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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Public Health and Welfare
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 10, 2026
Subject: Bill Brief on House Bill 2731

House Bill 2731 would require the secretary for children and families to contract with the office of the inspector general to establish a fraud detection unit for the food assistance program.

HB 2731 creates a new section of law that would require the secretary for children and families to enter into a contract with the office of inspector general for the establishment and operation of a fraud detection unit for the food assistance program by January 1, 2027. The fraud detection unit would be responsible for detecting, investigating and assisting in the prosecution of fraud in the food assistance program and would be required to meet the requirements of the federal regulation regarding fraud detection units. After January 1, 2027, the secretary would be prohibited from hiring any other employees to perform fraud detection activities for the food assistance program.

This bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2026.

