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Sponsored by: Senator M. TERESA RUIZ District 29 (Essex)

SYNOPSIS

Directs State Auditor to conduct performance review audit of VCCO.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT As introduced.



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1 AN ACT directing the State Auditor to conduct a performance 2 review audit of the Victims of Crime Compensation Office. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. a. The State Auditor is directed to conduct a performance 8 review audit of the Victims of Crime Compensation Office in the 9 Department of Law and Public Safety. The performance review 10 audit shall analyze whether the office is achieving economy, 11 efficiency, and effectiveness in the employment of available 12 resources and whether the office is in compliance with statutory law and regulations governing the operation of the office. 13 14 The audit required in subsection a. of this section shall include h 15 but not be limited to: (1) an analysis of the office's use of federal and State allocated 16 17 funding; 18 (2) a determination of whether the existing personnel of the office 19 is adequate to meet the statutory mandate of the office; 20 (3) an evaluation of the efficiency of the office's internal 21 operations; and 22 (4) recommendations to address any organizational deficiencies 23 that may be revealed by the audit. 24 Within six months of the effective date of this act, the State 25 2 Auditor shall submit to the Governor, and to the Legislature 26 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), a report 27 summarizing the results of the performance review audit conducted 28 29 pursuant to section 1 of this act. 30 31 3. This act shall take effect immediately. 32 33 34 **STATEMENT** 35 36 This bill directs the State Auditor to conduct a performance 37 review audit of the Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) 38 in the Department of Law and Public Safety. 39 The bill requires the performance review audit of the VCCO to 40 analyze whether the VCCO is achieving economy, efficiency, and 41 effectiveness in employing available resources and whether the 42 office is in compliance with statutory law and regulations governing 43 the VCCO's operations. 44 The audit is to include an analysis of the office's use of federal and 45 State allocated funding; a determination of whether the existing 46 personnel of the office is adequate to meet the statutory mandate of the 47 office; an evaluation of the efficiency of the office's internal 48 operations; and recommendations to address any organizational 49 deficiencies that may be revealed by the audit.

1 The State Auditor is required by the bill to complete the audit 2 and submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report 3 summarizing the results of the audit within six months of the 4 effective date of the bill.