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**FISCAL NOTE**

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| <b>Drafting Number:</b> LLS 20-0547                   | <b>Date:</b> February 25, 2020   |
| <b>Prime Sponsors:</b> Rep. Bird; Wilson<br>Sen. Todd | <b>Bill Status:</b> House Education  |
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**Bill Topic:** EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY & ACCREDITATION SYSTEMS AUDIT

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue                | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer               | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill requires that the State Auditor contract for a performance audit of the public school accountability and accreditation systems. The bill increases state expenditures in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 only.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2020-21, the bill requires an appropriation of \$179,200 to the Office of the State Auditor in the Legislative Department.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1295**

|                     |              | FY 2020-21 | FY 2021-22 |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>      |              | -          | -          |
| <b>Expenditures</b> | General Fund | \$179,200  | \$268,800  |
| <b>Transfers</b>    |              | -          | -          |
| <b>TABOR Refund</b> |              | -          | -          |

## **Summary of Legislation**

No later than October 1, 2020, the bill requires that the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) contract with a public or private entity to conduct a performance audit of the statewide implementation of the public school accountability and accreditation system. The OSA must ensure the performance audit is completed by October 1, 2021. The bill is repealed July 1, 2022.

## **State Expenditures**

Based on prior contracts for third-party performance audits, the OSA will require a total of \$448,000 across two fiscal years. For FY 2020-21, OSA requires 40 percent of the total to engage the contractor and begin the audit. For FY 2021-22, OSA will require the remaining 60 percent of the total to complete the audit and prepare final reports. This cost may be offset if the OSA has discretionary funds remaining in either of the two fiscal years.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2020-21, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$179,200 to the Office of State Auditor in the Legislative Department.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Education                      State Auditor