## SB197 ENGROSSED



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- 2 By Senator Orr
- 3 RFD: State Governmental Affairs
- 4 First Read: 11-Apr-23

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5	A BILL
6	TO BE ENTITLED
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9	Relating to state agencies; to require state agencies
LO	to take certain measures to prevent fraud before paying
1	benefits to recipients.
12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
L3	Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, "benefit"
L 4	means a payment of public funds based on the recipient's
L 5	ability to meet certain qualifications or criteria. The term
L 6	does not include a tax credit, tax rebate, or tax refund, nor
L 7	does it include any grant that requires highly specialized
L 8	expertise or qualifications whereby a limited number of
L 9	persons would qualify.
20	(b) Before any state agency, department, board, or
21	commission may begin to process or pay benefits to recipients
22	pursuant to a new program or newly instituted benefit, the
23	agency, department, board, or commission shall consult with
24	the Department of Public Examiners of Public Accounts to
25	determine if there is a system or service in place which could
26	aid the agency, department, board, or commission in detecting,
27	defraying, or preventing fraudulent payments. If such a system

or service exists, the agency, department, board, or



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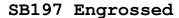
- commission shall determine whether such a system or service

  can be integrated with, modify, or replace its current systems

  or programs and shall use the system or service to the full

  extent practicable. This shall be a management decision of the

  agency, department, board, or commission.
- 34 (c) This section does not apply to group health
  35 benefits administered by a state agency, department, board, or
  36 commission.
- 37 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first 38 day of the third month following its passage and approval by 39 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.





40 41 42 Senate Read for the first time and referred ......11-Apr-23 43 to the Senate committee on State 44 Governmental Affairs 45 46 47 Read for the second time and placed ......19-Apr-23 on the calendar: 48 49 1 amendment 50 51 52 as amended Yeas 31 53 Nays 0 54 Abstains 0 55 56 57 58 Patrick Harris, 59 Secretary. 60