

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
99TH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018**

**Introduced by Rep. Graves**

# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4259**

AN ACT to amend 2003 PA 1, entitled "An act to provide for the audit and examination of this state and state funds; to provide for the audit and examination of the books and accounts of all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities, and institutions of this state; to prescribe powers and duties of certain state officers and employees; to provide for access to certain records; to provide for the subpoena of witnesses and production of documents and records; to prescribe penalties; and to provide for the administration of this act," by amending section 1 (MCL 13.101).

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 1. (1) As provided for in section 53 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963, the auditor general shall conduct audits and examinations of all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities, and institutions of this state.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary except as provided in subsection (10) or where the auditor general's access is expressly limited by law, in connection with the audits and examinations described in this act, the auditor general may access and examine, or cause to be accessed and examined, the books, accounts, documents, records, electronically stored information, performance activities, and financial affairs, including, but not limited to, confidential information, of each branch, department, office, board, commission, agency, authority, and institution of this state. All of the following apply to confidential information obtained under this subsection:

(a) The auditor general is subject to the same duty of confidentiality imposed by law on the entity providing the confidential information.

(b) The auditor general is subject to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by law for willfully and intentionally disclosing that confidential information.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, state officers and employees of all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities, and institutions of this state are not subject to civil or criminal penalties imposed by state law for providing information requested by the auditor general.

(3) Upon demand of the auditor general, deputy auditor general, or any individual appointed by the auditor general to make the audits and examinations provided in this act, the officers and employees of all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities, and institutions of this state shall produce or provide for unrestricted access and examination all books, accounts, documents, records, and electronically stored information, including, but not limited to, confidential information, of their respective branch, department, office, board, commission, agency, authority, and institution and truthfully answer all questions relating to their books, accounts, documents, records, and electronically stored information, including, but not limited to, confidential information, of their respective activities and affairs.

(4) The entity providing the information to the auditor general under this act is responsible for paying all costs to produce the information.

(5) State officers and employees shall not restrict the auditor general's access to information requested regardless of whether the information is sought for the purpose of performing an audit of another state program or agency.

(6) In connection with audits and examinations described in this act, the auditor general, deputy auditor general, or any individual appointed to make audits and examinations may issue subpoenas, direct the service of the subpoena by any police officer, and compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses; may administer oaths and examine any individual as may be necessary; and may compel the production of books, accounts, papers, documents, records, and electronically stored information, including, but not limited to, confidential information. The orders and subpoenas issued by the auditor general, deputy auditor general, or any individual appointed with the duty of making the examinations provided in this subsection may be enforced upon application to any circuit court as provided by law.

(7) The auditor general may employ and compensate auditors, examiners, and assistants as he or she considers necessary. In addition, the auditors, examiners, and assistants shall be paid their necessary traveling expenses while engaging in the duties provided under this act. Compensation and expenses shall be paid out of the funds appropriated for that purpose. The auditor general and the deputy auditor general shall receive their actual traveling expenses incurred while engaging in the duties provided under this act, which shall be paid out of the funds appropriated for that purpose.

(8) Any individual who gives or offers to any examiner, accountant, clerk, or other employee of the auditor general, any money, gift, emolument, or thing of value for the purpose of influencing the action of the examiner or other employee, in any matter relating to the examination of any public account authorized by this act, or for the purpose of preventing or delaying the examination of any public account, or for the purpose of influencing the action of the examiner or other employee, in framing, changing, withholding, or delaying any report of any examination of any public account, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not less than 30 days or more than 6 months, or a fine of not less than \$200.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(9) Any individual appointed by the auditor general to make the examinations provided for under this act, or any officer, clerk, or other employee of the auditor general, who receives or solicits any money, gift, emolument, or anything of value for the purpose of being influenced in the matter of the examination of any public account authorized by this act, or for the purpose of being influenced to prevent or delay the examination of any public account, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not less than 30 days or more than 6 months, or a fine of not less than \$200.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(10) This act does not authorize the auditor general to access or examine records or information subject to the attorney-client privilege.

(11) All working papers and memorandums of the auditor general are exempt from public disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(12) As used in this act:

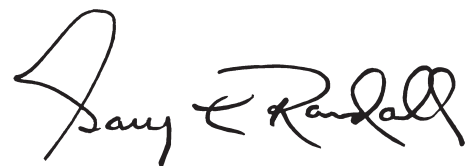
(a) "Audit" means a post audit of financial transactions and accounts or performance audit as described in section 53 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963.

(b) "Auditor general" means the individual appointed auditor general under section 53 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963.

(c) "Confidential information" means information that is subject to a legal duty to not disclose its contents.

(d) "Examination" means an inquiry, compilation, or review within the scope of the auditor general's authority under section 53 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved .....

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Governor