

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1159

By: Mitchell and Hilliard of
the House

and

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An Act relating to state government; requiring the establishment of a cost and revenue reporting system; requiring certain internal audits; requiring certain audits by the State Auditor and Inspector; specifying such audits; providing for cost of certain audit; specifying scope of audit; specifying format of audit; specifying completion date; providing for audit as public record; providing penalties; requiring certain notice; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1847.4, which relates to audits required of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission; eliminating certain audit requirements; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1852.1 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation shall establish a cost and revenue reporting system for all budget activities and subactivities of the Department.

B. In addition to such other audits as may be required of or desired by the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation, the Department shall annually have an independent audit performed by the State Auditor and Inspector or his designated agent. This audit shall be conducted in accordance with the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards as issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The cost of the audit shall be borne by the Department.

The scope of the audit required by this section shall be a financial-related audit of the operation of the Department's lodges, golf courses and parks. On a rotating three-year basis, the audit scope shall include the lodges in the first year, the golf courses in the second year, and the parks in the third year. In any year in which the designated operations will not be included in the scope of the audit performed by the State Auditor and Inspector or his designee, the Department's internal auditors shall perform audits of these operations, for the purpose of continuity of audit coverage.

The required audit reports shall be prepared in a comparable format as prescribed by the State Auditor and Inspector and shall include but not be limited to a schedule of cash flow activities of the lodges, golf courses and parks. In addition, the report shall

address the adequacy of relevant and related statutes, policies, procedures and internal controls with emphasis on cash receipting activities.

The audits required by this section shall be completed on or before December 31 of each year and shall, upon distribution, become public record.

C. Any person who intentionally alters or destroys records needed for the performance of an audit as provided for in this section or intentionally causes or directs a subordinate to do such acts, shall be subject to immediate removal from office or employment and all accrued benefits shall be terminated immediately.

D. The Commission shall provide notice to Department employees affected by this section of the prohibited acts and the penalties provided for in this section.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1847.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1847.4 The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission shall cause to be kept complete and accurate accounts of all transactions and affairs of the Commission, conforming to approved methods of bookkeeping. Such accounts and the contracts, documents and records of the Commission shall be kept at its principal office and shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times. ~~The Commission shall cause to be made and completed within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year an audit of its books and financial records for such year, which audit, so far as may be required by the provisions of any proceedings authorizing revenue bonds hereunder, shall be made by an independent certified public accountant. A copy of such audit, certified by the accountant, shall be filed with the Treasurer of the State of Oklahoma, and shall constitute a public record.~~

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1993.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of April, 1993.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 24th day of March, 1993.

President of the Senate