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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

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IN RE: HB2256 by Sanford (Relating to procedures for tax auditing, determining amounts of overpayments, and obtaining reimbursements of overpayments of gas production taxes.),
As Engrossed

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would amend Chapter 201, Tax Code, regarding natural gas, to allow the Comptroller to authorize a natural gas production taxpayer to conduct a managed audit in order to determine the taxpayer's tax liability. A taxpayer would be entitled to a refund or credit of any tax overpayment as a result of a managed audit. Unless the managed audit discloses fraud or willful evasion of tax due, the Comptroller would not be allowed to assess a penalty on any amounts identified as due because of a managed audit and would be authorized to waive any interest that would have accrued on the liability.

The Comptroller could authorize a taxpayer to use a sampling of marketing cost transactions to determine the amount of tax overpaid to the state.

The Comptroller indicates the bill would have no fiscal impact on the state.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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