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1 AN ACT Relating to an audit of the licensing application migration
2 project and companion projects; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of information services
5 shall perform an audit of the licensing application migration project
6 (LAMP), LITE, and all companion projects.

7 (2) In conducting the audit, the auditor shall involve the
8 department's frontline employees, department and program managers,
9 customers of the department's programs and services, other taxpayers,
10 legislators, legislative staff, office of financial management staff,
11 and other external public and private sector experts as deemed
12 appropriate in conducting the performance audit.

13 (3) The audit must identify those activities and programs that
14 should be continued, those that should be abandoned, and those that
15 need to be redirected or other alternatives explored. In conducting
16 the audit, the auditor shall:

17 (a) Identify each of the project's discrete functions or
18 activities, along with associated costs and full-time equivalent staff;

1 (b) Review each phased segment of the LAMP project and any
2 associated companion projects;

3 (c) Establish the relative priority of the program among the
4 department's functions;

5 (d) Consider whether or not the purpose for which the project was
6 created is still valid based on the circumstances under which the
7 project was begun versus those that exist at the time of the audit;

8 (e) Recommend organizations or programs in the public or private
9 sector to be used as benchmarks against which to measure the
10 performance of the project;

11 (f) Determine whether or not the project is achieving the results
12 for which it was established;

13 (g) Identify alternatives for delivering the project, either in the
14 public or private sector;

15 (h) Identify any duplication of services with other government
16 programs or private enterprises or gaps in services;

17 (i) Identify the costs or implications of not performing the
18 project;

19 (j) Determine the frequency with which other states perform similar
20 projects, as well as their relative funding levels and performance;

21 (k) In the event of inadequate performance by the project, identify
22 the potential for a workable, affordable plan to improve performance;

23 (l) Identify, to the extent possible, the causes of the project's
24 failure to achieve the desired results and identify alternatives for
25 reducing costs or improving service delivery, including transferring
26 functions to other public or private sector organizations;

27 (m) Develop recommendations regarding statutes that inhibit or do
28 not contribute to the department's ability to perform its functions
29 effectively and efficiently;

30 (n) Evaluate the effectiveness of the department's governance and
31 the legislature's policy and fiscal oversight of the department; and

32 (o) Develop an advisory recommendation regarding whether the
33 department's project activities should be continued, abandoned, or
34 restructured.

35 (4) The audit must be conducted under the procedures established in
36 chapter 44.28 RCW, including the preparation of preliminary and final
37 audit reports under RCW 44.28.088 and a follow-up compliance report
38 under RCW 44.28.091. The preliminary audit report shall be completed

1 by August 1, 1997, and the final audit report shall be published by
2 November 1, 1997.

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