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CHAPTER 63

SENATE BILL 1213

AN ACT

RELATING TO A WELFARE FRAUD AND ERROR RATE REPORT.

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Department of economic security; welfare fraud
3 report

4 A. By December 1, 1996, the department of economic security shall
5 submit a report on fraud and error rates within the aid to families with
6 dependent children and food stamp programs to:

- 7 1. The president of the senate.
- 8 2. The speaker of the house of representatives.
- 9 3. The members of the senate family services committee.
- 10 4. The members of the house of representatives human services
11 committee.

12 B. The report shall include:

13 1. General statistical information on the number of cases referred to
14 the office of special investigations, the results of the referral, the number
15 of prosecutions and the number of administrative penalties imposed.

16 2. The department's current activities and procedures used to address
17 fraud and error rates and an analysis of the effectiveness of these measures.

18 3. An evaluation of the current administrative and criminal penalties
19 available and recommendations on strengthening the deterrent effect of these
20 penalties.

1 4. A description of the procedures taken to hold eligibility intake
2 workers accountable for error rates and procedures used to reduce their error
3 rates.

4 5. A review of the findings and recommendations gathered from recent
5 quality control efforts including visits to local offices, random case
6 checking, federal reporting requirements and in-house committees established
7 to review fraud and error rate concerns.

8 6. A description of changes in eligibility intake worker interviewing
9 techniques to reduce fraud and error rates.

10 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

11 Section 1 of this act is repealed from and after February 28, 1997.

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