

Legislative Audit Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 129

Presented by Senator Risinger

WHEREAS, one of the statutory missions of the Department of Transportation (the "Department") is to improve highway safety in Illinois;

WHEREAS, according to a recent news article, the Department of Transportation plans to lay-off approximately 60 employees agency-wide, 20 to 25 of may be involved in the Department's traffic safety programs;

WHEREAS, the Department's traffic safety programs encompass several safety initiatives, such as drunk and drugged driving prevention and seat belt and child safety seat usage;

WHEREAS, the traffic safety programs bring in millions of federal dollars annually;

WHEREAS, the continued viability of the traffic safety programs is vital to Illinois citizens; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION that the Auditor General is directed to conduct a management and program audit of the Department of Transportation's traffic safety programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the audit include but not be limited to, the following determinations:

- Whether the Department's traffic safety programs are being operated in conformity with applicable state and federal requirements; and
- Whether the Department has established and implemented procedures to periodically review both the efficiency and effectiveness of its traffic safety initiatives;
- Whether the Department's traffic safety programs have experienced either staffing or budgetary reductions in the past two fiscal years and the impact of those reductions, if any, on the programs' operations;
- Whether the Department has plans for future reductions of staff and/or budget in its traffic safety programs and the extent to which the Department has analyzed the impact of those reductions of the programs' operations; and

- The extent to which any past reductions have impacted, or any planned reductions may impact, federal funding for traffic safety programs;

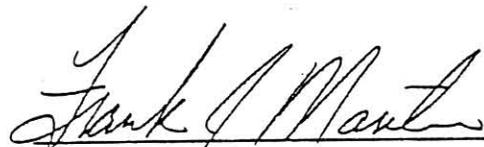
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation, contractors and grantees participating in traffic safety programs, other State agencies and any other entity or person that may have information relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office in the conduct of this audit; and be it further

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

Adopted this 22nd day of September, 2004.



Senator Chris Lauzen
Co-Chair



Representative Frank Mautino
Co-Chair