

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 181

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MEDICAID: Provides for Medicaid fraud detection and prevention

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Require the legislative auditor to request disclosure of state income tax data by the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue.
2. Require, rather than authorize, the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue to enter into any agreement necessary to facilitate the sharing of data with the legislative auditor.
3. Require that any disclosure comply with applicable federal law.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law, R.S. 47:1508(A), provides that the records and files of the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue are confidential and privileged and that no person shall divulge or disclose any information obtained from such records and files except as authorized by present law.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue to disclose individual-level state income tax return data to the legislative auditor, upon request of the legislative auditor, for the following purposes exclusively:

- (1) Ensuring accuracy of Medicaid and SNAP eligibility determinations.
- (2) Detecting and preventing fraud in the Medicaid and SNAP programs.
- (3) Fulfilling the requirements of present law relative to Medicaid program integrity, R.S. 46:437.1 et seq.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Revenue to enter into any memorandum of understanding, cooperative endeavor, or other type of agreement as may be necessary to facilitate the sharing of data with the legislative auditor for the purposes set forth in proposed law.

Proposed law requires that any disclosure pursuant to proposed law comply with applicable federal law.

Present law, R.S. 24:513, provides for the powers and duties of the legislative auditor.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the legislative auditor to access individual-level state income tax return data, in accordance with proposed law, for the following purposes:

- (1) Ensuring accuracy of Medicaid and SNAP eligibility determinations.
- (2) Detecting and preventing fraud in the Medicaid and SNAP programs.
- (3) Fulfilling all other applicable requirements of present law relative to Medicaid program integrity, R.S. 46:437.1 et seq.

Present law, R.S. 24:513(G)(1), provides that an audit report prepared by the legislative auditor is public record, but confidential materials disclosed to the legislative auditor used to prepare an audit report are not public record.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 24:513(Q) and R.S. 47:1508(B)(44))