LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 190

Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislative Performance Audit Act; to
- 2 amend section 50-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
- 3 change duties for the Legislative Performance Audit Committee; and
- 4 to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 50-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 50-1208 (1) The committee shall review and approve a schedule of
- 4 audits of all state agencies on a rotating basis so that each agency, or
- 5 portion of an agency, is audited every five years.
- 6 (2) (1) The committee shall, by majority vote, adopt <u>additional</u>
- 7 <u>specific</u> requests for performance audit. The committee chairperson shall
- 8 notify each requester of any action taken on his or her request.
- 9 (3) Before the office begins a performance audit, it shall
- 10 notify in writing the agency director, the program director, when
- 11 relevant, and the Governor that a performance audit will be conducted.
- 12 (4) (3) Following notification, the office shall arrange an entrance
- 13 conference to provide the agency with further information about the audit
- 14 process. The agency director shall inform the agency staff, in writing,
- 15 of the performance audit and shall instruct agency staff to cooperate
- 16 fully with the office.
- 17 (5) (4) After the entrance conference, the office shall conduct the
- 18 research necessary to draft a scope statement for consideration by the
- 19 committee. The scope statement shall identify the specific issues to be
- 20 addressed in the audit. The committee shall, by majority vote, adopt,
- 21 reject, or amend and adopt the scope statement prepared by the office.
- 22 (6) (5) Once the committee has adopted a scope statement, the office
- 23 shall develop an audit plan. The audit plan shall include a description
- 24 of the research and audit methodologies to be employed and a projected
- 25 deadline for completion of the office's report. The audit plan shall be
- 26 submitted to the committee, and a majority vote shall be required for its
- 27 approval. Upon approval of the audit plan, the agency shall be notified
- 28 in writing of the specific scope of the audit and the projected deadline
- 29 for completion of the office's report. If the office needs information
- 30 from a political subdivision or entity thereof to effectively conduct a
- 31 performance audit of an agency, the political subdivision or entity

- 1 thereof shall provide information, on request, to the office.
- 2 (7) (6) If the performance audit reveals a need to modify the scope
- 3 statement or audit plan, the Legislative Auditor may request that the
- 4 committee make revisions. A majority vote shall be required to revise the
- 5 scope statement or audit plan. The agency shall be notified in writing of
- 6 any revision to the scope statement or audit plan.
- 7 Sec. 2. Original section 50-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 8 Nebraska, is repealed.