

Senate File 389

S-3038

1 Amend Senate File 389 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT —
5 REPORTING.

6 1. The department of human services shall continue to
7 undertake strategies to ensure that only eligible persons
8 receive the correct amount of public assistance as efficiently
9 as possible. In doing so, the department shall do all of the
10 following:

11 a. Proceed in securing consulting services for a business
12 process redesign regarding public assistance eligibility to
13 be implemented beginning July 1, 2021, to thoroughly assess
14 the state's current public assistance determination process
15 and identify strategies to reduce food assistance payment
16 errors and increase efficiencies across all public assistance
17 programs under the department's purview. The department shall
18 determine, through the contractor's technical assistance,
19 information technology modifications needed to increase such
20 efficiencies and to assist the department in navigating changes
21 necessitated by shifting federal requirements.

22 b. Participate in the national accuracy clearinghouse, as
23 required pursuant to the federal Agriculture Improvement Act
24 of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-334, following issuance of the final
25 rule by the food and nutrition service of the United States
26 department of agriculture to implement this provision. The
27 department shall continue to be involved in planning efforts
28 with federal partners for the roll out of the national accuracy
29 clearinghouse to other states.

30 c. Collect robust data to help in calculating the return
31 on investment based on the use of an income verification
32 product through participation in a no-cost trial of an income
33 verification product pilot project.

34 2. The department shall not implement any changes related
35 to public assistance eligibility if such implementation

1 conflicts with the receipt of, or places at risk the acceptance
2 of, federal funding related to public assistance programs,
3 including funding provided during the national public health
4 emergency through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
5 Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136.

6 3. The department shall report progress relating to the
7 efforts specified under this section to the governor and the
8 general assembly on a periodic basis.>

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