

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 286

BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AUDITS/AUDITING: Requires an internal auditing function in state departments

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:238(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:3023(B), 3138.5, 3351(H)
3 and 36:8.2, relative to internal auditing functions in state government; to require an
4 internal auditing function in the Board of Regents, the Louisiana Student Financial
5 Assistance Commission, postsecondary education management boards and certain
6 state departments; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. 17:3023(B), 3138.5, and 3351(H) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3023. Powers and duties

10 A.

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12 B. In addition to any other powers and duties authorized by this Section for
13 the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission, the commission shall
14 establish an internal auditing function and shall establish a chief audit executive that
15 will be responsible for adhering to the Institute of Internal Auditors, International
16 Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. The chief audit
17 executive shall annually certify to the commission that the internal auditing function
18 conforms with these standards, including:

19 (1) Annually developing and documenting an internal audit plan.

20 (2) Reporting conclusions and findings from the audit plan.

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1 establish a chief audit executive within the department that will be responsible for
2 adhering to the Institute of Internal Auditors International Standards for the
3 Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. The chief audit executive shall annually
4 certify to the undersecretary that the internal auditing function for the department
5 conforms with these standards, including:

6 (1) Annually developing and documenting an internal audit plan.

7 (2) Reporting conclusions and findings from the audit plan.

8 B. For the purpose of this Section, "undersecretary" means the officer
9 designated to direct and be responsible for the functions of the office of management
10 and finance of each department in the executive branch of state government, except
11 "undersecretary" means the following in the case of the listed departments:

12 (a) For the Department of State Civil Service, the State Civil Service
13 Commission through the director.

14 (b) For the Department of Agriculture, the assistant commissioner for
15 management and finance.

16 (c) For the Department of Education, the deputy superintendent for
17 management and finance.

18 (e) For the Department of Insurance, the deputy commissioner for
19 management and finance.

20 (f) For the Department of Justice, the director of the division of
21 administrative services.

22 (g) For the Department of Public Service, the executive secretary of the
23 Public Service Commission.

24 (h) For the Department of State, the secretary.

25 (i) For the Department of the Treasury, the deputy state treasurer for
26 management and finance.

27 (j) For the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the chief financial officer.

