

(4) [for a unit of State government,] an evaluation of compliance with applicable laws and regulations relating to the acquisition of goods and services from State Use Industries.

(b) (1) PERFORMANCE AUDITS SHALL BE CONDUCTED WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR, WHEN DIRECTED BY THE JOINT BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OR THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES, OR WHEN OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW.

(2) [An] A PERFORMANCE audit [of] CONDUCTED BY the Office of Legislative Audits may include:

[(1)](I) a review of the efficiency, EFFECTIVENESS, and economy with which resources are used; and

[(2)](II) a review to determine whether desired program results are achieved [effectively].

(C) THE PURPOSE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDITS CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS SHALL BE TO EXPRESS AN OPINION REGARDING THE FAIRNESS OF THE PRESENTATION OF A UNIT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

(D) THE AUDITS REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTIONS (A), (B), AND (C) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS.

(E) A REVIEW MAY BE CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS WHEN THE OBJECTIVES OF THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED CAN BE SATISFACTORILY FULFILLED WITHOUT CONDUCTING AN AUDIT AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (A), (B), OR (C) OF THIS SECTION.

[(c)](F) [The] UPON APPROVAL OF THE JOINT BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, THE Office of Legislative Audits [may] SHALL develop AND USE A RATING SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING an overall evaluation of a unit's financial transactions and records and compliance with applicable laws and [orders] REGULATIONS as a means of comparing the various units of State government. [The] WHEN AN evaluation IS ISSUED, IT SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE UNIT AND shall be available to the Joint Budget and Audit Committee and the Budget Committees of the Maryland General Assembly.

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(A) An audit [of] OR REVIEW CONDUCTED BY the Office of Legislative Audits shall GENERALLY be made at the offices of the State unit, county officer or unit, corporation, or association that is subject to audit OR REVIEW.

(B) IF CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE AGENCY BEING AUDITED OR REVIEWED, THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR MAY AUTHORIZE ALL OR A PORTION OF AN AUDIT OR REVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE OFFICES OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS.