Non-Standing Committees Focused on Oversight

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Joint Administrative Rules Committee

Website

Membership; studies and assignments; memos; and meeting notices, agendas, minutes, videos, and summaries.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"**Duties and Studies**

"Study and review administrative rules and related statutes. (NDCC § 54-35-02.6)

"Approve extension of time for administrative agencies to adopt rules. (NDCC § 28-32-07)

"Establish standard procedures for administrative agency compliance with notice requirements of proposed rulemaking. (NDCC § 28-32-10)

"Establish procedure to distribute copies of administrative agency filings of notice of proposed rulemaking. (NDCC § 28-32-10)

"Determine whether an administrative rule is void. (NDCC § 28-32-18)

"Receive notice of appeal of an administrative agency's rulemaking action. (NDCC § 28-32-42)

"Approve, with the State Personnel Board, rules adopted by Human Resource Management Services authorizing service awards to employees in the classified service. (NDCC § 54-06-32)

"Approve, with the State Personnel Board, rules adopted by Human Resource Management Services authorizing state agencies to provide employer-paid costs of training or educational courses to employees in the classified service. (NDCC § 54-06-33)" (committee website).

Joint Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee

Website

Membership; studies and assignments; memos; and meeting notices, agendas, minutes, videos, and summaries.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"**Duties and Studies**

"Study the legislative rules, ethics rules, state statutory provisions, and constitutional provisions relating to potential conflicts of interest by a public official. The study must include a review and assessment of whether the various legislative rules, ethics rules, criminal statutory provisions, and constitutional provisions are comprehensible, consistent, and precise, and serve the purpose and intent for which they were established. The study also must examine options for clarifying ambiguous language and correcting identified inconsistencies among provisions to ensure uniformity. - Legislative Management Chairman directive

"Review, in consultation with the State Auditor, updates to government auditing standards and develop guidelines for the contents of state agency audit reports. When developing guidelines, the committee shall consider applicable auditing standards, sound financial practices, compliance with laws and legislative intent, data analyses, and the opportunity to improve the efficient and effective operations of state agencies. (NDCC § 54-35-02.10)

"Study and review audit reports submitted by the State Auditor. (NDCC § 54-35-02.2)

"Approve the State Auditor's hiring of a consultant to assist with conducting a performance audit of a state agency. (NDCC § 54-10-01)

"Preapprove the State Auditor to contract for work required by the federal government. (NDCC § 54-10-01)

"Preapprove performance audits on state agencies determined by the State Auditor. (NDCC § 54-10-01)

"Determine the frequency of audits of state agencies. (NDCC § 54-10-01)

"Determine necessary performance audits by the State Auditor. (NDCC § 54-10-01)

"Determine when the State Auditor is to perform audits of political subdivisions. (NDCC § 54-10-13)

"Order the State Auditor to audit or review the accounts of any political subdivision. (NDCC § 54-10-15)

"**Reports**

"Receive a quarterly report from the State Auditor regarding communication processes with audited entities and any changes to the processes; billing practices and procedures, including the use of cost estimates for audits, an itemized invoicing methodology, and a defined change order process for audits that exceed the original estimate; information on audits completed, including the name of the audited organization, organization type, audit type, audit period, estimated and actual hours and costs, and total audit costs and cost as a percentage of the audited organization's operating budget; and audit schedules, including audits performed by private firms and audits performed by the State Auditor's office. (2023 House Bill No. 1508 § 1) (NDCC § 54-10-01(1)(e))

"Receive a report from the State Auditor regarding final report distribution policies and practices and any final audit reports released to the public prior to distribution of the final audit report to all individuals charged with the governance of the audit client. (2023 Senate Bill No. 2004 § 7) (NDCC § 54-10-01(1)(g))

"Receive annual audit report from the State Fair Association. (NDCC § 4.1-45-17)

"Receive electronic copy of audit report from the North Dakota Stockmen's Association at least once every 2 years. (NDCC § 4.1-72-08)

"Receive annual audit report from a corporation receiving an ethanol or methanol production subsidy. (NDCC § 10-19.1-152)

"Receive report on writeoff of patients' accounts at the Life Skills and Transition Center. (NDCC § 25-04-17)

"Receive annual audited financial statement and report from the North Dakota low-risk incentive fund (NDCC § 26.1-50-05)

"Receive annual audit report from a limited partnership receiving an ethanol alcohol or methanol production subsidy. (NDCC § 45-10.2-115)

"Receive annual report from the Department of Human Services on writeoff of recipients' or patients' accounts. (NDCC § 50-06.3-08)

"Receive report of biennial performance audit of the divisions of Job Service North Dakota. (NDCC § 52-02-18)" (committee website).