by Senator Dave Syverson

6 WHEREAS, Public Law 105-33 established in Subtitle J, the
7 State Children's Health Insurance Program which provides
8 federal funding to states to create programs to provide
9 health insurance for low-income uninsured children; and

10 WHEREAS, Public Act 90-736, effective August 12, 1998,
11 created the Illinois Children's Health Insurance Program Act
12 and the Illinois program known as KidCare; and

13 WHEREAS, The Illinois Children's Health Insurance Program
14 Act directs the Illinois Department of Public Aid to provide
15 a program of health benefits and health insurance rebates for
16 children in families with incomes at or below 185% of the
17 federal poverty level and for pregnant women and their
18 infants with incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Presently, there are 153,024 children and
21 pregnant women enrolled in the children's health insurance
22 program; and

23 WHEREAS, While the Illinois State Senate has demonstrated
24 its commitment to the health of the children of the State of
25 Illinois we have a further obligation to these same children
26 to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the KidCare
27 program; and

28 WHEREAS, Like young children, the KidCare program is due
29 for a "check-up" and "physical evaluation"; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that pursuant to the
3 Illinois State Auditing Act, the Illinois State Senate
4 directs the Auditor General to conduct a program and
5 management audit of the Illinois Department of Public Aid's
6 KidCare program; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General, in the course of the
8 program and management audits, is directed to specifically
9 audit and evaluate the following:

- 10 1. The Department of Public Aid's compliance with
11 federal and State laws, the State of Illinois'
12 Children's Health Insurance Plan submitted to the
13 Health Care Finance Administration, and rules,
14 regulations and policies adopted by the Department of
15 Public Aid;
- 16 2. The Department of Public Aid's adherence to
17 eligibility requirements, including evaluating the
18 eligibility of enrolled children, whether or not the
19 Department enrolls children for benefits prior to
20 verification of eligibility for benefits, the
21 Department's practice of allowing for onetime
22 encounter enrollments, and the Department's adherence
23 to income verification procedures;
- 24 3. The effectiveness of the Department's marketing
25 strategies, including the effectiveness of bid and
26 no-bid outreach contracts, broadcast and print
27 advertising and other outreach advertising mechanisms
28 targeted to increase enrollment in the program and
29 the correlation between each strategy and the number
30 of children enrolled that are attributed to that
31 specific contract or strategy;

- 1 4. The compliance and effectiveness of all KidCare
2 outreach contracts issued by the Department of Public
3 Aid since the creation of the KidCare program
4 including the amounts of the contracts, the bid
5 status of the contracts, the terms of the contracts,
6 the responsibilities outlined in the contracts, the
7 fulfillment of the contractors' responsibilities, and
8 verification of required contract documentation;
- 9 5. The application and enrollment process to ensure that
10 the families of enrolled children have properly
11 completed applications, which include all proof of
12 information and documentation required pursuant to
13 the KidCare application;
- 14 6. Summarize and compare the socio-economic profile of
15 applicants and enrolled children and their families
16 based on information required on the application
17 form;
- 18 7. Evaluate the efficiency of the process by which
19 monthly paper eligibility cards are issued to
20 enrollees;
- 21 8. Evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the
22 eligibility redetermination process;
- 23 9. Using recognized public health standards, compare the
24 overall health of enrolled children with the overall
25 health of (i) privately insured children of the same
26 socio-economic status and (ii) uninsured children of
27 the same socio-economic status; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General shall report his
29 findings to the Illinois General Assembly by July 1, 2002;
30 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and
2 resolution be presented to the Auditor General and the
3 Director of the Department of Public Aid.

4 Adopted by the Senate, May 24, 2001.

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate