the Attorney General, the Treasurer, and the units that have been audited or reviewed by the Office of Legislative Audits; authorizing the Director of the Department of Fiscal Services and the Joint Budget and Audit Committee to direct the Legislative Auditor to undertake a review to determine the extent to which action has been taken by a unit to implement a recommendation in an audit report; providing that the Legislative Auditor may authorize the disclosure of information obtained during an audit or review to the Joint Budget and Audit Committee if necessary to assist it in reviewing a report issued by the Auditor; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Office of Legislative Audits of the Department of Fiscal Services of the General Assembly of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 2-1212, 2-1213, 2-1214, and 2-1222

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Section 2-1215, 2-1216, 2-1217, 2-1218, 2-1219, 2-1220, and 2-1221

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

Article - State Government

2-1212.

There is an Office of Legislative Audits in the Department.

2-1213.

- (a) The head of the Office of Legislative Audits is the Legislative Auditor, who shall be appointed by the Director with the approval of the President and the Speaker.
- (b) (1) For 1 year after appointment and, if the Director extends the probationary period, for 1 additional 6-month period, the Legislative Auditor is in a probationary status and may be dismissed by the Director with the approval of the President and the Speaker.
- (2) After the probationary period, the Legislative Auditor serves without a fixed term and, with the approval of the President and the Speaker, may be removed as provided in § 2–1207(g) of this subtitle.
 - (c) The Legislative Auditor must:
 - (1) be licensed as a certified public accountant in the State;