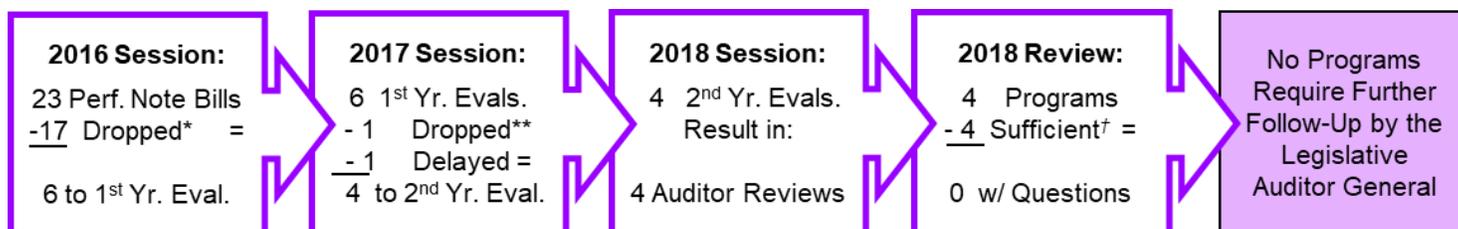


The Auditor General has statutory responsibility to review all new government programs (programs that have received a performance note required by legislative rule) and provide the new program (or agency) with information on management best practices. Since 2000, the Auditor General has published *Best Practices for Good Management* (found at www.le.utah.gov/audit/BP_2009.pdf) as a guide for new programs.

In 2011, the Legislature implemented a legislative rule requiring some bills to include performance notes that identify program goals, objectives, outcomes, and performance measures. The Auditor General is charged with reviewing such programs according to program self-evaluations and the performance note contents. The best practices and performance note processes mesh well and are pursued in tandem.

■ New Programs with Performance Notes Enter Two-Year Review Process

This is the fifth report on our review of programs that completed the two-year self-evaluation and performance note follow-up process. The flowchart below summarizes the work conducted for the 2016 new programs, ending with no new programs needing additional follow-up, as will be discussed in the section following the chart:



* *Dropped: Not a program or insufficient risk level to merit further work*

** *Dropped due to an ongoing audit*

† *Sufficient: Auditor opinion is there was sufficient program documentation/progress under Best Practices & Performance Note parameters*

■ Additional Year Follow-Up from 2017 Review

In 2017 we recommended an additional year follow up for **House Bill 199: Pilot Program For Assistance for Children with Disabilities and Complex Medical Conditions**. After further review we found no need to take further action in reviewing this program.

■ 2017 and 2018 New Programs Now in the Follow-Up and Review Process

In 2017, 12 bills requiring performance notes passed. Of those, 7 were not new programs or did not meet OLAG requirements for follow-up. Four first-year evaluations were sent out and one follow-up was dropped due to the completion of a legislative audit. **House Bill 239: Juvenile Justice Amendments** was dropped due to the completion a legislative audit in January 2018 which covered the salient topics. In lieu of the self-evaluation survey, an annual audit follow-up was completed with the division's implementation status of recommendations from the audit. Finally, two programs delayed in 2016 were sent first-year evaluations.

The 2018 Legislature passed 26 bills with performance notes. Of these, 11 bills did not create new programs or did not meet OLAG requirement for follow-up. We sent the 15 new programs' administrators information about the best practices and performance note review processes. First-year self-evaluation surveys will be sent out in June 2019.