



# SENATE BILL 374: State Auditor/Verifications & Access.

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	April 25, 2017
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 374 would provide that the State Auditor is responsible for verification audits for compliance with statutory requirements, with or without advance notice to the organization or State agency being audited, which may be initiated at the discretion of the Auditor or as requested by the Governor or General Assembly. The Auditor would be allowed to examine accounts and records or organizations or State agencies for verifications audits. The act would be effective when it becomes law.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 374 would amend the duties of the State Auditor to provide that the auditor must make findings of fact on whether State agencies are adhering to statutory requirements that include conditions precedent, classifications, and similar eligibility or qualifying standards to assure that statutory intent is carried out.

The act also would provide that the State Auditor is responsible for verification audits for compliance with statutory requirements, with or without advance notice to the organization or State agency being audited, which may be initiated at the discretion of the Auditor or as requested by the Governor or General Assembly. The Auditor would be allowed to examine accounts and records or organizations or State agencies for verifications audits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act is effective when it becomes law.

**BACKGROUND:** The State Auditor has broad powers to examine all books, records, files, papers, documents, and financial affairs of every State agency. The State Auditor also has the power to summon people to produce records and to answer questions under oath. The State Auditor performs an array of work, including financial statement audits, financial related audits, performance audits, information technology audits, and investigative reports.

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