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SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

April 29, 2025
Chair of Committee Date
Committee on <u>Finance</u> .
After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:
be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation and with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar:
Amend printed bill, page 2, line 5, after " report. " insert "(1)" and strike "AND MORE".
Page 2, line 6, strike "FREQUENTLY IN THE STATE AUDITOR'S DISCRETION,".
Page 2, after line 17, insert:
"(2) IN CONDUCTING THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL: (a) DETERMINE WHETHER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION COMPLIES WITH STATUTE AND ITS STATUTORY PURPOSE;
(b) Assess the impact of the air pollution control
DIVISION'S PROCESSES ON THE ABILITY OF STAKEHOLDERS TO ACCESS
PROGRAM BENEFITS AND IDENTIFY ANY DIVISION PROCESSES THAT MAY BE
UNNECESSARY, UNREASONABLE, OR CAUSE DELAYS; (c) DETERMINE WHETHER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION'S
FUNDING AND STAFFING LEVELS ARE SUFFICIENT FOR IT TO EFFICIENTLY
AND EFFECTIVELY FULFILL ITS STATUTORY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
RELATED TO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING
ASSESSING HOW FUNDING OR STAFFING CHANGES MADE AT THE STATE
LEVEL MIGHT IMPACT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;
(d) DETERMINE WHETHER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION
REQUESTED AND WAS APPROPRIATED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WHETHER THAT DECISION IMPACTED PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTATION AND THE TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION; AND

(e) NOT INCLUDE A REVIEW OF A RULE NOT YET FINALIZED BUT

- 1 MAY CONSIDER CHANGES BEING PROPOSED TO A CURRENT RULE.".
- 2 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 14 and substitute:

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- "2-3-132. Performance audit division of unemployment insurance. (1) DURING THE 2027 AND 2032 CALENDAR YEARS, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL CONDUCT OR CAUSE TO BE CONDUCTED A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CREATED IN SECTION 8-71-101 TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE IS EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY 9 PERFORMING AND FULFILLING THE DIVISION'S STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS. 10 UPON COMPLETION OF A PERFORMANCE AUDIT, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE.
 - (2) IN CONDUCTING THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL:
 - (a) DETERMINE WHETHER THE DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMPLIES WITH STATUTE AND ITS STATUTORY PURPOSE;
 - (b) ASSESS THE IMPACT OF THE DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROCESSES ON THE ABILITY OF STAKEHOLDERS TO ACCESS PROGRAM BENEFITS AND IDENTIFY ANY DIVISION PROCESSES THAT MAY BE UNNECESSARY, UNREASONABLE, OR CAUSE DELAYS;
 - (c) DETERMINE WHETHER THE DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUNDING AND STAFFING LEVELS ARE SUFFICIENT FOR IT TO EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY FULFILL ITS STATUTORY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND **ENFORCEMENT:**
 - (d) DETERMINE WHETHER THE DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REQUESTED AND WAS APPROPRIATED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WHETHER THAT DECISION IMPACTED PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND THE TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION; AND
- 30 (e) NOT INCLUDE A REVIEW OF A RULE NOT YET FINALIZED BUT 31 MAY CONSIDER CHANGES BEING PROPOSED TO A CURRENT RULE.".
- 32 Page 1, lines 105 and 106, strike "THE DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS
- 33 AND STATISTICS." and substitute "THE DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT
- 34 INSURANCE.".