



House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Josh Shapiro

DATE: January 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation directing the Auditor General to Conduct Special Performance Audits

In the near future, I will introduce legislation directing the Auditor General to conduct special performance audits.

As you may know, provisions of the Fiscal Code give the Auditor General the authority to conduct audits of the financial affairs of all departments, boards, commissions or officers of the executive branch when, in the judgment of the Auditor General, they may appear necessary. My legislation would direct the Auditor General to conduct special performance audits of all State programs that are subject to the policy, supervision, and control of the Governor. At a time when many State programs are threatened with service and benefit cuts, I feel it is essential that we make every effort to find savings in program delivery. I believe that the results of these audits will help us determine whether these State programs are performing effectively and efficiently, and whether cost savings could be realized by improving service and benefit delivery methods and justify cuts to corresponding General Government Operation line items. As provided in the proposal, the audits would have to be completed no later than February 1, 2013.

If you would like to join me in cosponsoring this important legislation, please contact Sean Brennan in my office at 783-7619 or sbrennan@pahouse.net.