98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB2997

by Rep. Dwight Kay

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.45 new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that no later than January 1, 2014, 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 (formerly the Food Stamp Program), and any medical programs administered by the Department. Provides that the forensic audit shall include, but not be limited 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 costs and improve the delivery of benefits to eligible individuals. Provides that the results of the audit shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Department 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

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by 5 adding Section 12-4.45 as follows:

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(305 ILCS 5/12-4.45 new)

7 Sec. 12-4.45. Department of Human Services forensic audit; TANF; SNAP. No later than January 1, 2014, the Inspector 8 9 General of the Department of Human Services shall contract with an independent certified <u>public accountant to perform a</u> 10 forensic audit of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 11 program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program 12 (formerly the Food Stamp Program), and any medical programs 13 14 administered by the Department.

The forensic audit shall include, but not be limited 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 costs and improve the delivery of benefits to eligible individuals.

21 <u>The results of the audit shall be forwarded to the</u> 22 <u>Secretary of the Department of Human Services. The Secretary</u> 23 shall report the findings of the audit to the General Assembly HB2997 - 2 - LRB098 08909 KTG 39041 b

1 along with recommendations to address any findings contained in 2 the audit.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon4 becoming law.