

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1425
Version:	Introduced
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Impact:	\$0 Immediate to the State; Performance Audits and Tax Incentive Reviews, Subject to Available Funding

Research Analysis

HB1425, as introduced, renames the Legislative Oversight Committee on State Budget Performance to the Joint Committee on Accountability and changes the duties and membership of the committee. The measure tasks the committee with additional duties to ensure that taxpayer funds are being used efficiently and effectively and that state agencies are using the best practices available. These include:

- identifying and publishing a list of state agencies or programs for which a performance audit will be conducted;
- identifying and publishing a list of tax preferences or other provisions of tax law for which a tax incentive review will be conducted;
- identifying assets owned or services provided by the state that could be privatized;
- collecting information from state agencies or relevant entities which relate to a performance audit or tax incentive review; and
- investigating allegations of waste, fraud, abuse and corruption in state government.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure authorizes the Joint Committee on Accountability to request the State Auditor and Inspector to conduct performance audits, authorizes the Committee to request certain tax incentive reviews, and authorizes the Committee to study the feasibility of privatizing certain assets. Costs associated with performance audits will depend on a number of variables, including the auditors' risk assessment, scope of the audit, and hourly rate(s) of the auditor(s) assigned to the task. Similarly, any review of tax incentives or feasibility studies will depend on the scope of the project and current administrative availability. There are no immediate costs resulting from these provisions, as all are subject to availability of funding.

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Other Considerations

None.

