

New law provides that all costs incurred by the legislative auditor to audit, investigate, or report possible fraud, theft, or other misappropriation shall be recoverable by civil suit against the responsible party.

Authorizes the attorney general, upon a finding of fraud, theft, or other misappropriation and at the request of the legislative auditor, to seek recovery on behalf of the auditor of these costs through civil suit against the responsible party.

Provides that all costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the attorney general in the civil suit shall be recoverable from the responsible party.

Requires the attorney general or the local district attorney prosecuting such crimes to also seek restitution.

Defines "responsible party" as the person or entity actually responsible for the misappropriation.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 24:524)