

HCS HB 583 -- AUDITS OF STATE ENTITIES (Riggs)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Government Oversight

This bill requires performance audits, to be conducted every four years, on each of the state departments, the Legislature, the Judiciary, and departments and offices under the Executive branch, including but not limited to, the Office of Administration, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, and State Treasurer. The Office of Administration must solicit bids and select an independent auditor.

The bill requires each department to post the results of the audit on their website within 30 days of the audits completion and requires the Office of Administration to submit the results of each audit to the General Assembly. Failure to participate in the audit would subject the department to a declaratory judgment and injunctive relief suit, in which the department would have to retain its own counsel.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2126 (2020).