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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 30-133 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Auditor of Public 3 Accounts; online database; register of funds expended.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

7 1. That § 30-133 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 8

§ 30-133. Duties and powers generally.

9 A. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall audit all the accounts of every state department, officer, 10 board, commission, institution or other agency handling any state funds. In the performance of such duties and the exercise of such powers he may employ the services of certified public accountants, 11 12 provided the cost thereof shall not exceed such sums as may be available out of the appropriation 13 provided by law for the conduct of his office.

B. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall review the information required in § 2.2-1501 to determine 14 15 that state agencies are providing and reporting appropriate information on financial and performance measures, and the Auditor shall review the accuracy of the management systems used to accumulate and 16 17 report the results. The Auditor shall report annually to the General Assembly the results of such audits and make recommendations, if indicated, for new or revised accountability or performance measures to 18 19 be implemented for the agencies audited.

20 C. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall prepare, by November 1, a summary of the results of all of 21 the audits and other oversight responsibilities performed for the most recently ended fiscal year. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall present this summary to the Senate Finance, House Appropriations and 22 23 House Finance Committees on the day the Governor presents to the General Assembly the Executive 24 Budget in accordance with §§ 2.2-1508 and 2.2-1509 or at the direction of the respective Chairman of 25 the Senate Finance, House Appropriations or House Finance Committees at one of their committee 26 meetings prior to the meeting above.

27 D. As part of his normal oversight responsibilities, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall incorporate 28 into his audit procedures and processes a review process to ensure that the Commonwealth's payments to 29 counties, cities, and towns under Chapter 35.1 (§ 58.1-3523 et seq.) of Title 58.1 are consistent with the 30 provisions of § 58.1-3524. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall report to the Governor and the 31 Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee annually any material failure by a locality or the 32 Commonwealth to comply with the provisions of Chapter 35.1 of Title 58.1.

33 E. The Auditor of Public Accounts when called upon by the Governor shall examine the accounts of any institution maintained in whole or in part by the Commonwealth and, upon the direction of the 34 Comptroller, shall examine the accounts of any officer required to settle his accounts with him; and 35 upon the direction of any other state officer at the seat of government he shall examine the accounts of 36 any person required to settle his accounts with such officer. 37

38 F. Upon the written request of any member of the General Assembly, the Auditor of Public Accounts 39 shall furnish the requested information and provide technical assistance upon any matter requested by 40 such member.

41 G. In compliance with the provisions of the federal Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, Public 42 Law 104-156, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission may authorize the Auditor of Public 43 Accounts to audit biennially the accounts pertaining to federal funds received by state departments, 44 officers, boards, commissions, institutions or other agencies.

45 H. 1. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall compile and maintain on its Internet website a searchable database providing certain state expenditure, revenue, and demographic information as described in this 46 subsection. In maintaining the database, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall work with and coordinate 47 his efforts with the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in obtaining, summarizing, and compiling the information to avoid duplication of efforts. The database shall be updated each year by 48 49 50 October 15 to provide the information required in this subsection for the 10 most recently ended fiscal years of the Commonwealth. 51

52 The online database shall be made available to citizens of the Commonwealth to allow public access 53 to historical revenue collections and appropriations with related demographic information, to the extent 54 that the information is available and provided to the Auditor of Public Accounts. All state departments, 55 courts officers, boards, commissions, institutions, or other agencies of the Commonwealth shall furnish all information requested by the Auditor of Public Accounts and shall cooperate with him to the fullest 56

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57 extent.

58 For purposes of reporting information and implementing the database pursuant to this subsection, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall include all appropriated funds and other sources under the control of state-supported institutions of higher education, except for the activity of private gifts, including 59 60 61 endowment funds and unrestricted gifts referenced in § 23.1-101. The exclusion of this activity does not affect the public access to these records unless otherwise specifically exempted by law. 62

2. The database shall contain the following for each of the 10 most recently ended fiscal years of the 63 64 Commonwealth:

65 a. Major categories of spending by each secretariat and for major agencies, to include for each 66 agency and institution, including each independent agency, and including within each major category a register of all funds expended, showing vendor name, date of payment, amount, and a description of the 67 type of expense, including also credit card purchases with the same information to the extent that the 68 information exists. The database shall include the name, phone number, and email address for a contact 69 at the agency or institution who may be contacted for additional information; 70

71 b. The number of full-time state employees and a listing of the positions and salary of each such 72 position, organized by agency;

73 c. Total fiscal year revenues from state taxes, fees, and other charges, and total fiscal year revenues 74 from state taxes, fees, and other charges computed on a per capita basis and as a percentage of personal 75 income in the Commonwealth;

76 d. With regard to state taxes, fees, and other charges computed on a per capita basis and as a 77 percentage of personal income, a comparison of such statistics for Virginia with the same statistics for 78 other states;

79 e. Total fiscal year revenues from federal sources, including the major categories of spending for 80 such revenues;

- 81 f. Total population and total population by various age groups including, but not limited to, school-age population and the population of persons 65 years of age and older; 82
- g. Student enrollment in grades K through 12; 83
- h. Enrollment in public institutions of higher education of the Commonwealth; 84
- 85 i. Enrollment in private institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth;
- 86 j. The annual prison population;
- 87 k. Virginia adjusted gross income and Virginia taxable income by various age groups;
- 88 1. The number of citizens in the Commonwealth receiving food stamps;
- 89 m. The number of driver's licenses issued;
- 90 n. The number of registered motor vehicles;
- 91 o. The number of full-time private sector employees;
- 92 p. The number of households;

93 q. The number of prepaid tuition contracts outstanding pursuant to Chapter 4.9 (§ 23-38.75 et seq.) of 94 Title 23 and the estimated total liability under such contracts;

q. The number of prepaid tuition contracts outstanding pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.) of 95 Title 23.1 and the estimated total liability under such contracts; 96

97 r. Any state audit or report relating to the programs or activities of an agency;

s. Information on capital outlay payments including, but not limited to, project title, funding date, 98 99 completion date, appropriations, year-to-date expenditures, and unexpended appropriations;

t. Annual bonded indebtedness that shall include, but not be limited to, the amount of the total 100 original obligation stated in terms of principal and interest, the term of the obligation, the amounts of 101 102 principal and interest previously paid to reduce the obligation, the balance remaining of the obligation, 103 and any refinancing of the obligation; and 104

u. Other data as the Auditor deems appropriate relating to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

105 3. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall incorporate into the database the following additional elements as they become available through improved enterprise applications or other systems: 106

- 107 a. Commodities including, but not limited to, line item expenditures;
- 108 b. Virginia Performs data as it directly relates to funding actions or expenditures;
- 109 c. Descriptive purpose for funding action or expenditure;
- 110 d. Statute or act of General Assembly authorizing the issuance of bonds; and
- 111 e. Copies of actual grants and contracts.
- 4. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall incorporate in the database the following enhancements: 112

a. Graphs, charts, or other visual displays of aggregated data showing (i) current state spending by 113 114 expense category, (ii) year-to-year state spending, and (iii) other data deemed appropriate by the Auditor, 115 including display of available line item expenditures; and

b. Frequently asked questions and their responses. 116

5. By October 15 of each year, the Auditor shall also produce a paper copy or a computer file 117

118 containing the information described in this subsection and shall distribute the copy or file to
119 newspapers of general circulation in the Commonwealth. The distribution shall include the address of the
120 Internet website for the searchable database.

121 I. As a part of audits conducted pursuant to subsection A, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall 122 review compliance with requirements established pursuant to the provisions of § 2.2-519 and the 123 requirements of the Virginia Debt Collection Act (§ 2.2-4800 et seq.).