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H.B. No. 3575

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an audit of health and human services information technology systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter M to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER M. AUDIT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Sec. 531.451. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "system" means the following information technology and data processing systems used in the delivery of health and human services benefit programs:

(1) the Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System (TIERS); and

(2) the System of Application, Verification, Eligibility, Referral, and Reporting (SAVERR).

Sec. 531.452. AUDIT OF SYSTEMS. The executive commissioner shall enter into a contract for another person to conduct an audit of the Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System (TIERS) and the System of Application, Verification, Eligibility, Referral, and Reporting (SAVERR) used to support eligibility and program delivery of health and human services benefit programs to determine, for each system:

(1) whether the system is functional relative to the

1 needs of the users of the system; and

2 (2) if the system is not fully functional, whether the
3 system can be made fully functional with reasonable efforts and
4 what actions are necessary to achieve that functionality.

5 Sec. 531.453. REPORT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. (a)
6 The commission shall require the contractor to issue a final report
7 on the audit of each system to the commission not later than July 1,
8 2008. The commission shall submit the report to:

9 (1) the presiding officer of the Senate Health and
10 Human Services Committee;

11 (2) the presiding officer of the House Human Services
12 Committee;

13 (3) the governor; and

14 (4) the executive commissioner.

15 (b) The report must:

16 (1) determine whether each system audited is fully
17 functional in its current state; and

18 (2) make recommendations regarding the actions
19 necessary to make any system that is not fully functional achieve
20 that functionality.

21 (c) The commission shall include with the report submitted
22 under this section the commission's recommendation regarding
23 whether new health and human services benefits program cases should
24 be converted to the Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System
25 (TIERS).

26 Sec. 531.454. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires January
27 1, 2009.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.