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H.B. No. 947

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the authority and duties of the office of inspector
3 general for the Health and Human Services Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. REVIEW OF FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE INVESTIGATION
6 AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY. (a) The office of inspector general of
7 the Health and Human Services Commission shall review how that
8 office works with the office of attorney general to:

9 (1) investigate fraud, waste, and abuse in the
10 provision of health and human services; and

11 (2) enforce state law relating to the provision of
12 those services.

13 (b) Not later than September 1, 2014, and based on the
14 review required by Subsection (a) of this section, the office of
15 inspector general of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
16 submit to the legislature a written report containing the office's
17 recommendations on any additional authority needed by the office to
18 more effectively investigate fraud, waste, and abuse in the
19 provision of health and human services and enforce state law
20 relating to the provision of those services.

21 (c) This section expires January 1, 2015.

22 SECTION 2. STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS SNAP FRAUD, WASTE, AND
23 ABUSE. (a) The office of inspector general of the Health and Human
24 Services Commission shall develop strategies for addressing fraud,

1 waste, and abuse in the administration of the supplemental
2 nutrition assistance program under Chapter 33, Human Resources
3 Code, and the provision of benefits under that program.

4 (b) Not later than September 1, 2014, the office of
5 inspector general of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
6 submit to the legislature a written report on the strategies
7 developed as required by Subsection (a) of this section.

8 (c) This section expires January 1, 2015.

9 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
10 1, 2013.