

Legislative Audit Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 131

Presented by Representative Mautino

WHEREAS, State Comptroller records show that in Fiscal Year 2004 the State spent nearly \$30 million on in-State employee travel;

WHEREAS, transportation costs (including personal vehicles, State owned vehicles, Amtrak, and State and commercial airplanes) comprise a significant portion of State employee travel costs;

WHEREAS, questions have been raised regarding whether State travel expenses could be reduced if State employees made increased use of Amtrak to travel between Chicago and the cities of Springfield, Bloomington, Champaign-Urbana, Carbondale, and Macomb;

WHEREAS, there is limited information regarding why employees use particular modes of transportation and the extent to which agencies monitor and control such usage;

WHEREAS, the limited information and other data constraints have restricted the Office of the Auditor General's ability to fully address the objectives in a study of employee travel required by House Resolution Number 1039, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION that, in lieu of the study required by House Resolution Number 1039, the Auditor General is directed to conduct a study which examines State employee travel between Chicago and the cities of Springfield, Bloomington, Champaign-Urbana, Carbondale, and Macomb, specifically examining the modes of transportation used; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the study shall include but not be limited to, the following:

- A survey of State agencies to identify controls and methods agencies use to ensure the most economical mode of transportation is used and to track or monitor employee's reimbursable expenses;
- A survey of State employees who travel between Chicago and the cities of Springfield, Bloomington, Champaign-Urbana, Carbondale, and Macomb to identify factors that impact modes of transportation

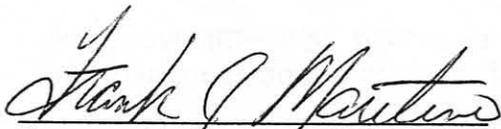
taken, and specifically, whether changes in Amtrak schedules or reliability would increase ridership; and

- A review of a limited number of travel vouchers and follow-up with State agencies and/or individual travelers to identify reasons why the specific mode of transportation used was selected by the traveler.

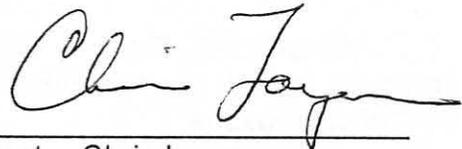
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all State agencies, employees, and other entity or person that may have information relevant to this study cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office in the conduct of this study; and be it further

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

Adopted this 15th day of March, 2005



Representative Frank J. Mautino
Co-chair



Senator Chris Lauzen
Co-Chair