

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2696 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Gerrid Kendrix

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2696

By: Kendrix

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 213.2, which relates to performance audits; modifying provisions related to certain examinations by the State Auditor and Inspector; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 213.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 213.2 A. There is hereby created in the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector a Performance Audit Division, subject to the discretion of the State Auditor and Inspector. An Assistant State Auditor and Inspector may be appointed to direct the operations of the Division, subject to the supervision and control of the State Auditor and Inspector at all times.

1 B. The State Auditor and Inspector, deputies and agents of the
2 Performance Audit Division may examine all books and accounts of all
3 public officers, institutions and other governmental entities
4 specified in Sections 212 through 227.9 of this title to instruct
5 the proper officers thereof in the performance of their duties and
6 to prescribe cost-effective methods of operating such governmental
7 entities; provided, however, the State Auditor and Inspector shall
8 perform the examinations authorized in this subsection upon
9 receiving a written request to do so by the Governor, Lieutenant
10 Governor, Attorney General, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
11 Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate,
12 the chief executive officer of a governmental entity or pursuant to
13 a joint or concurrent resolution of the Legislature. A copy of the
14 examination shall be given to the examined entity. A copy of any
15 examination conducted pursuant to this subsection shall be submitted
16 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
17 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the appropriations and budget
18 chairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the
19 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and of the Senate.

20 C. The cost of the examinations authorized pursuant to
21 subsection B of this section shall be borne by the examined agency
22 in an amount not to exceed the actual costs of the examination.
23 Prior to the start of such an examination, the State Auditor and
24 Inspector shall prepare in writing and present to the affected state

1 agency an estimate of the cost of the examination. If the estimate
2 requires revision, the State Auditor and Inspector shall notify the
3 agency in a prompt manner. Except as otherwise provided, the State
4 Auditor and Inspector shall recover its costs for the examination
5 pursuant to monthly progress billings presented by the State Auditor
6 and Inspector to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services
7 detailing current monthly costs for each examination. In addition,
8 the State Auditor and Inspector shall provide a copy of the billing
9 to the affected state agency. The Office of Management and
10 Enterprise Services may deduct the amounts billed from the next
11 subsequent allotment for the corresponding state agency and transfer
12 the funds to the State Auditor and Inspector Revolving Fund.

13 D. The salaries and traveling expenses of the Assistant State
14 Auditor and Inspector, deputies and agents of the Performance Audit
15 Division and the costs of material, supplies and equipment for the
16 Division shall be paid from funds made available through
17 appropriation by the Legislature.

18 E. The State Auditor and Inspector shall submit an annual
19 report of the Performance Audit Division to the Governor, the
20 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives, appropriations and budget chairs of the House of
22 Representatives and the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the
23 Senate and of the House of Representatives.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or 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.

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