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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. **2131**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance  
03/16/2017 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; establishing a priority for audits of the Department of  
1.3 Human Services by the legislative auditor; appropriating money; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 3.972, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 3.972, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 2a. **Audits of Department of Human Services.** To ensure continuous legislative  
1.9 oversight and accountability, the legislative auditor shall give high priority to auditing the  
1.10 programs, services, and benefits administered by the Department of Human Services. The  
1.11 audits shall determine whether the department offered programs and provided services and  
1.12 benefits only to eligible persons and organizations, and complied with applicable legal  
1.13 requirements. The legislative auditor shall periodically report audit findings and  
1.14 recommendations to the Legislative Audit Commission and the legislative committees with  
1.15 jurisdiction over human services policy and finance.

1.16 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.17 \$..... for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, is appropriated from the general fund to  
1.18 the legislative auditor to establish and maintain a team of auditors with the training and  
1.19 experience needed to fulfill the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 3.972, subdivision  
1.20 2a. This amount shall be added to the base budget of the legislative auditor.