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CREATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S AUDIT COMMITTEE

There is a need to ensure accountability and efficiency in the internal functions of state government. A proactive risk control environment based on accountability, professionalism, expertise, open communication and trust will foster transparency in state government and will ensure effective systems. In order to create this environment, an oversight body is needed to ensure the proper implementation of the consolidation of internal audit functions of Executive Order 2003-10 and that the requirements and standards of the Fiscal Control and Internal Auditing Act are met. Therefore, a Governor's Audit Committee is created to oversee the Chief Internal Auditor and the programmatic activities of the Illinois Office of Internal Audit.

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S AUDIT COMMITTEE

- A. The Governor's Audit Committee is established as an oversight and advisory body reporting directly to the Governor.
- B. The Governor's Audit Committee shall initially be comprised of the following five members: the Governor's Chief of Staff; the Governor's General Counsel; the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations; the Director of Central Management Services; and the Director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. The members shall serve at the will of the Governor, and the Governor may, at his discretion, change the membership of the Committee at any time.
- C. The Governor shall designate a Chair of the Governor's Audit Committee from the members of the Committee. The Chair shall serve in that capacity at the will of the Governor.

II. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR'S AUDIT COMMITTEE

- A. The Governor's Audit Committee, as an oversight and advisory body to the Governor, shall ensure the independence of internal audit functions.

- B. The Governor's Audit Committee shall ensure that the Chief Internal Auditor and the internal audits conducted by the Illinois Office of Internal Audit follow accepted auditing standards, such as, but not limited to, the Government Audit Standards of the United States General Accounting Office, the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Audit, and the State of Illinois Internal Audit Advisory Board By-laws.
- C. The Governor's Audit Committee shall approve the appointment of the Chief Internal Auditor.
- D. The Governor's Audit Committee shall review and approve the Charter for the Illinois Office of Internal Audit and shall review and approve the two-year audit plan. In addition, the Governor's Audit Committee shall make periodic revisions to the two-year audit plan as the Audit Committee deems necessary.

III. SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Administrative Order shall be construed to contravene any state or federal law.

IV. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Administrative Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid in a court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Administrative Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Administrative Order are declared to be severable.



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