WHEREAS, The Kenwood Oakland Community Organization is a community-based, tax-exempt organization founded in 1965; and

WHEREAS, The Kenwood Oakland Community Organization's stated mission is, through sustained engagement of low-income and working families, the development of multi-generational leaders who impact decision-making processes and public policies, improving the quality of life in the local communities; and

WHEREAS, In Fiscal Years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, Kenwood Oakland Community Organization has received over $1.3 million in funding from the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Kenwood Oakland Community Organization was a recipient of funds from the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative and Illinois Violence Prevention Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Kenwood Oakland Community Organization received significant increases in State grant allotments in calendar years 2013 and 2014, while the City of Chicago determined they were not qualified for continued participation in out-of-school time programs; and
WHEREAS, These funds have been for various purposes, including the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program, the After School Youth Program, the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program, and the Summer Youth Jobs Program; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General is directed to conduct a performance audit of the State moneys provided by or through State agencies to the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization under contracts or grant agreements in Fiscal Years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this performance audit include, but not be limited to, the following determinations:

(1) the purposes for which State moneys were provided to the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization, for each State agency and for each amount transferred;

(2) the nature and extent of monitoring by State agencies of how the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization used the State-provided moneys;

(3) the actual use of State moneys by the Kenwood Oakland
Community Organization;

(4) whether, through a review of available documentation, the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization has met or is meeting the purposes for which the State moneys were provided, with specific information concerning the Organization's staffing levels and its compensation of management employees; and

(5) whether the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization is in compliance with the applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements pertaining to the Organization's receipt of State moneys; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization, the Illinois Department of Human Services, and any other entity having information relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office in the conduct of this audit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as soon as possible and report its findings and recommendations upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.