

AN ACT

relating to postpayment audits conducted by the comptroller and annual financial reports submitted by state agencies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 403.071, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (g) and (h) and adding Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

(g) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the comptroller ~~[and a state agency]~~ may ~~[contract in writing for the comptroller to]~~ audit claims presented by the state agency after the comptroller prepares warrants or uses the electronic funds transfer system to pay the claims. ~~[If the comptroller and a state agency execute a contract, the comptroller may decide the types of claims that will be audited after payment.]~~

~~(h) [This subsection applies if the comptroller and a state agency have contracted in accordance with Subsection (g). The comptroller shall audit claims after payment in the same way that the comptroller audits claims before payment under Subsection (a).]~~

The comptroller may establish requirements and adopt rules concerning the time that a state agency must retain documentation in its files to enable a postpayment audit. If a postpayment audit by the comptroller shows that a claim presented by a state agency was invalid, the comptroller may:

(1) implement procedures to ensure that similar

1 invalid claims from the state agency are not paid in the future;

2 (2) report to the governor, the lieutenant governor,  
3 the speaker of the house of representatives, the state auditor, and  
4 the Legislative Budget Board the results of the audit;

5 (3) require the state agency to obtain a refund of the  
6 monies from the payee; and

7 (4) [~~cancel the contract with the state agency, and~~

8 [~~5~~] reduce the state agency's remaining  
9 appropriations by the amount of the claim.

10 (i) The comptroller may access the books, accounts,  
11 confidential or nonconfidential reports, vouchers, electronic  
12 data, or other records or information of a state agency subject to a  
13 postpayment audit. If information may not be released under  
14 federal law, the comptroller may not access the information without  
15 approval of the appropriate federal agency.

16 (j) The comptroller shall use reasonable efforts to avoid  
17 hindering the daily operations of a state agency subject to a  
18 postpayment audit by coordinating requests for access to books,  
19 accounts, reports, vouchers, electronic data, or other records or  
20 information of the audited agency.

21 SECTION 2. Section 2101.011(c), Government Code, is amended  
22 to read as follows:

23 (c) A state agency's annual financial report must include  
24 information on [~~a detailed statement of~~] all assets, liabilities,  
25 and fund balances, including:

26 (1) cash on hand and on deposit in banks and accounts  
27 in the state treasury;

1           (2) ~~[the value of consumable supplies and postage,~~  
2           ~~[(3)]~~ the value of the agency's inventory of movable  
3 equipment and other fixed assets;  
4           (3) ~~[(4) all other assets,~~  
5           ~~[(5)]~~ an itemization of the investments, bonds, notes,  
6 and other securities owned by any special funds under the agency's  
7 jurisdiction, including the amount and value of the securities;  
8           (4) ~~[(6)]~~ all money due the agency from any source;  
9           (5) ~~[(7)]~~ all outstanding commitments of the agency,  
10 including amounts due for services or goods received by the agency;  
11           (6) ~~[(8)]~~ a summary by source of all revenue collected  
12 or accruing through the agency;  
13           (7) ~~[(9)]~~ a summary of all appropriations,  
14 expenditures, bona fide encumbrances, and other disbursements by  
15 the agency; and  
16           (8) ~~[(10)]~~ any other financial information requested  
17 by the comptroller.

18           SECTION 3. Section 2101.012(b), Government Code, is amended  
19 to read as follows:

20           (b) The procedures must ~~[+~~  
21           ~~[(1) comply with generally accepted accounting~~  
22 ~~principles as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards~~  
23 ~~Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or~~  
24 ~~their successors, and~~  
25           ~~[(2)]~~ include the requirements for compliance with the  
26 federal Single Audit Act of 1984 and Office of Management and Budget  
27 Circular A-133 and any subsequent changes or amendments that will

1 fulfill the audit requirements for a statewide single audit.

2           SECTION 4. Sections 403.071(i) and (j), Government Code, as  
3 added by this Act, apply to a postpayment audit initiated on or  
4 after the effective date of this Act. A postpayment audit initiated  
5 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in  
6 effect on the date the audit is initiated, and the former law is  
7 continued in effect for that purpose.

8           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2042 was passed by the House on May 3, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2042 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor