

SB197 ENGROSSED



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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to state agencies; to require state agencies to take certain measures to prevent fraud before paying benefits to recipients.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, "benefit" means a payment of public funds based on the recipient's ability to meet certain qualifications or criteria. The term does not include a tax credit, tax rebate, or tax refund, nor does it include any grant that requires highly specialized expertise or qualifications whereby a limited number of persons would qualify.

(b) Before any state agency, department, board, or commission may begin to process or pay benefits to recipients pursuant to a new program or newly instituted benefit, the agency, department, board, or commission shall consult with the Department of Public Examiners of Public Accounts to determine if there is a system or service in place which could aid the agency, department, board, or commission in detecting, defraying, or preventing fraudulent payments. If such a system or service exists, the agency, department, board, or



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29 commission shall determine whether such a system or service
30 can be integrated with, modify, or replace its current systems
31 or programs and shall use the system or service to the full
32 extent practicable. This shall be a management decision of the
33 agency, department, board, or commission.

34 (c) This section does not apply to group health
35 benefits administered by a state agency, department, board, or
36 commission.

37 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
38 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
39 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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45 Governmental Affairs
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48 on the calendar:
49 1 amendment
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52 as amended
53 Yeas 31
54 Nays 0
55 Abstains 0
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Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

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