

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, no single entity is designated to review a regional planning commission or council of governments' financial reports and audits in their entirety. As proposed, S.B. 1016 requires the state auditor to review each financial statement of a regional planning commission and to report deficiencies or issues to the legislative audit committee, the governor, and the commission. It also authorizes the governor to require a corrective action plan and the legislative audit committee to require further investigation if necessary.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 391.0095(e), Local Government Code, to require a regional planning commission, council of governments, or similar regional planning agency created under this chapter (commission) to send to the state auditor, the comptroller, and the Legislative Budget Board a copy of each report and audit required under this section or under Section 391.009. Requires the state auditor to review each audit and report and to be given access to working papers and other supporting documentation that the state auditor determines is necessary to perform the review. Requires the state auditor, if significant issues involving the administration or operation of a commission or its programs are found, to report its findings and related recommendations to the legislative audit committee, the governor, and the commission. Authorizes the governor to direct the commission to prepare a corrective action plan or other response to the state auditor's findings or recommendations. Authorizes the legislative audit committee to direct the state auditor to perform any additional audit or investigative work that the committee determines is necessary. Deletes text regarding a question about the appropriateness of an expenditure.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.
Makes application of this Act prospective.