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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 331, L.D. 421, Bill, "An Act to Reinstitute the Auditing of State Agencies by the Department of Audit"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Require the Department of Audit to Conduct Random Audits of State Programs'

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of that part designated "~~§243-A.~~" and inserting in its place the following:

'§243-A. Random auditing of state programs

In addition to the powers and duties specified in section 243, the Department of Audit shall conduct random audits of state programs to sample the accuracy of the financial records of those departments and agencies that administer or oversee the programs and report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and appropriations and financial affairs no later than January 15, 2002 and no later than January 15th of each year thereafter on the random auditing of state programs. The report must include at a minimum the number of random audits conducted, the programs audited and an assessment of findings and recommendations resulting from the additional audits.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**FISCAL NOTE**

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The Department of Audit will incur some additional costs to  
conduct random audits of state programs and to provide a report  
on the random audit process to the Legislature on an annual  
basis. These costs can be absorbed within the department's  
existing budgeted resources.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment amends the original bill by changing its  
title and by requiring the Department of Audit to conduct random  
audits of state programs, rather than state departments and  
agencies. It also changes the date by which the department must  
report its findings to the Legislature.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.