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To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 19, 2023  
Subject: SB 488 - Expanding the scope of the inspector general to audit and investigate all state cash, food or health assistance programs and granting the inspector general the power to subpoena, administer oaths and execute search warrants thereto.

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Senate Bill 488 amends K.S.A. 75-7427 to expand the powers, duties and responsibilities of the inspector general to include the power to investigate and audit all state cash, food and health assistance programs.

Subsection (a) is amended to add definitions for the terms “cash assistance”, “food assistance” and “health assistance”. References to medicaid, mediKan and the state children’s health insurance program throughout the statute are replaced with references to “cash, food or health assistance program.”

Subsection (b)(1)(B) is amended to add a provision that a former or current inspector general shall not be employed as an executive or manager for any program or agency subject to the oversight by the office of the inspector general for a period of two years after such inspector general’s period of service has ended.

Current law in subsection (d) provides that the inspector general’s access to contractor or healthcare provider files is limited to those necessary to verify the accuracy of such contractor or healthcare provider’s invoices or their compliance with program and contract requirements. Current law also provides that no healthcare provider shall be compelled to provide medical records of individuals who are not clients of state health assistance programs. These restrictions in subsection (d) are stricken in the bill.

Subsection (g) is amended to add that the inspector general shall now have original jurisdiction to investigate crimes related to public assistance, the power to issue, serve or cause to be served subpoenas or other process of service to aid investigations, the power to administer oaths

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and take sworn statements under the penalty of perjury and the power to serve and execute search warrants in any county that relate to investigations carried out by the office of the inspector general.

Senate Bill 488 will be enacted on July 1, 2024, upon publication in the statute book.