

## **PART XLVI. GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AUDIT**

**SECTION 46.1.** The Government Performance Audit Committee is established. The Committee shall be located administratively in the General Assembly. The Committee shall consist of 10 members appointed as follows: (i) five members of the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and (ii) five members of the Senate shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Terms on the Committee begin on August 1, 2006. A member continues to serve until a successor is appointed. A vacancy shall be filled within 30 days by the officer who made the original appointment. The Committee and the terms of the members shall expire when the Committee submits a final report to the General Assembly.

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate a cochair of the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least once a quarter upon the joint call of the cochairs. A quorum of the Committee is six members. No action may be taken except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

From funds available to the General Assembly, the Legislative Services Commission shall allocate monies to fund the meetings of the Committee. Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses as provided in G.S. 120-3.1.

The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. Upon the direction of the Legislative Services Commission, the Directors of Legislative Assistants of the Senate and of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical staff to the Committee. The expenses for clerical employees shall be borne by the Committee.

**SECTION 46.2.** The Committee shall contract for a performance audit of the executive branch of State government. The goals of the audit are to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of State government and to identify specific ways to make improvements. The audit may examine entire departments, agencies, or institutions, or similar programs in several departments. The results of the audit shall be reported on or before February 1, 2008.

The performance audit shall include an examination of the efficiency and effectiveness of major management policies, practices, and functions, including the following areas:

- (1) Planning, budgeting, and program evaluation policies and practices, including an analysis of the compliance of the executive branch with existing planning requirements, such as the Capital Improvement Planning Act, Article 1B of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.
- (2) Personnel systems operations and management.

- (3) State purchasing operations and management.
- (4) Information technology and telecommunications systems policy, organization, and management.
- (5) Review of duplications and related or overlapping services or activities for the purpose of coordinating and streamlining programs to achieve consistent and clear objectives.

**SECTION 46.3.** The Committee shall issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a government performance audit to be conducted in accordance with this act. The Committee may award a contract pursuant to the RFP.