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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; regulating the use of certain appropriations by the
1.3 state auditor for litigation expenses; regulating the schedule of charges for calendar
1.4 year 2017.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. STATE AUDITOR LITIGATION EXPENSES; SCHEDULE OF
1.7 CHARGES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Litigation expenses; core functions of the state auditor. (a) Unless
1.9 funds are otherwise expressly provided by law for this purpose, all costs incurred by the
1.10 state auditor in preparing and asserting a civil claim or appeal, or in defending against a
1.11 civil claim or appeal, related to the proper exercise of the auditor's constitutionally authorized
1.12 core functions must be paid by the auditor's constitutional office division. Only allocations
1.13 made to the constitutional office division on or before January 1, 2017, may be used to pay
1.14 these costs.

1.15 (b) In complying with paragraph (a), the state auditor may not, directly or indirectly,
1.16 decrease allocations previously made to, transfer funds from, or otherwise reduce services
1.17 provided by any other division of the office.

1.18 Subd. 2. Schedule of charges. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 6.581,
1.19 subdivision 3, or any other law to the contrary, the rates included in the state auditor's
1.20 schedule of charges for examinations conducted in calendar year 2017 must be no greater
1.21 than the rates included in the schedule of charges established for examinations conducted
1.22 in calendar year 2016.