

SB197 ENROLLED



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2 By Senator Orr
3 RFD: State Governmental Affairs
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

15 (b) Before any state agency, department, board, or
16 commission may begin to process or pay benefits to recipients
17 pursuant to a new program or newly instituted benefit, the
18 agency, department, board, or commission shall consult with
19 the Department of Public Examiners of Public Accounts to
20 determine if there is a system or service in place which could
21 aid the agency, department, board, or commission in detecting,
22 defraying, or preventing fraudulent payments. If such a system
23 or service exists, the agency, department, board, or
24 commission shall determine whether such a system or service
25 can be integrated with, modify, or replace its current systems
26 or programs and shall use the system or service to the full
27 extent practicable. This shall be a management decision of the
28 agency, department, board, or commission.



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29 (c) This section does not apply to group health
30 benefits administered by a state agency, department, board, or
31 commission.

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



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 03-May-23

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

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By: Senator Orr