

Amend CSHB 1079 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Chapter 402, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 402.0071 to read as follows:

Sec. 402.0071. AUDIT OF FUNDS CREDITED TO JUDICIAL FUND PROGRAMS. (a) The comptroller may accept funds under Section 402.007(b) only if the funds are subject to the following conditions:

(1) Each biennium, the state auditor shall conduct an audit of funds collected under Section 402.007 for the purpose of providing basic civil legal services to the indigent or disbursed to a program approved by the supreme court for purposes of Section 51.943 from the basic civil legal services account described by Section 51.943; and

(2) In conducting an audit under this section, the state auditor must review:

(1) all funds described by Subsection (a);

(2) the details of each grant made from those funds;

(3) the program's method for selecting each grant recipient; and

(4) the manner in which each grant recipient expended the granted funds.

(b) Not later than November 30 of each odd-numbered year, the state auditor shall submit a written report for the biennial audit conducted under this section to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, members of the legislature, and Legislative Budget Board.