

## **Information Technology Audits; HB 2010**

**HB 2010** requires the Legislative Division of Post Audit (LPA) to conduct information technology audits, as directed by the Legislative Post Audit Committee, and establishes the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS) as a separate state agency for budgetary purposes. The OITS budget will be submitted separately from the Department of Administration budget.

Information technology audit work could include assessment of security systems and continuous audits of ongoing information technology projects of any state agency or entity subject to financial or performance compliance audit requirements in law (e.g., local subdivisions of government or agencies that receive money from or through the State, persons who receive grants or gifts from or through the State, and persons regulated or licensed by a state agency who operate for the benefit of a state institution, with the exception of utilities).

The bill also authorizes the LPA to communicate the findings of these audits, outside of the regularly scheduled meetings, to the Legislative Post Audit Committee, the Joint Committee on Information Technology, and the governmental branch Chief Information Technology Officers in certain circumstances.