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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The federal Patient Protection and Affordable  
3 Care Act (ACA) was signed into law by President Barack Obama on  
4 March 23, 2010; and

5           WHEREAS, In light of the United States Supreme Court's  
6 decision in June regarding the ACA's constitutionality, the  
7 Quinn Administration is moving forward with plans to implement  
8 a health insurance exchange for individuals and small  
9 businesses to purchase insurance policies; the exchange is  
10 intended to facilitate compliance with the ACA's individual  
11 mandate, which requires most individuals to purchase insurance  
12 or be assessed a financial penalty; and

13           WHEREAS, Illinois has received over \$135 million in federal  
14 grants which were to be directed towards the exchange's  
15 information technology infrastructure, consumer assistance  
16 efforts, and rate review assistance, among other functions; and

17           WHEREAS, Illinois has not yet established the structure,  
18 operational model, or financing mechanism for its exchange,  
19 which means the State will likely operate under a  
20 federally-facilitated exchange for at least the first year; and

21           WHEREAS, Federal grant funds are anticipated to cover

1 Illinois' projected implementation and first year operating  
2 costs, though the ACA requires exchanges to be financially  
3 self-sustaining beginning January 1, 2015; more transparency  
4 is needed to show how Illinois will pay for this expensive  
5 technological and operational endeavor; and

6 WHEREAS, Because the ACA's requirements could be extremely  
7 costly to our already cash-strapped State, it is imperative  
8 that the legislature and the public are aware of how taxpayers'  
9 dollars are being spent to implement the ACA in Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, A September 24, 2012 letter to Governor Quinn  
11 requesting a full accounting of ACA funds received and expended  
12 has gone unanswered; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 the Auditor General is directed to conduct an audit of the  
16 allocation of federal funds received by the State pursuant to  
17 the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and be  
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Departments of Insurance and Healthcare  
20 and Family Services and any other State agency or person who  
21 may have information relevant to this audit cooperate fully and  
22 promptly with the Auditor General's Office; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as  
2           soon as practical and report his findings and recommendations  
3           upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section  
4           3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6           presented to the Auditor General.