

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1003**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian**

February 26, 2015

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An act relating to public social services.

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AB 1003, as introduced, Nazarian. Mental health: State Department of State Hospitals.

Existing law creates in state government the California State Auditor’s Office under the direction of the Milton Marks “Little Hoover” Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy. Existing law provides that the office is headed by the California State Auditor and is independent of the executive branch and legislative control. Existing law requires the California State Auditor to conduct financial and performance audits as directed by statute, and to conduct audits of a state or local governmental agencies or other publicly created entities as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee.

Existing law also creates the State Department of State Hospitals in the California Health and Human Services Agency. Existing law requires that state hospitals provide care, treatment, and education of mentally disordered persons who are under the jurisdiction of the State Department of State Hospitals.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would implement the recommendations of a forthcoming California State Auditor’s report on the practices of doctors contracting with the State Department of State Hospitals.

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

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

- 1     SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2     legislation that would implement the recommendations of a
- 3     forthcoming State Auditor's report on the practices of doctors
- 4     contracting with the State Department of State Hospitals.