2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 618

November 9, 2017 - Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

AN ACT to repeal 13.94 (1) (dL) and 13.94 (1s) (c) 6.; and to amend 13.94 (1) (de) and 13.94 (1) (mg) of the statutes; relating to: audits performed by the Legislative Audit Bureau.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill eliminates the requirement that the Legislative Audit Bureau perform a financial audit of the local government property insurance fund every three years and a requirement that LAB perform an annual financial audit of the Read to Lead Development Fund.

The bill also requires LAB, at the state auditor’s discretion or as the Joint Legislative Audit Committee directs, to perform a financial and performance evaluation audit of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board and of mental health functions, programs, and services in Milwaukee County. Currently, LAB must perform this audit every two years.

Finally, the bill requires LAB to complete a final audit of the Local Government Property Insurance Fund after the cessation of all operations of the fund and the distribution of any moneys remaining in the fund. Under the bill, LAB may charge the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance for the costs of the audit.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 13.94 (1) (de) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.94 (1) (de) At least once every 3 years, perform a financial audit of the state
life insurance fund, the local government property insurance fund, and the injured
patients and families compensation fund.

SECTION 2. 13.94 (1) (dL) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. 13.94 (1) (mg) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.94 (1) (mg) No later than January 1, 2017, and biennially thereafter, At the
state auditor’s discretion, or as the joint legislative audit committee directs, perform
a financial and performance evaluation audit of the Milwaukee County mental
health board and of mental health functions, programs, and services in Milwaukee
County including a review of the effectiveness of the Milwaukee County mental
health board and new policies implemented under that board in providing mental
health services, a review of the expenditures of the Milwaukee County mental health
board, a review of Milwaukee County’s expenditures for mental health functions,
programs, and services and the outcomes of those programs and services in the
period after the formation of the Milwaukee County mental health board. The
legislative audit bureau shall file a copy of the audit report under this paragraph
with the distributees specified in par. (b) and the Milwaukee County executive and
the Milwaukee County board of supervisors. The audit under this paragraph does
not count toward the limit of audits of a county in a calendar year in par. (m).

SECTION 4. 13.94 (1s) (c) 6. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Final audit of the local government property insurance fund. The
legislative audit bureau shall complete a final audit of the local government property
insurance fund after the cessation of all operations of the fund and the distribution
of any moneys remaining in the fund. The legislative audit bureau may charge the office of the commissioner of insurance for the cost of the audit performed under this subsection.

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