

House Bill 2523
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

No equivalent provision.

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

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

SENATE VERSION (CS)

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

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

- (1) the office's activities;
- (2) the office's performance with respect to performance measures established by the executive commissioner for the office;
- (3) fraud trends identified by the office; ~~and~~
- (4) any recommendations for changes in policy to prevent or address fraud, waste, and abuse in the delivery of health and human services in this state; and
- (5) the amount of money recovered during the preceding quarter as a result of investigations involving peace officers employed and commissioned by the office for each program for which the office has investigative authority.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

CONFERENCE

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SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 33.032 to read as follows:

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

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

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

SENATE VERSION (CS)

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

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

SECTION 5. Same as House version.

SECTION 6. Same as House version.

CONFERENCE