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H.B. No. 3489

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to audits conducted by the Health and Human Services
3 Commission's office of inspector general.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 531.1204 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 531.1204. UNIFORMITY IN AUDITS. (a) To the extent
8 possible, the commission's office of inspector general shall ensure
9 that for hospitals, hospital systems, and other providers subject
10 to audit by the office there is no disparity in the number of times:

11 (1) each hospital is audited by the office compared to
12 the number of times all other hospitals are audited;

13 (2) each hospital system is audited by the office
14 compared to the number of times all other hospital systems are
15 audited; and

16 (3) each other provider is audited by the office
17 compared to the number of times all other providers are audited.

18 (b) Subsection (a) only applies to routine audits conducted
19 by the office. The subsection does not apply to audits conducted as
20 a result of the suspicion of or an allegation of fraud, waste, or
21 abuse by a hospital, hospital system, or other provider.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.