

**House File 683 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to investigations of state departments by the
- 2 auditor of state.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **11.5D Government efficiency**  
2 **investigations — enforcement.**

3 The auditor of state may, at the discretion of the auditor,  
4 investigate departments of state government for the purposes of  
5 pursuing efficiency in state government. Such an investigation  
6 is considered an authorized audit or examination for purposes of  
7 subchapter IX, and the provisions of subchapter IX apply.

8 **EXPLANATION**

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

11 This bill allows the auditor of state to investigate  
12 departments of state government for the purposes of pursuing  
13 efficiency in state government. The bill applies the auditor's  
14 enforcement provisions under current law to such investigations  
15 (subpoena power, judicial enforcement of subpoenas, and  
16 involvement of county attorneys or the attorney general).