

House Government Operations

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32 V.S.A. § 163 (3) is amended to read:

In addition to any other duties prescribed by law, the Auditor of Accounts shall:

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(3)(A) Prominently post and retain on his or her official State website, and update at least annually on or before July 1, the following information:

(i) All reports with findings that result from audits conducted under subdivision (1) of this section.

(ii) A summary of significant recommendations contained in audit reports issued since January 1, 2012 arising from audits conducted under subdivision (1) of this section, and the dates on which corrective actions were taken related to those recommendations.

(iii) A summary of all embezzlement convictions, and false claim convictions as described in 13 V.S.A. § 3016, against any agency or department of the State, since July 1, 2007. The summary shall include the names of all persons convicted of those offenses.

(B) Periodically ~~F~~follow up on recommendations described in subdivision (A)(ii) of this subdivision (3) for at least ~~biennially and for at least four~~ three years from the ~~date~~ year ~~of~~ the audit report was issued.

32 V.S.A. § 167 is amended to read:

(a) For the purpose of examination and audit authorized by law, all the records, accounts, books, papers, reports, and returns in all formats of all departments, institutions, ~~and~~ agencies, and instrumentalities of the State, including the trustees or custodians of trust funds and all municipal, school supervisory union, school district, and county officers who receive or disburse funds for the benefit of the State, shall be made available to the Auditor of Accounts. It shall be the duty of each officer of each department, institution, ~~and~~ agency and instrumentality of the State or municipality, school supervisory union, school district, or county to provide the records, accounts, books, papers, reports, returns, and such other explanatory information when required by the Auditor of Accounts.

Delete the following sections of statute:

29 V.S.A. §735 – Authority to examine accounts and books of Vermont Transportation Authority (*inactive*)

30 V.S.A. §8071 – Authority to examine accounts and books of Vermont Telecommunications Authority (*period of dormancy*)

18 V.S.A. § 9352 is amended to read:

(k) The Auditor of Accounts of the State and his or her authorized representatives may at any time examine the accounts and books of VITL including its receipts, disbursements, contracts, funds, investments and any other matters relating to their designation as the operator of the exclusive statewide health information exchange network for Vermont.

18 V.S.A. § 8907 is amended to read:

(c) The Auditor of Accounts of the State and his or her authorized representatives may at any time examine the accounts and books of the agencies designated under this chapter, including receipts, disbursements, contracts, funds, investments and any other matters relating to their work on behalf of the State to provide community mental health and developmental services.

16 V.S.A. § 2177 (b) [relating to the Vermont State Colleges] is amended to read:

(b) The financial statements of the Corporation shall be audited annually as of June 30 by an independent public accounting firm registered in Vermont in accordance with government auditing standards issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office. ~~The Auditor of Accounts or his or her designee shall be the State's nonvoting representative to an audit committee established by the Board.~~

16 V.S.A. § 2281 [relating to the VT Student Assistance Corp.] is amended to read:

§ 2835. Controls, audits, and reports

Control of funds appropriated and all procedures incident to the carrying out of the purposes of this chapter shall be vested in the Board. The books of account of the Corporation shall be audited annually by an independent public accounting firm registered in the State of Vermont in accordance with government auditing standards issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the resulting audit report filed with the Secretary of Administration not later than November 1 each year. ~~The Auditor of Accounts or his or her designee shall be the State's nonvoting representative to an audit committee established by the Board.~~ Biennially, the Board shall report to the Legislature on its activities during the preceding biennium. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this section.