

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB4229

by Rep. Dwight Kay

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.47 new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that no later than January 1, 2015, the Inspector General of the Department of Human Services shall contract with an independent certified public accountant to perform a forensic audit of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP; formerly the Food Stamp program), and any medical programs administered by the Department. Provides that the forensic audit shall include, but need not be limited to, a review of the application and enrollment process and the payment of benefits to individuals. Provides that the audit shall focus on any fraud or inefficiencies which may be eliminated to contain costs and improve the delivery of benefits to eligible individuals. Provides that the results of the audit shall be forwarded to the Secretary of Human Services. Requires the Secretary of Human Services to report the findings of the audit to the General Assembly along with recommendations to address any findings contained in the audit. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by adding Section 12-4.47 as follows:
- 6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.47 new)
- 7 Sec. 12-4.47. Department of Human Services forensic audit;
- 8 TANF; SNAP. No later than January 1, 2015, the Inspector
- 9 General of the Department of Human Services shall contract with
- 10 <u>an independent certified public accountant to perform a</u>
- 11 forensic audit of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- 12 program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP;
- formerly the Food Stamp program), and any medical programs
- administered by the Department.
- The forensic audit shall include, but need not be limited
- 16 to, a review of the application and enrollment process and the
- payment of benefits to individuals. The audit shall focus on
- any fraud or inefficiencies which may be eliminated to contain
- 19 costs and improve the delivery of benefits to eligible
- 20 individuals.
- 21 The results of the audit shall be forwarded to the
- 22 Secretary of Human Services. The Secretary shall report the
- 23 findings of the audit to the General Assembly along with

- 1 recommendations to address any findings contained in the audit.
- 2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 3 becoming law.