

to report to the Joint Budget and Audit Committee under certain circumstances; providing for action by the Committee in audit compliance; requiring the concurrence of the Comptroller before a certain action is taken by the Committee; providing that the Comptroller is no longer responsible for requiring audit compliance; and generally relating to audit compliance.

BY adding to

Article - State Government
Section 2-1216(c) and 2-1219(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 19 - Comptroller
Section 29(b) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

2-1216.

(C) THE DIVISION OF AUDITS MAY DEVELOP AN OVERALL EVALUATION OF A UNIT'S FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND RECORDS AND COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND ORDERS AS A MEANS OF COMPARING THE VARIOUS UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT. THE EVALUATION SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE JOINT BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET COMMITTEES OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2-1219.

(E) (1) THE UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL RESPOND TO THE DIRECTOR WITH COPIES TO THE JOINT BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, THE COMPTROLLER, AND THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING AS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR.

(2) THE DIRECTOR OR THE COMMITTEE MAY DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF THE UNIT'S RESPONSE TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS HAS BEEN TAKEN.

(3) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADVISE THE JOINT BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE WHEN:

(1) A UNIT DOES NOT MAKE A RESPONSE TO A RECOMMENDATION;