

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 314 (HB 286)**

**2015 Regular Session**

**Pearson**

New law requires the Board of Regents, the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission, each postsecondary education management board, and the secretary of each department in the executive branch of state government that includes an agency with an appropriation of \$30 million or more to establish an internal audit function and to establish an office of the chief audit executive who shall be responsible for ensuring that the internal audit function adheres to the Institute of Internal Auditors, International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.

New law requires the chief audit executive to maintain organizational independence in accordance with the Institute of Internal Auditors, International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing and to have direct and unrestricted access to the specified official, board, or commission.

New law further requires the Legislative Audit Advisory Council to hold a hearing if the legislative auditor finds that a state agency required to have an internal audit function does not have an effective internal audit function, including that the agency is not adhering to the required standards.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 17:3023(B), 3138.5, and 3351(H), R.S. 24:553(D), and R.S. 36:8.2)