

CONDUCT AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF A FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE NATURE OF THE ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY IN PLACE OF CONDUCTING THESE AUDITS ON A BIENNIAL BASIS. OFFICIALS OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE ADVISED WHETHER ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL AUDITS WILL BE CONDUCTED. THE COST OF THE FISCAL PORTION OF THE POST AUDIT EXAMINATIONS SHALL BE BORNE BY THE AUTHORITY.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 243(f) be and it is hereby added to Article 48A - Insurance Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

243.

(F) AT HIS DISCRETION, THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR MAY CONDUCT AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF A FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE NATURE OF THE ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE FUND IN PLACE OF CONDUCTING THESE AUDITS ON A BIENNIAL BASIS. OFFICIALS OF THE FUND SHALL BE ADVISED WHETHER ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL AUDITS WILL BE CONDUCTED. ~~THE COST OF THE FISCAL PORTION OF THE POST AUDIT EXAMINATIONS SHALL BE BORNE BY THE FUND.~~ IF A FISCAL AUDIT OF THE FUND HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR, THE AUDIT BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR FOR THAT SAME PERIOD SHALL NOT DUPLICATE THE FISCAL PORTION OF THE AUDIT MADE BY THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR. IF AT THE REQUEST OF THE FUND THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR UNDERTAKES THE FISCAL PORTION OF THE AUDIT IN LIEU OF AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR MAY CHARGE THE FUND FOR THE COST OF THE AUDIT. THE AUDIT UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTE OF ANY AUDIT OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 19A and 63A be and they are hereby added to Article 73B - Pensions, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 73B - Pensions

19A. POST COMPLIANCE AUDITS.

AT HIS DISCRETION, THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR MAY CONDUCT AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF A FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE NATURE OF THE ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN PLACE OF CONDUCTING THESE AUDITS ON A BIENNIAL BASIS. OFFICIALS OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHALL BE ADVISED WHETHER ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL AUDITS WILL BE CONDUCTED.

63A. POST COMPLIANCE AUDITS.

AT HIS DISCRETION, THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR MAY