

SENATE BILL NO. 78

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DYSON

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Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the powers and duties of the legislative audit division."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 24.20.271 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 24.20.271. Powers [AND DUTIES].** The legislative audit division may
5 [SHALL]

6 (1) conduct a performance post-audit of boards and commissions
7 designated in AS 44.66.010 and of those programs and activities of agencies subject to
8 termination as determined in the manner set out in AS 44.66.020 and 44.66.030, and
9 make the audit, together with a written report, available to the legislature not later than
10 the first day of the regular session of the legislature convening in each year set out
11 with reference to boards, commissions, or agency programs whose activities are
12 subject to termination as prescribed in AS 44.66; the division shall notify the
13 legislature that the audit and report are available;

14 (2) audit at least once every three years the books and accounts of all
15 custodians of public funds and all disbursing officers of the state;

1 (3) at the direction of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee,
2 conduct performance post-audits on any agency of state government;

3 (4) cooperate with state agencies by offering advice and assistance as
4 requested in establishing or improving the accounting systems used by state agencies;

5 (5) require the assistance and cooperation of all state officials and
6 other state employees in the inspection, examination, and audit of state agency books
7 and accounts;

8 (6) have access at all times to the books, accounts, reports, or other
9 records, whether confidential or not, of every state agency;

10 (7) ascertain, as necessary for audit verification, the amount of agency
11 funds on deposit in any bank as shown on the books of the bank; no bank may be held
12 liable for making information required under this paragraph available to the legislative
13 audit division;

14 (8) complete studies and prepare reports, memoranda, or other
15 materials as directed by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee;

16 (9) have direct access to any information related to the management of
17 the University of Alaska and have the same right of access as exists with respect to
18 every other state agency;

19 (10) conduct an audit every two years of information found in the
20 annual reports required under AS 42.05.211 and AS 42.06.220 regarding compliance
21 by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska with the requirements of AS 42.05.175(a) -
22 (e) and of the timeline extensions made by the commission under AS 42.05.175(f),
23 and of other performance measures adopted by the commission;

24 **(11) perform an audit of an organization that receives money from**
25 **or through the state, including money that the state has received from the federal**
26 **government, when the performance of the audit is approved by the Legislative**
27 **Budget and Audit Committee.**