

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 740

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR: Provides relative to the availability of auditor reports prepared or accepted by the legislative auditor

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:516(A), relative to legislative auditor reports; to provide for
3 internet access to audit reports; to remove certain filing requirements and filing
4 timelines; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 24:516(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §516. Reports

8 A.(1) The legislative auditor shall file copies of all audit reports released by
9 his office with the governor, the attorney general, and the office investigated. ~~For~~
10 ~~purposes of public inspection, the~~ The legislative auditor shall ~~file~~ make available
11 via his website copies of all audit reports, whether prepared by his office or accepted
12 by the legislative auditor pursuant to R.S. 24:513(A) and R.S. 46:1064(B) ~~with the~~
13 ~~clerk of court of the parish within which the office investigated is domiciled, the~~
14 ~~parishes of East Baton Rouge and Orleans excepted.~~ Such copies may be filed
15 electronically; however, the legislative auditor shall make actual paper copies of
16 such reports available to any of these officials upon their request.

17 (2) ~~The period during which the clerk of court is required, under the~~
18 ~~provisions of this Subsection, to make an audit report of the legislative auditor~~
19 ~~available for public inspection shall begin on the first regular scheduled work day~~
20 ~~after expiration of three days from the time the report is filed in the office of the~~

1 ~~clerk of court and shall extend for a period of not less than one year.~~ All such reports
 2 shall call attention to those matters required by governmental auditing standards,
 3 including reportable conditions, failure to comply with laws and regulations, and
 4 such additional matters that may be included in a management letter. Reports shall
 5 make specific recommendations for future avoidance together with management's
 6 response. If the report discloses any alleged criminal acts by any public officer or
 7 employee, the legislative auditor shall furnish an additional copy of the report to the
 8 district attorney of the parish where the offense was committed.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the requirement that the legislative auditor file copies of all audit reports with clerks of court, removes provisions requiring a clerk of court to make auditor's reports available, and requires that all audit reports be made available via the legislative auditor's website.

Present law requires the legislative auditor to file copies of all audit reports with the governor, the attorney general, and the office investigated.

Present law further requires the legislative auditor to file copies of all audit reports prepared by his office or accepted by his office with the clerk of court of the parish within which the office investigated is domiciled, except East Baton Rouge Parish and Orleans Parish. Requires the clerk to make those reports available for public inspection for a period of time no less than one year starting on the first scheduled work day after expiration of three days from the time the report is filed in the office of the clerk of court.

Proposed law removes the requirement that the legislative auditor file copies of audits with the clerk of court and for the clerk of court to make the audits available and provides instead that the legislative auditor shall make available, via his website, all audit reports.

(Amends R.S. 24:516(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Make technical change.