



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by H. Government Accountability and Oversight)

Reps. Schaffer and Duffey, Blessing, Boose, Vitale, Brown, Buchy, Butler, Pelanda, R. Smith

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the Auditor of State to conduct a performance audit of a state institution of higher education.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Performance audits of institutions of higher education

The bill authorizes the Auditor of State, at the Auditor's discretion, to conduct a performance audit of a state institution of higher education¹ in the same manner as the Auditor may currently conduct performance audits of state agencies.² In conducting a performance audit, the Auditor of State must determine the scope of the audit, and must consider, if appropriate, supervisory and subordinate level operations in the agency or institution.

The bill also provides that a performance audit of a state institution of higher education may be one of the four performance audits that continuing law requires the Auditor of State to conduct each biennium.

¹ "State institution of higher education" means any state university or college, community college, state community college, university branch, or technical college. And "state university or college" means any public institution of higher education, which is a body politic and corporate, specifically including each of the following institutions: the University of Akron, Bowling Green State University, Central State University, the University of Cincinnati, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Miami University, Ohio University, Ohio State University, Shawnee State University, the University of Toledo, Wright State University, Youngstown State University, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, and includes the board of trustees of the university (R.C. 3345.011 and 3345.12, both of which are not in the bill).

² R.C. 117.46.

As is the case for each with respect to performance audits of state agencies under current law, a state institution of higher education that is the subject of a performance audit must accept comments regarding the performance audit from interested parties, and must make all comments available to the public.³ Also, the state institution of higher education must implement the recommendation of a performance audit within three months after the end of the comment period or must (1) file a report with the Governor, Auditor of State, Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and President and Minority Leader of the Senate explaining why the institution has not commenced implementation of the recommendations, and (2) provide testimony explaining why the institution has not commenced implementation of the recommendations to the House of Representatives and Senate committees dealing primarily with the programs and activities of the institution. An institution that does not fully implement an audit recommendation within one year after the end of the comment period for the audit must file a report with the Governor, Auditor of State, Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and President and Minority Leader of the Senate justifying why the recommendation has not or will not be implemented.⁴ Also, the Auditor of State's annual report regarding performance audits must describe whether a state institution of higher education that has been the subject of a performance audit has implemented the audit recommendations, and must describe the amount of money saved as a result of the implementation.⁵

HISTORY

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³ R.C. 117.461.

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