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For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2007

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AGENCY OFFICIALS

Legislative Research Unit

Executive Director Patrick O' Grady

Associate Director (4/27/07-present) Vacant

Associate Director (7/1/05-4/27/07) Bridget Devlin

Deputy Director for Research David Miller

Fiscal Officer Cindy Bates

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222 S. College Suite 301 Springfield, Illinois 62704-1894

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNIT

PATRICK D. O'GRADY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 18, 2008

The Honorable William G. Holland Auditor General State of Illinois Iles Park Plaza 740 East Ash Springfield, IL 62703-3154

We are responsible for the identification of, and compliance with, all aspects of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements that could have a material effect on the operations of the Agency. We are responsible for and we have established and maintained an effective system of, internal controls over compliance requirements. We have performed an evaluation of the Agency's compliance with the following assertions during the two-year period ended June 30, 2007. Based on this evaluation, we assert that during the years ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006, the Agency has materially complied with the assertions below.

- A. The agency has obligated, expended, received and used public funds of the State in accordance with the purpose for which such funds have been appropriated or otherwise authorized by law.
- B. The agency has obligated, expended, received and used public funds of the State in accordance with any limitations, restrictions, conditions or mandatory directions imposed by law upon such obligation, expenditure, receipt or use.
- C. The agency has complied, in all material respects, with applicable laws and regulations, including the State uniform accounting system, in its financial and fiscal operations.
- D. The State revenues and receipts collected by the agency are in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and the accounting and recordkeeping of such revenues and receipts is fair, accurate and in accordance with law.



E. The money or negotiable securities or similar assets handled by the agency on behalf of the State or held in trust by the agency have been properly and legally administered, and the accounting and recordkeeping relating thereto is proper, accurate and in accordance with law.

Yours very truly,

Legislative Research Unit

Patrick D. O'Grady, Director

Cynthia D. Bates, Fiscal Officer

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COMPLIANCE REPORT

SUMMARY

The compliance testing performed during this examination was conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and in accordance with the Illinois State Auditing Act.

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORTS

The Independent Accountants' Report on State Compliance, on Internal Control Over Compliance and on Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes does not contain scope limitations, disclaimers, or other significant non-standard language.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

		Prior
	Compliance	Compliance
Number of	Report	Report
Findings	0	0
Repeated findings	0	0
Prior recommendations implemented		
or not repeated	0	0

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

The Legislative Research Unit did not have any current year or prior year findings.

EXIT CONFERENCE

The Legislative Research Unit declined an exit conference in a letter dated January 14, 2008.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON STATE COMPLIANCE, ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE, AND ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR STATE COMPLIANCE PURPOSES

Honorable William G. Holland Auditor General State of Illinois

Compliance

We have examined the Legislative Research Unit's compliance with the requirements listed below, as more fully described in the Audit Guide for Financial Audits and Compliance Attestation Engagements of Illinois State Agencies (Audit Guide) as adopted by the Auditor General, during the two years ended June 30, 2007. The management of the Legislative Research Unit is responsible for compliance with these requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Legislative Research Unit's compliance based on our examination.

- A. The Legislative Research Unit has obligated, expended, received, and used public funds of the State in accordance with the purpose for which such funds have been appropriated or otherwise authorized by law.
- B. The Legislative Research Unit has obligated, expended, received, and used public funds of the State in accordance with any limitations, restrictions, conditions or mandatory directions imposed by law upon such obligation, expenditure, receipt or use.
- C. The Legislative Research Unit has complied, in all material respects, with applicable laws and regulations, including the State uniform accounting system, in its financial and fiscal operations.
- D. State revenues and receipts collected by the Legislative Research Unit are in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and the accounting and recordkeeping of such revenues and receipts is fair, accurate and in accordance with law.
- E. Money or negotiable securities or similar assets handled by the Legislative Research Unit on behalf of the State or held in trust by the Legislative Research Unit have been properly and legally administered and the accounting and recordkeeping relating thereto is proper, accurate, and in accordance with law.

We conducted our examination in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Illinois State Auditing Act (Act); and the Audit Guide as adopted by the Auditor General pursuant to the Act; and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Legislative Research Unit's compliance with those requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Legislative Research Unit's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Legislative Research Unit complied, in all material respects, with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report during the two years ended June 30, 2007.

As required by the Audit Guide, immaterial findings relating to instances of noncompliance excluded from this report have been reported in a separate letter.

Internal Control

The management of the Legislative Research Unit is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report. In planning and performing our examination, we considered the Legislative Research Unit's internal control over compliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report in order to determine our examination procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Audit Guide, issued by the Illinois Office of the Auditor General, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Legislative Research Unit's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Legislative Research Unit's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to comply with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a requirement that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material noncompliance with a requirement listed in the first paragraph of this report will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

There were no immaterial findings relating to internal control deficiencies that have been excluded from this report.

Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes

Our examination was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on compliance with the requirements listed in the first paragraph of this report. The accompanying supplementary information as listed in the table of contents as Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes is presented for purposes of additional analysis. We have applied certain limited procedures as prescribed by the Audit Guide as adopted by the Auditor General to the 2006 and the 2007 Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes, except for the Service Efforts and Accomplishments on which we did not perform any procedures. However, we do not express an opinion on the supplementary information.

We have not applied procedures to the 2005 Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion thereon.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Auditor General, the General Assembly, the Legislative Audit Commission, the Governor, and agency management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

BRUCE L. BULLARD, CPA

Director of Financial and Compliance Audits

January 18, 2008

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR STATE COMPLIANCE PURPOSES

SUMMARY

Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes presented in this section of the report includes the following:

• Fiscal Schedules and Analysis:

Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures and Lapsed Balances
Comparative Schedule of Net Appropriations, Expenditures
and Lapsed Balances
Schedule of Changes in State Property
Comparative Schedule of Cash Receipts
Reconciliation Schedule of Cash Receipts to Deposits Remitted
to the State Comptroller
Analysis of Significant Variations in Expenditures
Analysis of Significant Lapse Period Spending

• Analysis of Operations:

Agency Functions and Planning Program
Average Number of Employees
Service Efforts and Accomplishments (Not Examined)

The accountants' report that covers the Supplementary Information for State Compliance Purposes presented in the Compliance Report Section states the auditors have applied certain limited procedures as prescribed by the Audit Guide as adopted by the Auditor General, except for information on the Service Efforts and Accomplishments on which they did not perform any procedures. However, the accountants do not express an opinion on the supplementary information.

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SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND LAPSED BALANCES

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

					Lapse Period	eriod		Total		
	Aj	Appropriations			Expenditures	itures	Exj	Expenditures	Bala	Balances
P.A. 94-0798		(Net of	Ĥ	Expenditures	July 1 to	l to	14 M	14 Months Ended	La	Lapsed
FISCAL YEAR 2007		Transfers)	Thre	Through June 30	August 31	st 31	A	August 31	Aug	August 31
General Revenue Fund - 001										
Personal Services	↔	1,232,500	\$	1,139,616	↔	0	∽	1,139,616	\$	92,884
Employee Retirement										
Contributions Paid by Employer		49,300		44,361		0		44,361		4,939
State Contribution to State										
Employees' Retirement System		142,100		131,359		0		131,359		10,741
State Contributions to Social Security		94,300		83,461		0		83,461		10,839
Contractual Services		608,500		532,461		11,061		543,522		64,978
Travel		19,600		5,096		0		5,096		14,504
Commodities		15,800		5,937		869		6,635		9,165
Printing		26,900		7,870		22		7,892		19,008
Equipment		108,000		31,466		64,966		96,432		11,568
Telecommunications		30,700		12,744		1,100		13,844		16,856
Lump Sum - Legislative Intern Program		564,500		424,364		62,064		486,428		78,072
Lump Sum - Zeke Giorgi Memorial Staff Intern Program		110,000		91,927		12,622		104,549		5,451
Lump Sum - Council of State Government		100,000		100,000		0		100,000		0
Lump Sum - Model Illinois Government		10,000		4,532		0		4,532		5,468
Lump Sum - New Member's Conference		30,000		18,173		11,827		30,000		0
Total Fiscal Year 2007	↔	3,142,200	\$	2,633,367	\$	164,360	↔	2,797,727	& &	344,473

Note: Appropriations, expenditures, and lapsed balances were obtained from Agency records and have been reconciled to records of the State Comptroller.

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LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNIT SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND LAPSED BALANCES

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

					Laps	Lapse Period		Total	
	App	Appropriations			Expe	Expenditures	Ĥ	Expenditures	Balances
P.A. 94-0015		(Net of	Ex	Expenditures	Ju	July 1 to	14 N	14 Months Ended	Lapsed
FISCAL YEAR 2006	Tı	Transfers)	Thro	Through June 30	Au	August 31	1	August 31	August 31
General Revenue Fund - 001									
Personal Services	∽	1,196,600	s	1,162,170	€	0	↔	1,162,170	\$ 34,430
Employee Retirement									
Contributions Paid by Employer		47,900		46,062		0		46,062	1,838
State Contribution to State									
Employees' Retirement System		232,400		90,581		0		90,581	141,819
State Contributions to Social Security		91,600		85,423		0		85,423	6,177
Contractual Services		591,000		584,048		6,293		590,341	659
Travel		7,000		5,307		182		5,489	1,511
Commodities		12,800		5,541		318		5,859	6,941
Printing		21,900		15,011		0		15,011	6,889
Equipment		72,900		37,469		30,741		68,210	4,690
Telecommunications		14,900		12,701		1,068		13,769	1,131
Lump Sum - Legislative Intern Program		548,100		430,351		54,441		484,792	63,308
Lump Sum - Zeke Giorgi Memorial Staff Intern Program		106,800		88,734		7,770		96,504	10,296
Lump Sum - Council of State Governments		0		0		0		0	0
Lump Sum - Model Illinois Government		0		0		0		0	0
Lump Sum - New Members Conference		0		0		0		0	0
Total Fiscal Year 2006	8	2,943,900	8	2,563,398	8	100,813	\$	2,664,211	\$ 279,689

Note: Appropriations, expenditures, and lapsed balances were obtained from Agency records and have been reconciled to records of the State Comptroller.

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COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF NET APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND LAPSED BALANCES

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30,

Fiscal Year

		2007		2006	2005		
General Revenue Fund - 001	P.A	A. 94-0798	P.A.	94-0015	P.A.	93-0842	
Appropriations							
(Net of Transfers)	\$	3,142,200	\$	2,943,900	\$	2,803,650	
Expenditures							
Personal Services	\$	1,139,616	\$	1,162,170	\$	1,139,989	
Employee Retirement							
Contributions Paid by Employer		44,361		46,062		44,565	
State Contribution to State							
Employees' Retirement System		131,359		90,581	183,693		
State Contributions to Social Security		83,461		85,423		83,903	
Contractual Services		543,522		590,341		576,214	
Travel		5,096		5,489		1,066	
Commodities		6,635		5,859		7,242	
Printing		7,892		15,011		6,276	
Equipment		96,432		68,210		52,957	
Telecommunications		13,844		13,769		14,469	
Lump Sum - Legislative Intern Program		486,428		484,792		440,226	
Lump Sum - Zeke Giorgi Memorial Staff Intern Program		104,549		96,504		101,666	
Lump Sum - Council of State Governments		100,000		0		0	
Lump Sum - Model Illinois Government		4,532				0	
Lump Sum - New Members Conference		30,000		0		20,959	
Total Expenditures	\$	2,797,727	\$	2,664,211	\$	2,673,225	
Lapsed Balances	\$	344,473	\$	279,689	\$	130,425	

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SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN STATE PROPERTY

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2007

	Equipment
Balance at July 1, 2005	\$ 488,651
Additions	2,486
Deletions	(162)
Net Transfers	7,506
Balance at June 30, 2006	\$ 498,481
Balance at July 1, 2006	\$ 498,481
Additions	38,615
Deletions	(34,870)
Net Transfers	 (14,244)
Balance at June 30, 2007	\$ 487,982

Note: The above schedule has been derived from Agency records which have been reconciled to property reports submitted to the Office of the Comptroller.

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COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30,

	 2007	2	2006	20	005
Prior Year Refunds	\$ 1,146	\$	175	\$	_
Jury Duty	49		84		-
Miscellaneous	 				
Total Receipts	\$ 1,195	\$	259	\$	

RECONCILIATION OF CASH RECEIPTS TO DEPOSITS REMITTED TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30,

	20	007	20	006	2005	
Receipts per Department Records	\$	1,195	\$	259	\$	-
Add: Deposits in Transit, Beginning of Year		-		-		-
Less: Deposits in Transit, End of Year						
Deposits Recorded by the Comptroller	\$	1,195	\$	259	\$	

STATE OF ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNIT ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN EXPENDITURES

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2007

Significant variances in expenditures were determined to be changes of \$1,000 and at least 20% between fiscal years, and are explained below.

ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN EXPENDITURES BETWEEN FISCAL YEARS 2006 AND 2007

General Revenue Fund (001)

State Contribution to State Employees' Retirement System

The increase in State contributions to State Employees' Retirement System expenditures was due to an increase in the employer contribution rate from 7.792% in FY06 to 11.525% in FY07.

Printing

The decrease in printing expenditures was due to the Legislative Research Unit (LRU) ordering paper twice in FY06. In FY07, paper was ordered only one time.

Equipment

The increase in equipment expenditures was due to the purchase of two new copy machines in FY07 to replace outdated copy machines. In FY06, only one new copy machine was purchased.

Lump Sum - Council of State Governments

The increase in Lump Sum-Council of State Governments was due to the LRU helping organize and providing assistance at the Council of State Government Conference in FY07.

<u>Lump Sum - Model Illinois Government</u>

The increase in Lump Sum-Model Illinois Government was due to the LRU being appropriated monies in FY07 to pay expenditures incurred in the administration of the Model Illinois Government program.

Lump Sum - New Members Conference

The increase in Lump Sum-New Members Conference was due to the New Members Conference and the District Office Staff Training Conference being held only in odd fiscal years.

STATE OF ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNIT ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN EXPENDITURES

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2007

Significant variances in expenditures were determined to be changes of \$1,000 and at least 20% between fiscal years, and are explained below.

ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN EXPENDITURES BETWEEN FISCAL YEARS 2005 AND 2006

General Revenue Fund (001)

State Contribution to State Employees' Retirement System

The decrease in State contribution to State Employees' Retirement System was due to a decrease in the employer contribution rate from 16.107% in FY05 to 7.792% in FY06.

Travel

The increase in travel expenditures was due to employees attending the National Conference of State Legislators Research and Committee Staff Section, Legal Staff Services Section and Legislative Research Librarians joint fall seminar during FY06.

Printing

The increase in printing expenditures was due to the LRU ordering paper twice in FY06. In FY05, paper was only ordered one time.

Equipment

The increase in equipment expenditures was due to the purchase of a new copy machine in FY06 to replace an outdated copy machine.

Lump Sum - New Members Conference

The decrease in Lump Sum-New Members Conference was due to the New Members' Conference and the District Office Staff Training Conference being held in odd fiscal years.

STATE OF ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNIT ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT LAPSE PERIOD SPENDING

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2007

FISCAL YEAR 2007

General Revenue Fund (001)

Equipment

The LRU received and paid invoices during the lapse period for the purchase of two copy machines and computer equipment ordered prior to June 30.

Lump Sum - Legislative Intern Program

June invoices for the intern program were not received and paid until the lapse period.

Lump Sum - New Member's Conference

The New Member's Conference was held on June 18 and 19, 2007; therefore, invoices for the conference were not received and paid until the lapse period.

FISCAL YEAR 2006

General Revenue Fund (001)

Equipment

The LRU received and paid invoices during the lapse period for the purchase of a copy machine, computer equipment, and office chairs ordered prior to June 30.

Lump Sum - Legislative Intern Program

June invoices for the intern program were not received and paid until the lapse period.

STATE OF ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNIT ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS

For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2007

AGENCY FUNCTIONS AND PLANNING PROGRAM

Agency Functions

The Legislative Research Unit (LRU) was established in 1937 as the Illinois Legislative Council and is the central research agency for the General Assembly. A staff of researchers responds to inquiries from legislators, committees and staff regarding questions of laws and court decisions; laws of other states; regulations; science and health; environmental protection; public utilities; business and economic development; and many others. The LRU maintains up-to-date information on federal aid received by the State and analyzes federal programs. It is also responsible for tracking and monitoring membership of boards and commissions established by the State of Illinois.

Patrick O'Grady, Executive Director of the Legislative Research Unit, serves at the direction of the Joint Committee and operates the agency under the Operating Rules for Legislative Support Service Agencies.

The LRU board members as of June 30, 2007 were:

Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, Co-Chairman Sen. Larry K. Bomke, Co-Chairman

Senators
John O. Jones
Edward D. Maloney
Kwame Raoul
Dale Risinger
Ira I. Silverstein

Representatives
Constance A. "Connie" Howard
Susana A. Mendoza
James H. "Jim" Meyer
Chapin Rose
Ed Sullivan, Jr.

Planning Program

The Legislative Research Unit's planning program consists of annual budget requests, which present short-term goals and objectives. The LRU's long-term goals and objectives are set by statute and various other rules and guidelines. A member of upper management has been assigned responsibility to update and maintain information related to the statutes, rules and guidelines governing LRU. The Deputy Director for Research manages and coordinates research functions and reports to the Director. Research production is monitored daily, and hundreds of requests are tracked electronically.

STATE OF ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNIT ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30,

AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

The following table, prepared from Agency records, presents the average number of employees, by function, for the Fiscal Years ended June 30,

<u>Division</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Administration	12	13	13
Research	13	12	17
Total average full-time employees	25	25	30

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ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS

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SERVICE EFFORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS (NOT EXAMINED)

The number of assignments completed by the library staff at the LRU in FY06 was 59. This is a decrease of 19.1% from the previous fiscal year number of 73 assignments. This amount represents 15% of the total assignments done by LRU in FY06.

The number of assignments completed by the library staff at the LRU in FY07 was 35. This is a decrease of 40.6% from the previous fiscal year number of 59 assignments. This amount represents 11% of the total assignments done by LRU in FY07.

During FY06, the LRU performed 401 research assignments for legislators and staff. In addition, the LRU recorded 718 appointments to boards and commissions of the State from 7/1/2005 to 6/30/2006.

Federal aid to State agencies amounting to \$11,538 billion was tracked by the LRU during FY06.

During FY07, the LRU performed 312 research assignments for legislators and staff. In addition, the LRU recorded 634 appointments to boards and commissions of the State from 7/1/2006 to 6/30/2007.

Federal aid to State agencies amounting to \$11,713 billion was tracked by the LRU during FY07.

Additionally, the LRU published the following major publications during the examination period:

First Reading, quarterly newsletter;
Federal Grant Alerts, monthly newsletter;
Federal Funds to State Agencies;
Catalog of State Assistance to Local Governments;
Directory of Illinois State Officials, a telephone directory;
State Boards & Commissions;
Constituent Services Guide;
Tax Handbook for Legislators;
Preface to Lawmaking;
A Guide to Nongovernmental Funding