

HOUSE BILL 97:

2015 Appropriations Act, Sec. 12A.3: Creation of Office of Program Evaluation Reporting and Accountability Within the Department of Health and Human Services

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SUMMARY: Sec. 12A.3 of S.L. 2015-241 creates the Office of Program Evaluation Reporting and Accountability (OPERA) within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to review DHHS programs by: (i) accessing any data or record maintained by DHHS and to assure its confidentiality when required by State or federal law; (ii) interviewing any DHHS employee or independent contractor without others present; and (iii) conducting announced or unannounced inspections of departmental-owned or departmental-leased facilities.

This section became effective July 1, 2015.

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