

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 2523

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the investigation of fraud, waste, and abuse in certain
3 public benefits programs by the office of inspector general for the
4 Health and Human Services Commission.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [531.1022](#)(a), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) The commission's office of inspector general shall
9 employ and commission not more than five peace officers at any given
10 time for the purpose of assisting the office in carrying out the
11 duties of the office relating to the investigation of fraud, waste,
12 and abuse in:

13 (1) Medicaid;

14 (2) the financial assistance program under Chapter [31](#),
15 Human Resources Code;

16 (3) the supplemental nutrition assistance program
17 under Chapter [33](#), Human Resources Code; and

18 (4) the federal special supplemental nutrition
19 program for women, infants, and children authorized by 42 U.S.C.
20 Section 1786.

21 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
22 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
23 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
24 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or

1 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
2 waiver or authorization is granted.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.