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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1048, L.D. 1429, Bill, "An Act To Authorize the Department of Audit To Perform Other Audits and Reviews"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 5 MRS §243-B is enacted to read:

§243-B. Report regarding discrepancies

In addition to the report required pursuant to section 243-A, if in the course of any audit of a state department or agency the Department of Audit finds significant discrepancies in the financial records of that state department or agency, the State Auditor shall report, in person, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature that has jurisdiction over that state department or agency within 60 days of the audit findings and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and state and local government matters. If the Legislature is not in session during that 60 days, the State Auditor may report in writing to those committees.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "§244." by adding after the first indented paragraph a new indented paragraph to read:

'By September 15th of each year, the State Auditor shall schedule a meeting with each joint standing committee of the

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2 Legislature having jurisdiction over those departments or
3 agencies in the audit of which the State Auditor has identified
4 findings and the joint standing committees of the Legislature
5 having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and
6 state and local government matters. The State Auditor shall
7 present an assessment of findings and recommendations of the most
8 recently completed audit performed pursuant to this section,
9 including, but not restricted to, questioned costs and material
10 weaknesses of state programs. The State Auditor shall notify
11 affected state agencies and applicable state central service
12 agency officials, such as, without limitation, the State
13 Controller, State Budget Officer, State Purchasing Agent and
14 Chief Information Officer, of the meeting time and place.'

15 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
16 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
17 consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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21 This amendment requires the State Auditor to report any
22 significant discrepancy found in the financial records of a state
23 department or agency, within 60 days of the finding, to the joint
24 standing committee of the Legislature that has jurisdiction over
25 that department or agency and the joint standing committees of
26 the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and
27 financial affairs and state and local government matters.

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29 This amendment also requires the State Auditor to meet
30 annually with various joint standing committees of the
31 Legislature for the purpose of presenting certain findings and
32 recommendations included in the most recently completed annual
33 state audit. The State Auditor is required to schedule the
34 meetings by September 15th of each year.

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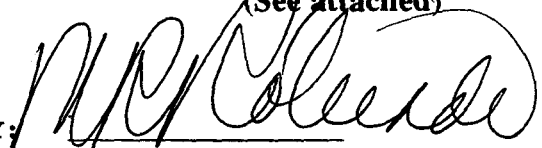
FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

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SPONSORED BY: 
(Senator ROTUNDO)

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COUNTY: Androscoggin

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**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 1429

**An Act To Authorize the Department of Audit To Perform Other Audits
and Reviews**

LR 1991(05)

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment *B.5246*

Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund