

HOUSE BILL No. 2731

By Committee on Welfare Reform

Requested by Representative Awerkamp

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1 AN ACT concerning public assistance; relating to food assistance;
2 directing the secretary for children and families to contract with the
3 office of the inspector general for the establishment of a fraud detection
4 unit to detect, investigate and assist in prosecuting fraud in the food
5 assistance program.

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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) On or before January 1, 2027, the secretary for
9 children and families shall enter into a contract with the office of inspector
10 general established under K.S.A. 75-7427, and amendments thereto, for
11 the establishment and operation of a fraud detection unit for the food
12 assistance program. Such fraud detection unit, meeting the requirements of
13 C.F.R. § 272.4(g), in effect on the effective date of this act, shall be
14 responsible for detecting, investigating and assisting in the prosecution of
15 fraud in the food assistance program.

16 (b) The fraud detection unit authorized by subsection (a) shall be the
17 department's sole means of fulfilling the requirements of C.F.R. §
18 272.4(g). On and after January 1, 2027, the secretary shall not hire
19 employees or contract with any other entity to perform fraud detection
20 activities for the food assistance program.

21 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
22 publication in the statute book.