1	STATE AUDITOR - EXPANSION OF DUTIES	
2	2003 GENERAL SESSION	
3	STATE OF UTAH	
4	Sponsor: Michael G. Waddoups	
5	This act modifies the functions and duties of the State Auditor. This act provides that the	
6	State Auditor may conduct performance and special purpose audits of any entity that	
7	receives public funds, clarifies the state auditor's authority to access records, and	
8	eliminates certain obsolete requirements. This act makes technical and conforming	
9	changes. Ş THIS ACT INCLUDES A COORDINATION CLAUSE. Ş	
10	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:	
11	AMENDS:	
12	62A-15-109, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 8, Laws of Utah 2002, Fifth	
13	Special Session	
14	62A-15-712, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 8, Laws of Utah 2002, Fifth	
15	Special Session	
16	63A-3-103, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 212, Laws of Utah 1993	
17	67-3-1, as last amended by Chapter 106, Laws of Utah 1999	
18	67-3-5, Utah Code Annotated 1953	
19	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:	
20	Section 1. Section 62A-15-109 is amended to read:	
21	62A-15-109. Responsibilities of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental	
22	Health.	
23	(1) It is the responsibility of the division to assure that the requirements of this part are	
24	met and applied uniformly by local substance abuse authorities and local mental health	
25	authorities across the state.	
26	(2) Since it is the division's responsibility to contract with, review, approve, and	
27	oversee local substance abuse authority plans and local mental health authority plans, and to	



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28 withhold funds from local substance abuse authorities, local mental health authorities, and 29 public and private providers for contract noncompliance or misuse of public funds, the division 30 shall: 31 (a) require each local substance abuse authority and each local mental health authority 32 to submit its plan to the division by May 1 of each year; 33 (b) conduct an annual program audit and review of each local substance abuse 34 authority in the state and its contract provider and each local mental health authority in the 35 state, and its contract provider; and 36 (c) provide a written report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee on 37 July 1, 1999, and each year thereafter, and provide an oral report to that committee, as requested. That report shall provide information regarding: 38 39 (i) the annual audit and review; 40 (ii) the financial expenditures of each local substance abuse authority and its contract 41 provider and each local mental health authority and its contract provider; 42 (iii) the status of each local authority's and its contract provider's compliance with its 43 plan, state statutes, and with the provisions of the contract awarded; and 44 (iv) whether audit guidelines established pursuant to Section 62A-15-110 and 45 Subsection 67-3-1[(2)(0)] **S** [(11)] (10) **s** provide the division with sufficient criteria and assurances of 46 appropriate expenditures of public funds. 47 (3) The annual audit and review described in Subsection (2)(b) shall, in addition to 48 items determined by the division to be necessary and appropriate, include a review and 49 determination regarding whether public funds allocated to local substance abuse authorities and 50 local mental health authorities are consistent with services rendered and outcomes reported by 51 them or their contract providers, and whether each local substance abuse authority and each 52 local mental health authority is exercising sufficient oversight and control over public funds 53 allocated for substance abuse and mental health programs and services.

failure to comply with the provisions of this part. 56 Section 2. Section **62A-15-712** is amended to read:

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57 62A-15-712. Responsibilities of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental 58 Health.

(4) The Legislature may refuse to appropriate funds to the division upon the division's

59	(1) [It is the responsibility of the] The division [to] shall ensure that the requirements
60	of this part are met and applied uniformly by local mental health authorities across the state.
61	(2) [Since it is the division's responsibility,] Because the division must, under Section
62	62A-15-103, [to] contract with, review, approve, and oversee local mental health authority
63	plans, and [to] withhold funds from local mental health authorities and public and private
64	providers for contract noncompliance or misuse of public funds, the division shall:
65	(a) require each local mental health authority to submit its plan to the division by May
66	1 of each year; and
67	(b) conduct an annual program audit and review of each local mental health authority
68	in the state, and its contract provider[; and].
69	(3) (a) The division shall:
70	[(c)] (i) provide a written report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee
71	[on] by July 1[, 1996, and] of each year [thereafter,]; and
72	(ii) provide an oral report to that committee, as requested.
73	(b) That report shall provide information regarding:
74	(i) the annual audit and review;
75	(ii) the financial expenditures of each local mental health authority and its contract
76	provider;
77	(iii) the status of each local authority's and its contract provider's compliance with its
78	plan, state statutes, and with the provisions of the contract awarded; and
79	(iv) whether audit guidelines established [pursuant to] under Subsections
80	$62A-15-713(2)(a)$ and $67-3-1[\frac{(2)(o)}{2}]$ § [\frac{(11)}{2}] (10) § provide the division with sufficient criteria and
81	assurances of appropriate expenditures of public funds.
82	[(3)] (4) The annual audit and review described in Subsection (2)(b) shall, in addition
83	to items determined by the division to be necessary and appropriate, include a review and
84	determination regarding whether <u>or not:</u>
85	(a) public funds allocated to local mental health authorities are consistent with services
86	rendered and outcomes reported by it or its contract provider[-;]; and
87	[whether] (b) each local mental health authority is exercising sufficient oversight and
88	control over public funds allocated for mental health programs and services.
89	[(4)] (5) The Legislature may refuse to appropriate funds to the division $[upon]$ if the

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[division's failure] division fails to comply with the [provisions of this part] procedures and
requirements of this section.
Section 3. Section 63A-3-103 is amended to read:
63A-3-103. Fiscal procedures provided by director of division Application to
institutions of higher education.
(1) The director of the Division of Finance shall:
(a) define fiscal procedures relating to approval and allocation of funds;
(b) provide for the accounting control of funds;
(c) approve proposed expenditures for the purchase of supplies and services;
(d) promulgate rules that:
(i) establish procedures for maintaining detailed records of all types of leases;
(ii) account for all types of leases in accordance with generally accepted accounting
principles;
(iii) require the performance of a lease with an option to purchase study by state
agencies prior to any lease with an option to purchase acquisition of capital equipment; and
(iv) require that the completed lease with an option to purchase study be approved by
the director of the Division of Finance; and
(e) prescribe other fiscal functions required by law or under the constitutional authority
of the governor to transact all executive business for the state.
(2) (a) Institutions of higher education are subject to the provisions of Title 63A,
Chapter 3, [Parts] Part 1, General Provisions, and Part 2, Accounting System only to the extent
expressly authorized or required by the State Board of Regents under Title 53B, State System
of Higher Education.
(b) Institutions of higher education shall submit financial data for the past fiscal year
conforming to generally accepted accounting principles to the director of the Division of
Finance.
(3) The Division of Finance shall prepare financial statements and other reports in
accordance with legal requirements and generally accepted accounting principles for the state
auditor's examination and certification:
(a) not later than 60 days after a request from the state auditor; and
(b) at the end of each fiscal year.

121	Section 4. Section 67-3-1 is amended to read:
122	67-3-1. Functions and duties.
123	(1) (a) The state auditor [shall be] \underline{is} the auditor of public accounts and [as such shall
124	be] is independent of any executive or administrative officers of the state.
125	(b) [He] The state auditor is not limited in the selection of [his] personnel or in the
126	determination of the reasonable and necessary expenses of his office.
127	(2) The state auditor shall[: (a)] examine and certify annually in respect to each fiscal
128	year, financial statements showing:
129	(a) the condition of the state's finances[-,];
130	(b) the revenues received or accrued[-;];
131	(c) expenditures paid or accrued[, and];
132	(d) the amount of unexpended or unencumbered balances of the appropriations to the
133	agencies, departments, divisions, commissions, and institutions; and
134	(e) the cash balances of the funds in the custody of the state treasurer. [The Division of
135	Finance shall prepare the foregoing financial statements and other reports in accordance with
136	legal requirements and generally-accepted accounting principles for the state auditor's
137	examination and certification, as requested and not later than 60 days following such requests
138	or the end of each fiscal year. The auditor shall file the statements with the governor and the
139	Legislature;]
140	[(b) (i)] (3) (a) The state auditor shall:
141	(i) audit each permanent fund, each special fund, the General Fund, and the accounts of
142	any department of state government or any independent agency or public corporation [on a
143	regular basis] as the law requires, as the auditor [shall determine] determines is necessary, or
144	upon request of the governor or the Legislature[. These audits are to be performed]:
145	(ii) perform the audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and
146	other auditing procedures as promulgated by recognized authoritative bodies[. The audits shall
147	be conducted];
148	(iii) as the auditor determines is necessary, conduct the audits to determine:
149	(A) honesty and integrity in fiscal affairs[-,];
150	(B) accuracy and reliability of financial statements[-,];
151	(C) effectiveness and adequacy of financial controls[-]; and

152	(D) compliance with the law[, as the auditor shall determine necessary;].
153	[(ii) in the event that] (b) If any state entity receives federal funding, the state auditor
154	shall ensure that the audit [shall be] is performed in accordance with federal audit requirements
155	[under the direction of the state auditor].
156	(c) (i) The costs of the federal compliance portion of the audit may be paid from an
157	appropriation to the state auditor from the General Fund.
158	(ii) If an appropriation is not provided, or if the federal government does not
159	specifically provide for payment of audit costs, the costs of the federal compliance portions of
160	the audit shall be allocated on the basis of the percentage that each state entity's federal funding
161	bears to the total federal funds received by the state.
162	(iii) The allocation shall be adjusted to reflect any reduced audit time required to audit
163	funds passed through the state to local governments and to reflect any reduction in audit time
164	obtained through the use of internal auditors working under the direction of the state auditor[;].
165	[(c) present to the governor on October 1st of each year and to the Legislature on the
166	first day of each annual general session, a statement of his appropriation expenditures
167	segregated as to cost of salaries, travel, office and other expenses, and capital outlay for
168	equipment, together with his recommendations as to new legislation and a complete record of
169	the accomplishments of his office for the preceding year;]
170	[(d) issue subpoenas requiring any person who has had financial transactions with the
171	state to appear before him and to answer under oath, orally or in writing, as to any facts
172	concerning these transactions; and for the purpose of obtaining any such facts the state auditor
173	is empowered to administer oaths;]
174	h [4) The state auditor shall, in addition to financial audits, and as the auditor determines
175	is necessary, conduct performance and special purpose audits, examinations, and reviews of
176	any entity that receives public funds, including a determination of any or all of the following:
177	(a) the honesty and integrity of all its fiscal affairs;
178	(b) whether or not its administrators have faithfully complied with legislative intent;
179	(c) whether or not its operations have been conducted in an efficient, effective, and
180 181	<u>cost-efficient manner;</u> (d) whether or not its programs have been effective in accomplishing the intended
182	objectives; and
182a	(4) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)(b), THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL, IN
182b	ADDITION TO FINANCIAL AUDITS, AND AS THE AUDITOR DETERMINES IS NECESSARY, CONDUCT
182c	PERFORMANCE AND SPECIAL PURPOSE AUDITS, EXAMINATIONS, AND REVIEWS OF ANY ENTITY
182d	THAT RECEIVES PUBLIC FUNDS, INCLUDING A DETERMINATION OF ANY OR ALL OF THE Î

182e	ĥ FOLLOWING:
182f	(i) THE HONESTY AND INTEGRITY OF ALL ITS FISCAL AFFAIRS:
182g	(ii) WHETHER OR NOT ITS ADMINISTRATORS HAVE FAITHFULLY COMPLIED WITH
182h	LEGISLATIVE INTENT;
182i	(iii) WHETHER OR NOT ITS OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN AN EFFICIENT,
182j	EFFECTIVE, AND COST-EFFICIENT MANNER;
182k	(iv) WHETHER OR NOT ITS PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE IN ACCOMPLISHING THE
182l	INTENDED OBJECTIVES; AND
182m	(v) WHETHER OR NOT ITS MANAGEMENT, CONTROL, AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS ARE
182n	ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE .
1820	(b) THE AUDITOR MAY NOT CONDUCT PERFORMANCE AND SPECIAL PURPOSE AUDITS,
182p	EXAMINATIONS, AND REVIEWS OF ANY ENTITY THAT RECEIVES PUBLIC FUNDS IF THE ENTITY:
182q	(i) HAS AN ELECTED AUDITOR; AND
182r	(ii) HAS, WITHIN THE ENTITY'S LAST BUDGET YEAR, HAD ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR
182s	PERFORMANCE FORMALLY REVIEWED BY ANOTHER OUTSIDE AUDITOR. Î

183	$\hat{\mathbf{h}}$ [(e) whether or not its management, control, and information systems are adequate and	
184	effective.] ĥ	
185	(5) The state auditor shall administer any oath or affirmation necessary to the	
186	performance of the duties of the auditor's office, and may subpoena witnesses and documents,	
187	whether electronic or otherwise, and examine into any matter that the auditor considers	
188	necessary.	
189	[(e)] (6) The state auditor may require[, in his discretion,] all persons who have had the	
190	disposition or management of any property of this state or its political subdivisions to [render]	
191	submit statements regarding it [to him, and each of these persons must render the statements] at	
192	[such times] the time and in [such] the form [as] that the auditor [may require;] requires.	
193	(7) The state auditor shall:	
194	[(f)] (a) except where otherwise provided by law, institute suits in Salt Lake County in	
195	relation to the assessment, collection, and payment of its revenues against:	
196	(i) persons who by any means have become entrusted with public monies or property	
197	and have failed to pay over or deliver [the same] those monies or property; and [against]	
198	(ii) all debtors of the state[, all of which suits of the courts of the county in which the	
199	seat of government may be located shall have jurisdiction without regard to the residence of the	
200	defendants];	
201	[(g) authenticate with his official seal all copies of papers issued from his office as he	
202	considers necessary;]	
203	[(h)] (b) collect and pay into the state treasury all fees received by [him] the state	
204	auditor;	
205	[(i)] (c) perform the duties of a member of all boards of which [he] the state auditor is	
206	[or may be made] a member by the constitution or laws of the state, and [such] any other duties	
207	[as] that are prescribed by the constitution and by law;	
208	[(j)] (d) stop the payment of the salary of any state official or state employee who:	
209	(i) refuses to settle [his] accounts or [render such] provide required statements [as may	
210	be required with respect to] about the custody and disposition of public funds or other state	
211	property [or who];	
212	(ii) refuses, neglects, or ignores the instruction of the state auditor or any controlling	
213	board or department head with respect to the manner of keeping prescribed accounts or funds;	

214	or [who]
215	(iii) fails to correct any delinquencies, improper procedures, and errors brought to [his]
216	the official's or employee's attention;
217	[(k)] (e) establish accounting systems, methods, and forms for public accounts in all
218	taxing or fee-assessing units of the state in the interest of uniformity, efficiency, and economy;
219	[(1)] (f) superintend the contractual auditing of all state accounts;
220	[(m)] (g) subject to Subsection (8), withhold state allocated funds or the disbursement
221	of property taxes from any state taxing or fee-assessing unit, if necessary, to ensure that
222	officials and employees in those taxing units of the state comply with state laws and procedures
223	in the budgeting, expenditures, and financial reporting of public funds[. Except as otherwise
224	specified in the law, funds may not be withheld until a taxing unit has received formal written
225	notice of noncompliance from the auditor and has been given 60 days to make the specified
226	corrections;]; and
227	[(n)] (h) subject to Subsection (9), withhold the disbursement of tax monies from any
228	county, if necessary, to ensure that officials and employees in the county comply with Section
229	59-2-303.1. [For purposes of this subsection, funds may not be withheld until a county has
230	received formal written notice of noncompliance from the auditor and has been given 60 days
231	to make the specified corrections; and]
232	(8) Except as otherwise provided by law, the state auditor may not withhold funds
233	under Subsection (7)(g) until a taxing or fee-assessing unit has received formal written notice
234	of noncompliance from the auditor and has been given 60 days to make the specified
235	corrections.
236	(9) The state auditor may not withhold funds under Subsection (7)(h) until a county has
237	received formal written notice of noncompliance from the auditor and has been given 60 days
238	to make the specified corrections.
239	[(o)] (10) The state auditor shall:
240	(a) establish audit guidelines and procedures for audits of local mental health and
241	substance abuse authorities and their contract providers, conducted pursuant to Title 17A,
242	Chapter 3, Parts 6 and 7, Title 62A, [Chapters 8 and 12] Chapter 15, and Title 51, Chapter 2[.
243	Those]; and
244	(b) ensure that those guidelines and procedures [shall be established for the purpose of

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245 providing provide assurances to the state that: 246 (i) state and federal funds appropriated to local mental health authorities are used for 247 mental health purposes; 248 (ii) a private provider under an annual or otherwise ongoing contract to provide 249 comprehensive mental health programs or services for a local mental health authority is in 250 compliance with state and local contract requirements, and state and federal law; 251 (iii) state and federal funds appropriated to local substance abuse authorities are used 252 for substance abuse programs and services; and 253 (iv) a private provider under an annual or otherwise ongoing contract to provide 254 comprehensive substance abuse programs or services for a local substance abuse authority is in 255 compliance with state and local contract requirements, and state and federal law. 256 (11) The state auditor may, in accordance with the auditor's responsibilities for political 257 subdivisions of the state as provided in Title 51, Chapter 2, Audits of Political Subdivisions, 258 Interlocal Organizations and Other Local Entities, initiate audits or investigations of any 259 political subdivision that are necessary to determine honesty and integrity in fiscal affairs, 260 accuracy and reliability of financial statements, effectiveness, and adequacy of financial 261 controls and compliance with the law. 262 [(3)] (12) (a) The state auditor may not audit work [he] that the state auditor performed 263 before becoming state auditor. [In the event that] 264 (b) If the state auditor has previously been a responsible official in state government 265 whose work has not yet been audited, the Legislature shall: 266 (i) designate how [such] that work shall be audited; and [shall] 267 (ii) provide additional funding for [such] those audits, if necessary. 268 [(4)] (13) (a) The following records in the custody or control of the state auditor [shall 269 be] are protected records under Title 63, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and 270 Management Act: 271 [(a)] (i) records that would disclose information relating to allegations of personal 272 misconduct, gross mismanagement, or illegal activity of a past or present governmental

employee if the information or allegation cannot be corroborated by the state auditor through

other documents or evidence, and the records relating to the allegation are not relied upon by

the state auditor in preparing a final audit report;

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276	[(b)] (ii) records and audit workpapers to the extent they would disclose the identity of
277	a person who during the course of an audit, communicated the existence of any waste of public
278	funds, property, or manpower, or a violation or suspected violation of a law, rule, or regulation
279	adopted under the laws of this state, a political subdivision of the state, or any recognized entity
280	of the United States, if the information was disclosed on the condition that the identity of the
281	person be protected;
282	[(c) prior to the time that] (iii) before an audit is completed and the final audit report is
283	released, records or drafts circulated to a person who is not an employee or head of a
284	governmental entity for their response or information;
285	[(d)] (iv) records that would disclose an outline or part of any audit survey plans or
286	audit program; and
287	[(e)] (v) requests for audits, if disclosure would risk circumvention of an audit[;].
288	[(f) the] (b) The provisions of Subsections [(a), (b), and (c)] (13)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii) do
289	not prohibit the disclosure of records or information that relate to a violation of the law by a
290	governmental entity or employee to a government prosecutor or peace officer[; and].
291	[(g) the] (c) The provisions of this [section] Subsection (13) do not limit the authority
292	otherwise given to the state auditor to classify a document as public, private, controlled, or
293	protected under Title 63, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.
294	Section 5. Section 67-3-5 is amended to read:
295	67-3-5. Right of visitation and examination.
296	[The] For the purpose of carrying out the duties of the state auditor, the state auditor
297	shall have access to all [state] offices of public entities during business hours for the inspection
298	of [such books, papers and accounts thereof as may concern his duties] their records, regardless
299	of any general limitation on access to records provided in an entity's individual statute.
299a	S SECTION 6. COORDINATION CLAUSE

IF THIS BILL AND H.B. 44, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH AMENDMENTS, BOTH PASS, IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE CROSS REFERENCE IN H. B. 44, SUBSECTION 62A-15-103(2)(g)(iv) TO "SUBSECTION 67-3-1(2)(o)" BE REPLACED WITH "SUBSECTION 67-3-1(10)". \$

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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State Impact

It is estimated that provisions of this bill can be implemented with existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No significant fiscal impact.

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