

46-1106. Financial-compliance audits of state agencies; audits of financial management practices of state treasurer and pooled money investment board; transition audits, state treasurer; examinations of books and accounts of state treasurer and director of accounts and reports; audit determinations and reports, disposition; prosecution of violations; access to records of state agencies and certain persons; duty of confidentiality. (a) (1) A financial-compliance audit shall be conducted each year of the general purpose financial statements prepared by the division of accounts and reports for its annual financial report. This audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards. The resulting written audit report shall be issued as soon after the end of the fiscal year as is practicable.

(2) In addition, once every two years, separate written audit reports on the financial management practices of the office of the state treasurer and the pooled money investment board shall be prepared addressing the adequacy of financial management practices and compliance with applicable state laws. The separate audit of the pooled money investment board also shall include a comparative investment performance review and an analysis of the investment program, including an evaluation of investment policies and practices and of specific investments in the pooled money investment portfolio. The analysis of the specific investments in the pooled money investment portfolio shall review whether such investments meet the investment priorities of safety, liquidity and performance. The performance of such investments shall be measured by comparison to an appropriate market index.

(3) In addition, whenever an individual is first elected or appointed and qualified to the office of the state treasurer, the legislative division of post audit shall conduct a transition audit within two weeks after the date such individual enters upon the duties of the office of the state treasurer. The purpose of the transition audit shall be to review the assets in the custody of the office of the state treasurer for significant discrepancies at the time of the transition. A separate written report shall be prepared for each transition audit.

(4) Copies of the reports of audits conducted pursuant to this subsection (a) shall be furnished to the governor, director of accounts and reports, director of the budget, each state agency, the legislative post audit committee and other persons or agencies as may be required by law or by the specifications of the audit.

(5) Any additional costs associated with preparing the separate additional reports on the office of the state treasurer and the pooled money investment board shall be borne by the office of the state treasurer and the pooled money investment board in accordance with K.S.A. 46-1121, and amendments thereto.

(b) Including financial-compliance audit work conducted as part of the audit conducted pursuant to subsection (a), financial-compliance audit work shall be conducted at each state agency at least once every three years as directed by the legislative post audit committee. Written reports on the results of such auditing shall be furnished to the governor, director of accounts and reports, director of the budget, the state agency which is audited, the legislative post audit committee and such other persons or agencies as may be required by law or by the specifications of the audit.

(c) (1) Books and accounts of the state treasurer and the director of accounts and reports, including the bond register of the state treasurer, may be examined monthly if the legislative post audit committee so determines, and such examination may include detailed checking of every transaction or test checking.

(2) Any person receiving tax information under the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality imposed by law upon the personnel of the department of revenue and shall be subject to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by law for violations of such duty of confidentiality.

(d) The post auditor shall report immediately in writing to the legislative post audit committee, governor and attorney general whenever it appears in the opinion of the post auditor that there may have occurred any violation of penal statutes or any instances of misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance by a public officer or employee disclosed by any audit or audit work conducted under the legislative post audit act. The post auditor shall furnish the attorney general all information in the possession of the post auditor relative to any report referred to the attorney general. The attorney general shall institute and prosecute civil proceedings against any such delinquent officer or employee, or upon such officer or employee's official bond, or both, as may be needed to recover for the state any funds or other assets misappropriated. The attorney general shall also prosecute such ouster and criminal proceedings as the evidence in the case warrants. Any person receiving tax information under the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality imposed by law upon the personnel of the department of revenue and shall be subject to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by law for violations of such duty of confidentiality.

(e) The post auditor shall immediately report to the committee on surety bonds and insurance when any audit or audit work conducted under the legislative post audit act discloses a shortage in the accounts of any state agency, officer or employee.

(f) In the discharge of the duties imposed under the legislative post audit act, the post auditor may require state agencies to preserve and make available their accounts, records, documents, vouchers, requisitions, payrolls, canceled checks or vouchers and coupons, and other evidence of financial transactions.

(g) In the discharge of the duties imposed under the legislative post audit act, the post auditor or firm conducting a financial-compliance audit or conducting any other audit or audit work shall have access to all books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, confidential or otherwise, of any person or state agency subject to the legislative post audit act or in the custody of any such person or state agency. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the post auditor or firm conducting a financial-compliance audit or other audit or audit work under the legislative post audit act and all employees and former employees of the division of post audit or firm performing a financial-compliance audit or other audit or audit work shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality imposed by law on any such person or state agency with regard to any such books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, and any information contained therein, and shall be subject to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by law for violations of such duty of confidentiality. The duty of confidentiality imposed on the post auditor and on firms conducting financial-compliance audits or any other audits or audit work under the legislative post audit act and all employees of the division of post audit and all employees of such firms shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (d), and the post auditor may furnish all such books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, and any information contained therein to the attorney general pursuant to subsection (d). Upon receipt thereof, the attorney general and all assistant attorneys general and all other employees and former employees of the office of attorney general shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality with the exceptions that any such information contained therein may be disclosed in civil proceedings, ouster proceedings and criminal proceedings which may be instituted and prosecuted by the attorney general in accordance with subsection (d), and any such books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence furnished to the attorney general in accordance with subsection (d) may be entered into evidence in any such proceedings. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to supersede any requirement of federal law.

(h) Any firm or firms which develop information in the course of conducting a financial-compliance audit or other audit or audit work under the legislative post audit act which the post auditor is required to report under subsection (d) or (e) shall immediately report such information to the post auditor. The post auditor shall then make the report required in subsection (d) or (e).

(i) (1) A financial-compliance audit shall be conducted annually on the accounts and transactions of the Kansas lottery and the Kansas lottery commission, of the Kansas public employees retirement system and of any other state agency as may be required by law. The auditor to conduct this audit work shall be specified in accordance with K.S.A. 46-1122, and amendments thereto. If the legislative post audit committee specifies under such statute that a firm is to perform all or part of such audit work, such firm shall be selected and shall perform such audit work as provided in K.S.A. 46-1123, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 46-1125 through 46-1127, and amendments thereto. The audits required pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards, and shall be conducted as soon after the close of the fiscal year as practicable, but shall be completed no later than six months after the close of the fiscal year.

(2) The financial-compliance audit of the Kansas public employees retirement system shall include, but not be limited to, a review of alternative investments of the system with any estimates of permanent impairments to the value of such alternative investments reported by the system pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4907, and amendments thereto. The financial-compliance audit may include one or more performance audit subjects as directed by the legislative post audit committee. In considering performance audit subjects to be included in any such financial-compliance audit, the legislative post audit committee shall consider recommendations and requests for performance audits, relating to the system or the management thereof, by the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits or by any other committee or individual member of the legislature. The legislative post audit committee shall specify if one or more performance audit subjects shall be included in such financial-compliance audit, in addition to such other subjects as may be directed to be included in such financial-compliance audit by the legislative post audit committee. Except as otherwise determined by the legislative post audit committee, one or more performance audit subjects specified by the legislative post audit committee shall be included at least once every two fiscal years in such financial-compliance audit. The legislative post audit committee may direct that one or more performance audit subjects are to be

included in such financial-compliance audit not more than once during a specific period of three fiscal years, in lieu of once every two fiscal years.

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