



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The House Special Committee on Fee-For-Service  
3 Initiatives has held three open hearings on the Department of  
4 Human Services' proposal to adopt a fee-for-service  
5 methodology to pay providers for serving the State's clients  
6 with problems of substance abuse, developmental disability,  
7 and mental illness; and

8 WHEREAS, The Committee appreciates the willingness of the  
9 Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the Department  
10 of Human Services to work with provider groups to ensure a  
11 smooth transition to the new payment methodology; and

12 WHEREAS, The Committee, while supporting the  
13 fee-for-service methodology, remains concerned that the  
14 Department's transition schedule could jeopardize treatment  
15 for these most vulnerable populations; and

16 WHEREAS, The Committee believes the Department must show it  
17 has the infrastructure capacity and field-tested experience  
18 before a wholesale shift to the new system; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 the Committee urges the Department of Human Services to make  
22 periodic progress reports to the Committee over the next  
23 several months, specifically including reports in September,  
24 October, November, and December of 2004; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Committee urges the General Assembly to  
26 adopt an operational budget for the Department of Human  
27 Services that reflects only the first six months of funding for  
28 the coming fiscal year, while appropriating the full year of  
29 grant lines.