

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Ways and Means

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Legislative Committee on Accountability as joint committee of Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 1577 Establishes Legislative Committee on Accountability as joint committee of Legislative Assembly. The bill directs the committee to appoint Director of Legislative Accountability Office and majority and minority counsels, who will employ staff to work in the Legislative Accountability Office. The office will conduct performance and management audits and investigate allegations of illegal or improper activities of state agencies, state programs and state-funded programs. They will report on effectiveness of state government programs and policies in meeting objectives and perform policy analysis for Legislative Assembly.

The committee may meet, act and conduct its business during interim and the Legislative in the interim period between sessions but the committee has no authority to affect the rules of either house. Membership terms expire upon the date of the convening of the odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly next following the member's appointment.