

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Governmental Account Audit Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 1 and 9 and by adding Section 12 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 310/1) (from Ch. 85, par. 701)

7 Sec. 1. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
8 context otherwise indicates:

9 "Governmental unit" or "unit" (but not "unit of local
10 government") includes all municipal corporations in and
11 political subdivisions of this State that appropriate more than
12 \$5,000 for a fiscal year, with the amount to increase or
13 decrease by the amount of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as
14 reported on January 1 of each year, except the following:

15 (1) School districts.

16 (2) Cities, villages, and incorporated towns subject
17 to the Municipal Auditing Law, as contained in the Illinois
18 Municipal Code, and cities that file a report with the
19 Comptroller under Section 3.1-35-115 of the Illinois
20 Municipal Code.

21 (3) Counties with a population of 1,000,000 or more.

22 (4) Counties subject to the County Auditing Law.

23 (5) Any other municipal corporations in or political

1 subdivisions of this State, the accounts of which are
2 required by law to be audited by or under the direction of
3 the Auditor General.

4 (6) (Blank).

5 (7) A drainage district, established under the
6 Illinois Drainage Code (70 ILCS 605), that did not receive
7 or expend any moneys during the immediately preceding
8 fiscal year or obtains approval for assessments and
9 expenditures through the circuit court.

10 (8) Public housing authorities that submit financial
11 reports to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
12 Development.

13 "Governing body" means the board or other body or officers
14 having authority to levy taxes, make appropriations, authorize
15 the expenditure of public funds or approve claims for any
16 governmental unit or unit of local government.

17 "Comptroller" means the Comptroller of the State of
18 Illinois.

19 "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for
20 All Urban Consumers for all items published by the United
21 States Department of Labor.

22 "CPA" or "C.P.A." has the meaning provided in Section 0.03
23 of the Illinois Public Accounting Act.

24 "CPA firm" has the meaning provided in Section 0.03 of the
25 Illinois Public Accounting Act.

26 ~~"Licensed public accountant" means the holder of a valid~~

1 ~~ertificate as a public accountant under the Illinois Public~~
2 ~~Accounting Act.~~

3 "Audit partner rotation" means that neither the lead (or
4 coordinating) audit partner (having primary responsibility for
5 the audit) nor the audit partner responsible for reviewing the
6 audit have performed audit services for the unit of local
7 government in each of the previous 5 fiscal years of that unit
8 of local government.

9 "Audit report" means the written report of the CPA licensed
10 ~~public accountant~~ and all appended statements and schedules
11 relating to that report, presenting or recording the findings
12 of an examination or audit of the financial transactions,
13 affairs, or conditions of a governmental unit.

14 "Public colleges and universities" means public community
15 colleges subject to the Public Community College Act, the
16 University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago
17 State University, Eastern Illinois University, Governors State
18 University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois
19 University, Northern Illinois University, and Western Illinois
20 University.

21 "Report" includes both audit reports and reports filed
22 instead of an audit report by a governmental unit receiving
23 revenue of less than \$850,000 during any fiscal year to which
24 the reports relate.

25 "Unit of local government" (but not "governmental unit" or
26 "unit") has the meaning provided in Section 1 of Article VII of

1 the Constitution of the State of Illinois and also includes
2 school districts and public colleges and universities.

3 (Source: P.A. 92-191, eff. 8-1-01; 92-582, eff. 7-1-02.)

4 (50 ILCS 310/9) (from Ch. 85, par. 709)

5 Sec. 9. The expenses of the audit and investigation of
6 public accounts provided for by this Act, whether ordered by
7 the governing body or the Comptroller, shall be paid by the
8 governmental unit for which the audit is made. Payment shall be
9 ordered by the governing body out of the funds of the unit and
10 such authorities shall make provision for payment. Contracts
11 for the performance of audits required by this Act shall ~~may~~ be
12 entered into in accordance with Section 12 of this Act ~~without~~
13 ~~competitive bidding~~. If the audit is made by a CPA ~~licensed~~
14 ~~public accountant~~ retained by the Comptroller, the
15 governmental unit shall pay to the Comptroller actual
16 compensation and expenses to reimburse him for the cost of
17 making such audit.

18 The governing body of any governmental unit having taxing
19 powers may levy an auditing tax in an amount that will not
20 require extension of such tax at a rate in excess of .005% of
21 the value of all taxable property in the unit as equalized or
22 assessed by the Department of Revenue. This auditing tax may be
23 in excess of or in addition to any statutory limitation of rate
24 or amount. Money received from the auditing tax shall be held
25 in a special fund and used only for the payment of auditing

1 expenses.

2 (Source: P.A. 81-1509.)

3 (50 ILCS 310/12 new)

4 Sec. 12. Auditor contracts. Notwithstanding any other
5 provision of law to the contrary and on or after the effective
6 date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly:

7 (a) A unit of local government may not enter into a
8 contract or appointment longer than 5 fiscal years with a CPA
9 or a CPA firm to audit the unit of local government's accounts.

10 (b) A unit of local government may contract with or appoint
11 a CPA or a CPA firm to audit the unit of local government's
12 accounts only after advertising for and following a competitive
13 request for proposals process that solicits qualifications and
14 proposals from interested parties.

15 (c) If a CPA or a CPA firm has had primary responsibility
16 for an audit or responsible for reviewing the audit of a unit
17 of local government during the previous 5 consecutive fiscal
18 years, the unit of local government may not contract with or
19 appoint that CPA or CPA firm unless the CPA or CPA firm
20 complies with the requirements of audit partner rotation for
21 the audits of the unit of local government.

22 (d) The Comptroller may waive the requirements of
23 subsection (c) upon a showing by the unit of local government
24 that no other CPA or CPA firm within a reasonable distance from
25 the unit of local government is able or willing to perform the

1 audit. Evidence a unit of local government may provide to the
2 Comptroller to show the unavailability of other auditors
3 includes, but is not limited to, receipt of only one proposal
4 after issuing a request for proposals. The Comptroller may not
5 wave the requirement that a CPA firm use audit partner
6 rotation unless the CPA firm has only one audit partner with
7 the requisite skills, knowledge, and experience in
8 governmental accounting and auditing and no other qualified CPA
9 or CPA firm within a reasonable distance is able or willing to
10 perform the audit.

11 Section 10. The Counties Code is amended by changing
12 Section 6-31008 as follows:

13 (55 ILCS 5/6-31008) (from Ch. 34, par. 6-31008)

14 Sec. 6-31008. Expenses of audit. The expenses of conducting
15 the audit and making the required audit report or financial
16 statement for each county, whether ordered by the county board
17 or the Comptroller, shall be paid by the county and the county
18 board shall make provisions for such payment. If the audit is
19 made by an accountant or accountants retained by the
20 Comptroller, the county, through the county board, shall pay to
21 the Comptroller reasonable compensation and expenses to
22 reimburse him for the cost of making such audit. Moneys paid to
23 the Comptroller pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be
24 deposited into the Comptroller's Audit Expense Revolving Fund.

1 Such expenses shall be paid from the general corporate fund
2 of the county.

3 Contracts for the performance of audits required by this
4 Division shall be entered into pursuant to Section 12 of the
5 Governmental Account Audit Act ~~may be entered into without~~
6 ~~competitive bidding.~~

7 (Source: P.A. 88-280.)

8 Section 15. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
9 changing Sections 8-1-7 and 8-8-8 as follows:

10 (65 ILCS 5/8-1-7) (from Ch. 24, par. 8-1-7)

11 Sec. 8-1-7. (a) Except as provided otherwise in this
12 Section, no contract shall be made by the corporate
13 authorities, or by any committee or member thereof, and no
14 expense shall be incurred by any of the officers or departments
15 of any municipality, whether the object of the expenditure has
16 been ordered by the corporate authorities or not, unless an
17 appropriation has been previously made concerning that
18 contract or expense. Any contract made, or any expense
19 otherwise incurred, in violation of the provisions of this
20 section shall be null and void as to the municipality, and no
21 money belonging thereto shall be paid on account thereof.
22 However, pending the passage of the annual appropriation
23 ordinance for any fiscal year, the corporate authorities may
24 authorize heads of departments or other separate agencies of

1 the municipality to make necessary expenditures for the support
2 thereof upon the basis of the appropriations of the preceding
3 fiscal year. However, if it is determined by two-thirds vote of
4 the corporate authorities then holding office at a regularly
5 scheduled meeting of the corporate authorities that it is
6 expedient and in the best public interest to begin proceedings
7 for the construction of a needed public work, then the
8 provisions of this section shall not apply to the extent that
9 the corporate authorities may employ or contract for
10 professional services necessary for the planning and financing
11 of such public work.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code to the
13 contrary, the corporate authorities of any municipality may
14 make contracts for a term exceeding one year and not exceeding
15 the term of the mayor or president holding office at the time
16 the contract is executed, relating to: (1) the employment of a
17 municipal manager, administrator, engineer, health officer,
18 land planner, finance director, attorney, police chief or other
19 officer who requires technical training or knowledge; (2) the
20 employment of outside professional consultants such as
21 engineers, doctors, land planners, ~~auditors,~~ attorneys or
22 other professional consultants who require technical training
23 or knowledge; (3) the provision of data processing equipment
24 and services; or (4) the provision of services which directly
25 relate to the prevention, identification or eradication of
26 disease. In such case the corporate authorities shall include

1 in the annual appropriation ordinance for each fiscal year, an
2 appropriation of a sum of money sufficient to pay the amount
3 which, by the terms of the contract, is to become due and
4 payable during the current fiscal year. The corporate
5 authorities shall enter into contracts with auditors pursuant
6 to Section 12 of the Governmental Account Audit Act.

7 (c) This section shall not apply to municipalities
8 operating under special charters.

9 (d) In order to promote orderly collective bargaining
10 relationships, to prevent labor strife and to protect the
11 interests of the public and the health and safety of the
12 citizens of Illinois, this Section shall not apply to
13 multi-year collective bargaining agreements between public
14 employers and exclusive representatives governed by the
15 provisions of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

16 Notwithstanding any provision of this Code to the
17 contrary, the corporate authorities of any municipality may
18 enter into multi-year collective bargaining agreements with
19 exclusive representatives under the provisions of the Illinois
20 Public Labor Relations Act.

21 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code to the
22 contrary, the corporate authorities of any municipality may
23 enter into any multi-year contract or otherwise associate for
24 any term under the provisions of Section 10 of Article VII of
25 the Illinois Constitution or the Intergovernmental Cooperation
26 Act.

1 (Source: P.A. 90-517, eff. 8-22-97.)

2 (65 ILCS 5/8-8-8) (from Ch. 24, par. 8-8-8)

3 Sec. 8-8-8. The expenses of the audit and investigation of
4 public accounts provided for in Division 8, whether ordered by
5 the corporate authorities or the Comptroller, shall be paid by
6 the municipality for which the audit is made. Payment shall be
7 ordered by the corporate authorities out of the funds of the
8 municipality and it shall be the duty of such authorities to
9 make provisions for payment. Contracts for the performance of
10 audits required by this Division 8 shall be entered into
11 pursuant to Section 12 of the Governmental Account Audit Act
12 ~~may be entered into without competitive bidding~~. If the audit
13 is made by an accountant or accountants retained by the
14 Comptroller, the municipality shall pay to the Comptroller
15 reasonable compensation and expenses to reimburse him for the
16 cost of making such audit.

17 The corporate authorities of all municipalities coming
18 under the provisions of this Division 8 shall have the power to
19 annually levy a "Municipal Auditing Tax" upon all of the
20 taxable property of the municipalities at the rate on the
21 dollar which will produce an amount which will equal a sum
22 sufficient to meet the cost of all auditing and reports
23 thereunder. Such municipal auditing tax shall be held in a
24 special fund and used for no other purpose than the payment of
25 expenses occasioned by this Division 8.

1 The tax authorized by this Section shall be in addition to
2 taxes for general corporate purposes authorized under Section
3 8-3-1 of this Act.

4 (Source: P.A. 81-824.)

5 Section 20. The Park District Code is amended by changing
6 Section 8-1 as follows:

7 (70 ILCS 1205/8-1) (from Ch. 105, par. 8-1)

8 Sec. 8-1. General corporate powers. Every park district
9 shall, from the time of its organization, be a body corporate
10 and politic by the name set forth in the petition for its
11 organization, the specific name set forth in this Code, or the
12 name it may adopt under Section 8-9 and shall have and exercise
13 the following powers:

14 (a) To adopt a corporate seal and alter the same at
15 pleasure; to sue and be sued; and to contract in furtherance of
16 any of its corporate purposes.

17 (b) (1) To acquire by gift, legacy, grant or purchase, or
18 by condemnation in the manner provided for the exercise of the
19 power of eminent domain under the Eminent Domain Act, any and
20 all real estate, or rights therein necessary for building,
21 laying out, extending, adorning and maintaining any such parks,
22 boulevards and driveways, or for effecting any of the powers or
23 purposes granted under this Code as its board may deem proper,
24 whether such lands be located within or without such district;

1 but no park district, except as provided in paragraph (2) of
2 this subsection, shall have any power of condemnation in the
3 manner provided for the exercise of the power of eminent domain
4 under the Eminent Domain Act or otherwise as to any real
5 estate, lands, riparian rights or estate, or other property
6 situated outside of such district, but shall only have power to
7 acquire the same by gift, legacy, grant or purchase, and such
8 district shall have the same control of and power over lands so
9 acquired without the district as over parks, boulevards and
10 driveways within such district.

11 (2) In addition to the powers granted in paragraph (1) of
12 subsection (b), a park district located in more than one
13 county, the majority of its territory located in a county over
14 450,000 in population and none of its territory located in a
15 county over 1,000,000 in population, shall have condemnation
16 power in the manner provided for the exercise of the power of
17 eminent domain under the Eminent Domain Act or as otherwise
18 granted by law as to any and all real estate situated up to one
19 mile outside of such district which is not within the
20 boundaries of another park district.

21 (c) To acquire by gift, legacy or purchase any personal
22 property necessary for its corporate purposes provided that all
23 contracts for supplies, materials or work involving an
24 expenditure in excess of \$20,000 shall be let to the lowest
25 responsible bidder after due advertisement. No district shall
26 be required to accept a bid that does not meet the district's

1 established specifications, terms of delivery, quality, and
2 serviceability requirements. Contracts which, by their nature,
3 are not adapted to award by competitive bidding, such as
4 contracts for the services of individuals possessing a high
5 degree of professional skill where the ability or fitness of
6 the individual plays an important part, contracts for the
7 printing of finance committee reports and departmental
8 reports, contracts for the printing or engraving of bonds, tax
9 warrants and other evidences of indebtedness, contracts for
10 utility services such as water, light, heat, telephone or
11 telegraph, contracts for the use, purchase, delivery,
12 movement, or installation of data processing equipment,
13 software, or services and telecommunications and interconnect
14 equipment, software, or services, contracts for duplicating
15 machines and supplies, contracts for goods or services procured
16 from another governmental agency, purchases of equipment
17 previously owned by some entity other than the district itself,
18 and contracts for the purchase of magazines, books,
19 periodicals, pamphlets and reports are not subject to
20 competitive bidding. Contracts for emergency expenditures are
21 also exempt from competitive bidding when the emergency
22 expenditure is approved by 3/4 of the members of the board.

23 All competitive bids for contracts involving an
24 expenditure in excess of \$20,000 must be sealed by the bidder
25 and must be opened by a member or employee of the park board at
26 a public bid opening at which the contents of the bids must be

1 announced. Each bidder must receive at least 3 days notice of
2 the time and place of the bid opening.

3 For purposes of this subsection, "due advertisement"
4 includes, but is not limited to, at least one public notice at
5 least 10 days before the bid date in a newspaper published in
6 the district or, if no newspaper is published in the district,
7 in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the
8 district.

9 (d) To pass all necessary ordinances, rules and regulations
10 for the proper management and conduct of the business of the
11 board and district and to establish by ordinance all needful
12 rules and regulations for the government and protection of
13 parks, boulevards and driveways and other property under its
14 jurisdiction, and to effect the objects for which such
15 districts are formed.

16 (e) To prescribe such fines and penalties for the violation
17 of ordinances as it shall deem proper not exceeding \$1,000 for
18 any one offense, which fines and penalties may be recovered by
19 an action in the name of such district in the circuit court for
20 the county in which such violation occurred. The park district
21 may also seek in the action, in addition to or instead of fines
22 and penalties, an order that the offender be required to make
23 restitution for damage resulting from violations, and the court
24 shall grant such relief where appropriate. The procedure in
25 such actions shall be the same as that provided by law for like
26 actions for the violation of ordinances in cities organized

1 under the general laws of this State, and offenders may be
2 imprisoned for non-payment of fines and costs in the same
3 manner as in such cities. All fines when collected shall be
4 paid into the treasury of such district.

5 (f) To manage and control all officers and property of such
6 districts and to provide for joint ownership with one or more
7 cities, villages or incorporated towns of real and personal
8 property used for park purposes by one or more park districts.
9 In case of joint ownership, the terms of the agreement shall be
10 fair, just and equitable to all parties and shall be set forth
11 in a written agreement entered into by the corporate
12 authorities of each participating district, city, village or
13 incorporated town.

14 (g) To secure grants and loans, or either, from the United
15 States Government, or any agency or agencies thereof, for
16 financing the acquisition or purchase of any and all real
17 estate, or rights therein, or for effecting any of the powers
18 or purposes granted under this Code as its Board may deem
19 proper.

20 (h) To establish fees for the use of facilities and
21 recreational programs of the districts and to derive revenue
22 from non-resident fees from their operations. Fees charged
23 non-residents of such district need not be the same as fees
24 charged to residents of the district. Charging fees or deriving
25 revenue from the facilities and recreational programs shall not
26 affect the right to assert or utilize any defense or immunity,

1 common law or statutory, available to the districts or their
2 employees.

3 (i) To make contracts for a term exceeding one year, but
4 not to exceed 3 years, notwithstanding any provision of this
5 Code to the contrary, relating to: (1) the employment of a park
6 director, superintendent, administrator, engineer, health
7 officer, land planner, finance director, attorney, police
8 chief, or other officer who requires technical training or
9 knowledge; (2) the employment of outside professional
10 consultants such as engineers, doctors, land planners,
11 ~~auditors,~~ attorneys, or other professional consultants who
12 require technical training or knowledge; (3) the provision of
13 data processing equipment and services; and (4) the purchase of
14 energy from a utility or an alternative retail electric
15 supplier. With respect to any contract made under this
16 subsection (i), the corporate authorities shall include in the
17 annual appropriation ordinance for each fiscal year an
18 appropriation of a sum of money sufficient to pay the amount
19 which, by the terms of the contract, is to become due and
20 payable during that fiscal year. Contracts with auditors shall
21 be entered into pursuant to Section 12 of the Governmental
22 Account Audit Act.

23 (j) To enter into licensing or management agreements with
24 not-for-profit corporations organized under the laws of this
25 State to operate park district facilities if the corporation
26 covenants to use the facilities to provide public park or

1 recreational programs for youth.

2 (Source: P.A. 98-325, eff. 8-12-13; 98-772, eff. 7-16-14.)

3 Section 25. The School Code is amended by changing Section
4 3-7 as follows:

5 (105 ILCS 5/3-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-7)

6 Sec. 3-7. Failure to prepare and forward information. If
7 the trustees of schools of any township in Class II county
8 school units, or any school district which forms a part of a
9 Class II county school unit but which is not subject to the
10 jurisdiction of the trustees of schools of any township in
11 which such district is located, or any school district in any
12 Class I county school units fail to prepare and forward or
13 cause to be prepared and forwarded to the regional
14 superintendent of schools, reports required by this Act, the
15 regional superintendent of schools shall furnish such
16 information or he shall employ a person or persons to furnish
17 such information, as far as practicable. Such person shall have
18 access to the books, records and papers of the school district
19 to enable him or them to prepare such reports, and the school
20 district shall permit such person or persons to examine such
21 books, records and papers at such time and such place as such
22 person or persons may desire for the purpose aforesaid. For
23 such services the regional superintendent of schools shall bill
24 the district an amount to cover the cost of preparation of such

1 reports if he employs a person to prepare such reports.

2 Each school district shall, as of June 30 of each year,
3 cause an audit of its accounts to be made by a person lawfully
4 qualified to practice public accounting as regulated by the
5 Illinois Public Accounting Act. Such audit shall include
6 financial statements of the district applicable to the type of
7 records required by other sections of this Act and in addition
8 shall set forth the scope of audit and shall include the
9 professional opinion signed by the auditor, or if such an
10 opinion is denied by the auditor, shall set forth the reasons
11 for such denial. Each school district shall on or before
12 October 15 of each year, submit an original and one copy of
13 such audit to the regional superintendent of schools in the
14 educational service region having jurisdiction in which case
15 the regional superintendent of schools shall be relieved of
16 responsibility in regard to the accounts of the school
17 district. If any school district fails to supply the regional
18 superintendent of schools with a copy of such audit report on
19 or before October 15, or within such time extended by the
20 regional superintendent of schools from that date, not to
21 exceed 60 days, then it shall be the responsibility of the
22 regional superintendent of schools having jurisdiction to
23 cause such audit to be made by employing an accountant licensed
24 to practice in the State of Illinois to conduct such audit and
25 shall bill the district for such services, or shall with the
26 personnel of his office make such audit to his satisfaction and

1 bill the district for such service. In the latter case, if the
2 audit is made by personnel employed in the office of the
3 regional superintendent of schools having jurisdiction, then
4 the regional superintendent of schools shall not be relieved of
5 the responsibility as to the accountability of the school
6 district. The copy of the audit shall be forwarded by the
7 regional superintendent to the State Board of Education on or
8 before November 15 of each year and shall be filed by the State
9 Board of Education.

10 Each school district that is the administrative district
11 for several school districts operating under a joint agreement
12 as authorized by this Act shall, as of June 30 each year, cause
13 an audit of the accounts of the joint agreement to be made by a
14 person lawfully qualified to practice public accounting as
15 regulated by the Illinois Public Accounting Act. Such audit
16 shall include financial statements of the operation of the
17 joint agreement applicable to the type of records required by
18 this Act and, in addition, shall set forth the scope of the
19 audit and shall include the professional opinion signed by the
20 auditor, or if such an opinion is denied, the auditor shall set
21 forth the reason for such denial. Each administrative district
22 of a joint agreement shall on or before October 15 each year,
23 submit an original and one copy of such audit to the regional
24 superintendent of schools in the educational service region
25 having jurisdiction in which case the regional superintendent
26 of schools shall be relieved of responsibility in regard to the

1 accounts of the joint agreement. The copy of the audit shall be
2 forwarded by the regional superintendent to the State Board of
3 Education on or before November 15 of each year and shall be
4 filed by the State Board of Education. The cost of such an
5 audit shall be apportioned among and paid by the several
6 districts who are parties to the joint agreement, in the same
7 manner as other costs and expenses accruing to the districts
8 jointly.

9 The State Board of Education shall determine the adequacy
10 of the audits. All audits shall be kept on file in the office
11 of the State Board of Education. Contracts for the performance
12 of audits required by this Section shall be entered into
13 pursuant to Section 12 of the Governmental Account Audit Act.

14 (Source: P.A. 86-1441; 87-473.)

15 Section 30. The Board of Higher Education Act is amended by
16 adding Section 13 as follows:

17 (110 ILCS 205/13 new)

18 Sec. 13. Account audits. The Board shall establish minimum
19 standards for account audits of public institutions of higher
20 education that, at a minimum, require public institutions of
21 higher education to comply with Section 12 of the Governmental
22 Account Audit Act.

23 Section 35. The Public Community College Act is amended by

1 changing Section 3-22.1 as follows:

2 (110 ILCS 805/3-22.1) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-22.1)

3 Sec. 3-22.1. To cause an audit to be made as of the end of
4 each fiscal year by an accountant licensed to practice public
5 accounting in Illinois and appointed by the board in accordance
6 with Section 12 of the Governmental Account Audit Act. The
7 auditor shall perform his or her examination in accordance with
8 generally accepted auditing standards and regulations
9 prescribed by the State Board, and submit his or her report
10 thereon in accordance with generally accepted accounting
11 principles. The examination and report shall include a
12 verification of student enrollments and any other bases upon
13 which claims are filed with the State Board. The audit report
14 shall include a statement of the scope and findings of the
15 audit and a professional opinion signed by the auditor. If a
16 professional opinion is denied by the auditor he or she shall
17 set forth the reasons for that denial. The board shall not
18 limit the scope of the examination to the extent that the
19 effect of such limitation will result in the qualification of
20 the auditor's professional opinion. The procedures for payment
21 for the expenses of the audit shall be in accordance with
22 Section 9 of the Governmental Account Audit Act. Copies of the
23 audit report shall be filed with the State Board in accordance
24 with regulations prescribed by the State Board. The State Board
25 shall file one copy of the audit report with the Auditor

1 General. The State Board shall file copies of the uniform
2 financial statements from the audit report with the Board of
3 Higher Education.

4 (Source: P.A. 90-468, eff. 8-17-97.)