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SENATE BILL

No. 1314

Introduced by Senator Wyland

February 20, 2008

An act to amend Sections 8543, 8543.1, 8544.5, 8546, 8546.4, 8546.8, and 12430 of, to add Sections 8546.10, 8546.11, 8546.12, 8546.14, 8546.15, 8546.16, 8546.17, 8546.18, 8546.19, 8546.20, and 8546.21 to, to repeal Sections 13291, 13292, 13292.5, 13293, 13294, 13295, 13296, 13297, 13298, 13299, 13299.1, 13300, 13301, and 13302 of, to add and repeal Section 8546.13 of, and to repeal Article 2 (commencing with Section 10520) of Chapter 4 of Part 2 of Division 2 of Title 2 of, the Government Code, relating to state audits and evaluations. An act to add Section 8543.9 to the Government Code, relating to the State Auditor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1314, as amended, Wyland. State audits and evaluations. State Auditor: duties.

Under existing law, the Bureau of State Audits has statutory audit and evaluation duties, and the Department of Finance, through its Office of State Audits and Evaluations and its Performance Review Unit, has other, overlapping duties to perform audits and evaluations.

This bill would transfer all the audit and evaluation duties to the Bureau of State Audits and rename the bureau as the Bureau of State Audits and Evaluations. The bureau would also be responsible for auditing the performance of state programs and managers, and for recommending actions to correct any inefficiencies or ineffectiveness

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that may exist. The bill would become operative only if SCA 7 is approved by the voters.

This bill would require the State Auditor, on or before January 1, 2010, and every two years thereafter, to conduct a performance evaluation of every state government program and expenditure, and submit a report of the results of that evaluation to the Legislature. This bill would also require the State Auditor to make the report easily available to the public, and the Legislature to appropriate funds to the State Auditor sufficient to fulfill these duties.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8543.9 is added to the Government Code, 2 to read:
- 8543.9. (a) On or before January 1, 2010, and every two years thereafter, the State Auditor shall conduct a performance evaluation of every state government program and expenditure, and submit a report of the results of that performance evaluation
- 7 to the Legislature.

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- (b) A performance evaluation, for purposes of this section, shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:
- (1) A description of the funding, including all sources, used to fund the program or expenditure.
- (2) A statement of the purpose of the program or expenditure, including the goals of the program or expenditure and the Legislature's intent at the time the program or expenditure was created.
- (3) A discussion of the history of the program or expenditure, including significant changes to the program or expenditure.
- (4) An evaluation of the success of the program or expenditure, including an explanation of the methodology used to evaluate success.
- 21 (5) Recommendations on how the program or expenditure can 22 be more efficient and effective, or if the program or expenditure 23 should be eliminated.
- 24 (6) Any other information or evaluation the State Auditor deems 25 appropriate.

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(c) The State Auditor shall make the report prepared pursuant to subdivision (a) easily available to the public.
(d) The Legislature shall appropriate funds to the State Auditor sufficient to fulfill the duties of this section.

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All matter omitted in this version of the bill appears in the bill as amended in Senate, March 25, 2008 (JR11)

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