

1-1 By: Davis of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 2523
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Collin)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2017;
 1-4 May 11, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-5 Human Services; May 22, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3;
 1-7 May 22, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11		X		
1-12	X			
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2523 By: Uresti

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the investigation of fraud, waste, and abuse in certain
 1-23 public benefits programs by the office of inspector general for the
 1-24 Health and Human Services Commission.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 531.102(t), Government Code, is amended
 1-27 to read as follows:

1-28 (t) At each quarterly meeting of any advisory council
 1-29 responsible for advising the executive commissioner on the
 1-30 operation of the commission, the inspector general shall submit a
 1-31 report to the executive commissioner, the governor, and the
 1-32 legislature on:

1-33 (1) the office's activities;
 1-34 (2) the office's performance with respect to
 1-35 performance measures established by the executive commissioner for
 1-36 the office;

1-37 (3) fraud trends identified by the office; ~~and~~

1-38 (4) any recommendations for changes in policy to
 1-39 prevent or address fraud, waste, and abuse in the delivery of health
 1-40 and human services in this state; and

1-41 (5) the amount of money recovered during the preceding
 1-42 quarter as a result of investigations involving peace officers
 1-43 employed and commissioned by the office for each program for which
 1-44 the office has investigative authority.

1-45 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 31, Human Resources Code,
 1-46 is amended by adding Section 31.045 to read as follows:

1-47 Sec. 31.045. PEACE OFFICERS. The commission's office of
 1-48 inspector general may employ and commission peace officers for the
 1-49 purpose of assisting the office in the investigation of fraud,
 1-50 waste, or abuse in the financial assistance program. A peace
 1-51 officer employed and commissioned by the office is a peace officer
 1-52 for purposes of Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure.

1-53 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code,
 1-54 is amended by adding Section 33.032 to read as follows:

1-55 Sec. 33.032. PEACE OFFICERS. The commission's office of
 1-56 inspector general may employ and commission peace officers for the
 1-57 purpose of assisting the office in the investigation of fraud,
 1-58 waste, or abuse in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.
 1-59 A peace officer employed and commissioned by the office is a peace
 1-60 officer for purposes of Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure.

2-1 SECTION 4. This Act does not authorize the Health and Human
2-2 Services Commission's office of inspector general to commission
2-3 additional peace officers.

2-4 SECTION 5. If before implementing any provision of this Act
2-5 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
2-6 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
2-7 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2-8 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
2-9 waiver or authorization is granted.

2-10 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-14 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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