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HOUSE BILL NO. 424

### BY REPRESENTATIVE THIERRY

### LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR: Authorizes the legislative auditor to conduct audits of not-forprofit organizations that receive scholarship awards from the Department of Education

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 24:513(A)(1)(b)(iv), relative to legislative audits; to provide with
3	respect to the definition of a quasi public agency or body; to subject to audit
4	nonprofit organizations that receive scholarship funds from the Department of
5	Education; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 24:513(A)(1)(b)(iv) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8	follows:
9	§513. Powers and duties of legislative auditor; audit reports as public records;
10	assistance and opinions of attorney general; frequency of audits; subpoena
11	power
12	A.(1)
13	* * *
14	(b) For the sole purpose of this Subsection, a quasi public agency or body is
15	defined as:
16	* * *
17	(iv) Any not-for-profit organization that receives or expends any local or
18	state assistance in any fiscal year. Assistance shall include grants, loans, transfers
19	of property, awards, and direct appropriations of state or local public funds and any

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scholarship awards made by the State Department of Education. Assistance shall not
include guarantees, membership dues, vendor contracts for goods and services
related to administrative support for a local or state assistance program, assistance
to private or parochial schools except scholarships awarded pursuant to R.S. 17:4011
et seq., assistance to private colleges and universities, or benefits to individuals.
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# DIGEST

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HB No. 424

**Abstract:** Authorizes the legislative auditor's office to conduct audits of not-for-profit organizations that receive scholarship award funds from the Dept. of Education.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the legislative auditor to compile financial statements and to examine, audit, or review the books and accounts of the state treasurer, all public boards, commissions, agencies, departments, political subdivisions of the state, public officials and employees, certain public retirement systems, municipalities, and all other public or quasi public agencies or bodies.

<u>Present law</u> further provides for the scope of the examination which may include financial accountability, legal compliance and evaluations of the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of programs. Additionally, under <u>present law</u>, the legislative auditor has access to and is permitted to examine all papers, books, accounts, records, files, instruments, documents, films, tapes, and any other forms of recordation.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and includes within the definition of "quasi public agency or body" any not-for-profit organization that receives or expends scholarship awards made by the State Dept. of Education.

(Amends R.S. 24:513(A)(1)(b)(iv))