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HOUSE FILE 531
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 172)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to oversight of public assistance programs, and
2 including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. MEDICAID PROGRAM — ASSET, INCOME, AND IDENTITY VERIFICATION. By December 15, 2017, the department of human services shall report to the governor and the general assembly regarding progress on contracting with a third-party vendor to establish an electronic asset, income, and identity eligibility verification system for the purposes of determining or redetermining the eligibility of an individual who is an applicant for or recipient of medical assistance under the Medicaid state plan on the basis of being aged, blind, or disabled in accordance with 42 U.S.C. §1396w.

Sec. 2. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS — OVERSIGHT — DIRECTIVES TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

1. The department of human services shall review state efforts, including pilot programs related to data sharing between states and technology-based solutions designed to curb interstate dual participation, to address program integrity for public assistance programs including Medicaid, the family investment program (FIP), the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP), and the child care assistance program. As part of the review, the department shall explore opportunities to join existing pilot efforts in collaboration with other states or to develop a separate pilot effort in Iowa.

2. By December 15, 2017, the department shall report to the governor and the general assembly the process used in reviewing state efforts including pilot programs, the findings from the review including the effectiveness and return on investment of pilot programs and other efforts reviewed, and recommendations for potential opportunities to improve program integrity in Iowa.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

EXPLANATION

The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

This bill relates to oversight of public assistance

1 programs. The bill directs the department of human services
2 (DHS) by December 15, 2017, to report to the governor and
3 the general assembly regarding progress on contracting
4 with a third-party vendor to establish an electronic asset,
5 income, and identity eligibility verification system for the
6 purposes of determining or redetermining the eligibility of
7 an individual who is an applicant for or recipient of medical
8 assistance under the Medicaid state plan on the basis of being
9 aged, blind, or disabled.
10 The bill also directs DHS to review state efforts, including
11 pilot programs related to data sharing between states and
12 technology-based solutions designed to curb interstate
13 dual participation, to address program integrity for public
14 assistance programs including Medicaid, the family investment
15 program (FIP), the supplemental nutrition assistance program
16 (SNAP), and the child care assistance program. As part of
17 the review, DHS shall explore opportunities to join existing
18 pilot efforts in collaboration with other states or to develop
19 a separate pilot effort in Iowa. The bill requires DHS by
20 December 15, 2017, to report to the governor and the general
21 assembly the process used in reviewing state efforts including
22 pilot programs, the findings from the review including the
23 effectiveness and return on investment of pilot programs and
24 other efforts reviewed, and recommendations for potential
25 opportunities to improve program integrity in Iowa.
26 The bill takes effect upon enactment.