

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3642

To direct the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate certain payment increases under State programs funded by the Department of Health and Human Services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 14, 2026

Mr. MARSHALL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Welfare Abuse and
5 Laundering Zillions Act” or the “WALZ Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING INVESTIGATIONS OF CERTAIN PAY-**
2 **MENT INCREASES UNDER STATE PROGRAMS**
3 **FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
4 **AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

5 In the case that the total amount paid to providers
6 of services and suppliers under a State program that re-
7 ceives Federal financial assistance administered by the
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services during any 6-
9 month period increases by 10 percent or more as com-
10 pared to that amount during the prior 6-month period,
11 the Inspector General of the Department of Health and
12 Human Services shall open an investigation into such pro-
13 gram.

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