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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, There are many inefficiencies in the healthcare industry within the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, It is important to identify possible efficiencies that can produce savings to the State in the area of healthcare; and

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WHEREAS, In regards to the costs of the uninsured and from observations of trends within the healthcare industry, the consolidation of certain divisions within State agencies is viewed as a cost-effective way to create systematic efficiencies; and

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WHEREAS, Given the direction Illinois and other states are taking as they move toward healthcare integration and a complete system of care for Medicaid services, the Department of Human Services' Divisions of Mental Health, Alcohol and Substance Abuse, and Developmental Disabilities have been identified for consolidation into a new Division of Behavioral Health within the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for the following reasons:

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(1) to eliminate redundant infrastructure by consolidating information technology and claims processing into one comprehensive system that works;

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- 1 (2) to eliminate redundant administrative positions;
- 2 (3) to reduce administrative overhead costs;
- 3 (4) to ensure care coordination for Medicaid
- 4 enrollees;
- 5 (5) to streamline enrollment processes for consumers;
- 6 (6) to streamline claims processing by requiring all
- 7 service providers to report and to bill to one entity for
- 8 all of the healthcare needs of Medicaid enrollees;
- 9 (7) to increase provider accountability by producing
- 10 accurate data of service provider outcomes and measures;
- 11 and
- 12 (8) to achieve the goal of less administrative overhead
- 13 for providers, resulting in more individuals served with no
- 14 new expenditures; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

16 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

17 there is created a task force to examine the advisability of

18 consolidating the Department of Human Services' Divisions of

19 Mental Health, Alcohol and Substance Abuse, and Developmental

20 Disabilities into a new Division of Behavioral Health within

21 the Department of Healthcare and Family Services; and be it

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23 RESOLVED, That the task force shall consist of 9 members, 3

24 of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives, 3 of whom shall be appointed by the Minority
2 Leader of the House of Representatives, and 3 of whom shall be
3 appointed by the Governor, all of whom shall serve without
4 compensation; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Services and the
6 Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall provide
7 administrative and other support to the task force; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the task force shall report its findings to
10 the House Human Services Committee on or before June 1, 2013;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Director of the Department of Healthcare and
14 Family Services and the Secretary of the Department of Human
15 Services.