

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 657
96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 29, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a one-time audit and analysis of fiscal practices and cost savings in state departments, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 29, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 29.375, to read as follows:

29.375. 1. The state auditor shall, on a one-time basis, perform a comparative audit of at least five, but no more than ten, of the largest state agencies, as determined by total appropriation for fiscal year 2011.

2. The state auditor shall develop criteria for fiscal responsibility that are applicable to all agencies regardless of their statutory, legal, or programmatic mandates. While creating criteria for the audit, the auditor shall conform with the provisions of applicable law and the standards for auditing of governmental organizations, programs, activities, and functions established by the comptroller general of the United States.

3. Upon completion of the audit, which shall occur no later than August 28, 2013, the auditor shall submit a report of the findings and recommendations to the general assembly, all statewide elected officials, the office of administration, and all state departments. The report issued shall contain recommendations including, but not limited to, the optimal fiscal practices to be promoted across all state agencies and efficiency or cost saving measures, including recommended changes to agency policy or state law, that could reduce the amount of government spending.

Section B. Because of the need to ensure fiscal responsibility within state agencies, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health,

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

3 welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of
4 the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and
5 approval.

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