

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 243
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 20, after “audits;” insert “requiring the Governor and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to implement certain systems and processes to correct certain audit findings; requiring any unit of State government that has five or more audit findings to notify the Office of Legislative Audits within a certain period of time of certain corrective actions taken or a schedule of certain corrective actions to be implemented for each finding; requiring the Governor and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain date outlining certain processes to resolve audit findings and evaluating the feasibility of establishing an Inspector General in certain agencies and the Judiciary;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 10, after line 7, insert:

“(G) (1) BY OCTOBER 1, 2006, THE GOVERNOR AND THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS SHALL IMPLEMENT SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES TO MONITOR THE EFFORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTAL UNITS AND THE JUDICIARY, RESPECTIVELY, TO CORRECT AUDIT FINDINGS REPORTED BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS.

(2) WITHIN 9 MONTHS OF THE MOST RECENT AUDIT REPORT, ANY UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT HAS FIVE OR MORE REPEAT AUDIT FINDINGS SHALL REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS:

(I) THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN; OR

(II) A SCHEDULE FOR WHEN SPECIFIC CORRECTIVE ACTIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR EACH FINDING.

(Over)

(3) EACH UNIT REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CONTINUE TO REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS AFTER THE INITIAL REPORT UNTIL ALL REPEAT FINDINGS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 11, after line 33, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2006, the Governor and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, shall submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee:

(1) Outlining the processes adopted by the Judiciary and Executive Branch departmental units to ensure that findings are resolved and that the responsible personnel are held accountable for ensuring that corrective actions are implemented on an ongoing basis; and

(2) Evaluating the feasibility of establishing an Inspector General position within the Judiciary and each cabinet-level agency of the Executive Branch for the purposes of conducting internal audits, implementing corrective actions to address audit findings by OLA, and ensuring compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 12, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.