

SCS SB 323 -- ONE-TIME COMPARATIVE AUDITS OF STATE AGENCIES

SPONSOR: Schaefer (Allen)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 12 to 3.

This substitute requires the State Auditor by August 28, 2013, to conduct a one-time comparative audit of at least five but no more than 10 of the largest state agencies as determined by total appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011. Upon completion of the audit, the State Auditor must submit a report of the findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and all statewide elected officials, the Office of Administration, and all state departments containing the optimal fiscal practices to be promoted across all state agencies and other efficiency or cost-saving measures that could reduce government spending.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund of a cost of \$100,000 to \$300,000 in FY 2012, an income of \$0 in FY 2013, and an income of \$0 in FY 2014. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will streamline government by allowing the State Auditor's Office to conduct this one-time comparative audit to find the optimal fiscal practices and other efficiency or cost-saving measures to be implemented in all state agencies.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Allen for Senator Schaefer; and Office of the State Auditor.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.