

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 244

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

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### **An Act Requiring Audits on State Agencies.**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LOVETT of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, BRUNO of Raymond, CLOUGH of Scarborough, COLWELL of Gardiner, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SAVAGE of Union, STEDMAN of Hartland.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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**Sec. 1. Outside audits of state agencies.** The Governor shall cause  
4 an audit of every state agency as defined in the Maine Revised  
Statutes, Title 5, section 1710-K, subsection 1, paragraph F to  
6 be performed on a staggered basis over a 6-year period. The  
audits must be carried out by auditors other than those employed  
8 by the Department of Audit who are selected through a competitive  
bidding process. The first audits must cover fiscal year 1998-99  
10 and the results must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee  
on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Governor not  
12 later than December 31, 1999. Later audits must cover subsequent  
fiscal years through fiscal year 2003-04; and the related reports  
14 must be submitted no later than December 31st in each year  
through 2004. The agencies to be audited each year are as  
16 determined by the Governor, except that the Department of Human  
Services and the Department of Transportation must be audited in  
18 the first year.

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#### **SUMMARY**

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This bill requires every state agency receiving state funds  
24 to undergo an audit over the next 6 years by outside auditors  
selected through competitive bidding.