

Senate File 2311 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to audits of state entities by certified public
2 accountants.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 11.2, subsection 1, Code 2024, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 1. The auditor of state shall annually, and more often
4 if deemed necessary, audit the state and all state officers
5 and departments receiving or expending state funds, except
6 that the accounts, records, and documents of the treasurer of
7 state shall be audited daily. Notwithstanding any provision
8 of law to the contrary, when subject to an audit under this
9 subsection, a department may fulfill the requirements of this
10 subsection by instead employing a certified public accountant
11 to perform the audit and submitting the results to the auditor
12 of state.

13 Sec. 2. Section 11.32, Code 2024, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 **11.32 Certified accountants employed.**

16 Nothing in **this chapter** shall prohibit the auditor of state
17 or a department, with the prior written permission of the state
18 executive council, from employing certified public accountants
19 for specific assignments. The auditor of state or a department
20 may employ such accountants for any assignment expressly
21 reserved to the auditor of state or for the purposes set forth
22 in section 11.2, subsection 1. Payments, after approval by the
23 executive council, shall be made to the accountants so employed
24 from funds from which the auditor of state would have been paid
25 had the auditor of state performed the assignment, or if such
26 specific funds are not available, then authorization of the
27 expense by the executive council shall be requested, and if
28 authorized shall be paid from the appropriations addressed in
29 section 7D.29.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 Under current law, the auditor of state (auditor) is
34 required to annually, and more often if deemed necessary, audit
35 the state and all state officers and departments receiving

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1 or expending state funds. This bill authorizes a department
2 subject to such an audit to instead employ a certified public
3 accountant (CPA) to perform the audit and submit the results
4 of the audit to the auditor. The bill requires the CPAs to be
5 paid for by moneys which the auditor would have been paid had
6 the auditor performed the assignment or appropriations to the
7 executive council.