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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund
3 Council has delegated many of its programmatic
4 responsibilities under the Drycleaner Environmental Response
5 Trust Fund Act, including the duty to receive and process
6 license applications and the duty to receive and process
7 claims, to a private company, Williams and Company Consulting,
8 Inc.; and

9 WHEREAS, This delegation of programmatic duties
10 potentially threatens the integrity of the regulatory scheme
11 established under the Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust
12 Fund Act; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that,
15 when conducting the next scheduled annual audit of the
16 Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund Council, we urge
17 the Auditor General to investigate and report on:

18 (1) whether Williams and Company Consulting, Inc., is
19 administering the Council's programmatic responsibilities
20 in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of the
21 Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund Act and rules
22 adopted under that Act, as well as all relevant State
23 procurement laws;

1 (2) the gross revenues of the Drycleaner Environmental
2 Response Trust Fund during each of the last 14 years, as
3 well as the total expenditures from the Fund for remedial
4 actions of drycleaning solvent releases at drycleaning
5 facilities in the State during each of those years;

6 (3) expenses that Williams and Company Consulting,
7 Inc., has billed for acting as the administrator of the
8 Fund during each of the years of its current contract with
9 the Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund Council;

10 (4) the amount paid from the Fund to each State agency,
11 as defined in the Illinois State Auditing Act, during each
12 of the last 14 years;

13 (5) any ancillary charges that Williams and Company,
14 Inc., imposes against owners and operators for the
15 administrative services that it provides; and

16 (6) the number of Illinois drycleaners whose
17 properties are in need of remedial action and whose
18 participation in the State's drycleaner environmental
19 cleanup insurance system has been terminated for
20 noncompliance with the Drycleaner Environmental Response
21 Trust Fund Act and rules adopted under that Act; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence its next annual
24 audit of the Council as soon as possible and report the
25 findings and recommendations upon completion in accordance

1 with the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust
3 Fund Council and Williams and Company Consulting, Inc., shall
4 provide all needed information that the Auditor General deems
5 necessary; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
7 the Auditor General and to each of the member of the Drycleaner
8 Environmental Response Trust Fund Council.