

Amend **HB 2942** on third reading as follows:

(1) In the INSPECTOR GENERAL ARTICLE added by Amendment No. 4 by Gattis, strike added Section 422.151(b)(3), Government Code (page 10, lines 10 through 12 of the amendment), and substitute the following:

(3) maximizing opportunities for referral of cases to the appropriate authorities.

(2) In the INSPECTOR GENERAL ARTICLE added by Amendment No. 4 by Gattis, strike added Section 422.153(c)(3), Government Code (page 11, lines 29 through 30 of the amendment), and substitute the following:

(3) maximizing opportunities for referral of cases to the appropriate authorities.

(3) In the INSPECTOR GENERAL ARTICLE added by Amendment No. 4 by Gattis, strike added Section 422.160, Government Code (page 13, line 20 through page 15, line 25 of the amendment), and substitute the following:

Sec. 422.160. INTERAGENCY COORDINATION. (a) The office may develop and implement written procedures for coordinating reviews of suspected fraud, waste, or abuse, as those terms are defined by state or federal law, or other violations of state or federal law under programs at an agency for which a deputy inspector general is appointed or in programs at any agency receiving state or federal funds that are implemented, administered, or overseen by the agency.

(b) An exchange of any information under this section between the office and appropriate authorities does not subject the exchange of the information or the information to disclosure under Chapter 552.

(4) In the INSPECTOR GENERAL ARTICLE added by Amendment No. 4 by Gattis, strike added Section 422.209, Government Code (page 19, lines 10 through 31 of the amendment), and substitute the following:

Sec. 422.209. REFERRAL OF CRIMINAL, CIVIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. (a) The inspector general may provide information and evidence relating to criminal acts to the state auditor's office and appropriate law enforcement officials.

(b) The inspector general shall refer matters for further criminal action in the same manner as the state auditor refers criminal matters under Chapter 321.

(c) The inspector general shall refer matters for further civil and administrative action in the same manner as the state auditor refers civil and administrative matters under Chapter 321.

(d) The office may assist appropriate authorities with their administrative, civil, or criminal investigations if the assistance is requested by the appropriate authorities.

(e) An appropriate authority that decides not to investigate or prosecute a complaint alleging criminal conduct referred to that authority by the inspector general shall notify the inspector general of that decision.

(5) In the INSPECTOR GENERAL ARTICLE added by Amendment No. 4 by Gattis, strike added Section 422.303(c)(1), Government Code (page 27, lines 10 through 15 of the amendment), and substitute the following:

(1) if a provider is suspected of fraud involving criminal conduct, the office must refer the case under Section 422.209, provided that the criminal referral does not preclude the office from continuing its investigation of the provider or preclude the imposition of appropriate administrative or civil sanctions; or

(6) In the INSPECTOR GENERAL ARTICLE added by Amendment No. 4 by Gattis, strike added Section 422.304, Government Code (page 27, lines 19 through 29 of the amendment), and substitute the following:

Sec. 422.304. IMMEDIATE REFERRAL OF MEDICAID FRAUD. (a) At the time the office learns or has reason to suspect that a health or human services provider's records related to participation in the state Medicaid program are being withheld, concealed, destroyed, fabricated, or in any way falsified, the office shall immediately refer the case as provided in Section 422.209.

(b) A criminal referral under Subsection (a) does not preclude the office from continuing its investigation of a health or human services provider or the imposition of appropriate administrative or civil sanctions.

(7) In the INSPECTOR GENERAL ARTICLE added by Amendment No. 4 by Gattis, strike added Section 422.451(a), Government Code (page 29, lines 23 through 26 of the amendment), and substitute the following:

(a) The office may request that the appropriate authorities obtain an injunction to prevent a person from disposing of an asset identified by the office as potentially subject to recovery by the office due to the person's fraud, waste, or abuse.