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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Public Act 94-693 was signed into law to create the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act to provide access to affordable health insurance coverage for all children residing in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Healthcare and Family Services estimates that there are 253,000 uninsured children in Illinois and roughly half of these children are eligible for the KidCare program; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of the new Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Program provide that children may be enrolled in the program as long as they are living in Illinois for other than a temporary or transitory purpose and no requirement for previous residency is required; and

WHEREAS, Concerns have arisen that families may move to Illinois from other areas to take advantage of the new Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Program, which includes a State subsidy for the medical care provided to enrollees; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Healthcare and Family Services is adding headcount to provide for administration of the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Program and this additional headcount has the ability to monitor the prior residency of Program enrollees; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to track the recent areas of residence of Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Program enrollees for the last 3 years to ensure that the Program is successfully enrolling uninsured children historically residing in Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That information gathered from tracking
2 residency for Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Program
3 enrollees should be compiled into a report by the Department of
4 Healthcare and Family Services to be presented to the General
5 Assembly by December 31, 2006; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the Director of Healthcare and Family Services.