

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Department of Children and Family Services
3 has over 500 investigators, who have an average caseload of
4 10-11 cases per month and are responsible for investigating
5 all allegations of child abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, Numerous complaints arise because some reported
7 child abuse allegations are not investigated thoroughly or
8 are not investigated at all; and

9 WHEREAS, There are complaints that investigators are
10 allegedly biased towards favoring the mother and do not
11 appear to investigate allegations of abuse towards children
12 over 11 years of age; and

13 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the State of
14 Illinois, through the Department of Children and Family
15 Services, to thoroughly investigate in an objective matter
16 all child abuse allegations; and

17 WHEREAS, The current system operates utilizing a "triage"
18 approach to completing investigations; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we urge the Director of the Department of Children and Family
22 Services of the State of Illinois to review the Department's
23 current investigative practices to ensure that all
24 investigations are done objectively and that all child abuse
25 allegations are investigated in a timely manner; and be it
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be
28 delivered to the Director of the Department of Children and
29 Family Services.