

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1465 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY GROVE, RYAN, BERNSTINE, GAYDOS, MOUL AND KEEFER,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 14, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of the
22 Auditor General, providing for legislative audits.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
26 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a
27 section to read:

28 Section 1006. Legislative Audits.--(a) The Legislative

1 Audit Advisory Commission shall recommend that the Department of
2 the Auditor General conduct audits as specified under this
3 section.

4 (b) The commission shall meet no later than October 31 of
5 each year to review requests made by members of the General
6 Assembly for the Department of the Auditor General to conduct
7 audits. Requests under this subsection may be made by any of the
8 following actions:

9 (1) Passage of a resolution in the Senate requesting
10 that the Department of the Auditor General conduct an audit.

11 (2) Passage of a resolution in the House of
12 Representatives requesting that the Department of the Auditor
13 General conduct an audit.

14 (3) A letter submitted to the commission from a member
15 of the Senate requesting that the Department of the Auditor
16 General conduct an audit.

17 (4) A letter submitted to the commission from a member
18 of the House of Representatives requesting that the
19 Department of the Auditor General conduct an audit.

20 (c) The commission shall recommend requests made under
21 subsection (b) no later than December 31 of each year. A request
22 for an audit shall receive a recommendation from the commission
23 by a majority vote of the members of the commission. The
24 commission shall submit recommendations for audits to the
25 Department of the Auditor General, and the Department of the
26 Auditor General shall comply with the recommendations. Prior to
27 submitting recommendations for audits to the Department of the
28 Auditor General, the commission shall provide the department an
29 opportunity to comment on audit requests by members of the
30 General Assembly under subsection (b).

1 (d) The Department of the Auditor General shall comply with
2 the recommendations made by the commission under subsection (c)
3 using funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the express
4 purpose of funding the audits under this section. The Department
5 of the Auditor General may elect to not comply with the
6 recommendations by the commission under subsection (c) if the
7 General Assembly has not appropriated adequate funds to cover
8 the costs to the Department of the Auditor General to conduct
9 audits recommended under subsection (c).

10 (e) As used in this section, the term "commission" means the
11 Legislative Audit Advisory Commission.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.