

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Addressing state audit findings of noncompliance with state law.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Senators Becker, Rivers, Brown, Miloscia, O'Ban, Zeiger and Angel).

Senate Committee on State Government

House Committee on State Government, Elections & Information Technology

Background: The State Auditor annually audits certain financial statements prepared by the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and conducts post-audits of state agencies. The Auditor must send reports of its audits to the Governor, OFM, the state agency audited, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC), legislative fiscal committees, and the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House. The Auditor must send reports of audits finding that an agency has not complied with state law to the Attorney General.

Summary: Several steps are mandated if the State Auditor finds, in an audit, that an agency has not complied with state law.

Within 30 days of receiving an audit finding that it has not complied with state law, the audited agency must submit a response and remediation plan to OFM. OFM must then submit the final response and remediation plan to the Governor, State Auditor, JLARC, and relevant House and Senate fiscal and policy committees within 60 days of the initial audit findings. If, at the next succeeding audit, the Auditor determines that the audited agency has not made substantial progress in remediating its noncompliance, the Auditor must notify the foregoing entities, including OFM. The Senate Committee on Facilities and Operations and the Executive Rules Committee of the House of Representatives are authorized to refer the finding of noncompliance to the Attorney General for legal action.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	96	0

Effective: July 23, 2017

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