

1 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION (LAC)

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3 Legislative Auditor Performance Evaluation Policy

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5 **Annual Evaluation.**

6 The chair and vice-chair of the LAC, acting jointly, must conduct an annual  
7 performance assessment of the legislative auditor. The assessment must cover a period  
8 of one year commencing with the date of the auditor's appointment. Additional  
9 performance assessments must cover each year following the anniversary date of the  
10 appointment. If the vice-chair is a member of same political party as the chair, the  
11 LAC must designate an alternative member of the LAC, who is a member of a  
12 different political party than the chair, to work with the chair in conducting the  
13 assessment.

14 The purpose of the assessment is to review the work of the auditor, and to review  
15 the organization and function of the auditor's office generally. The assessment must  
16 result in a report that may be used by the LAC in guiding the work of the office. In the  
17 year before the auditor's term expires, the assessment may be used for making  
18 decisions about the appointment of the auditor.

19 **Assessment Components.**

20 The assessment must be guided by the following principles and procedures:

- 21 • No later than 30 days before initiating the performance assessment, the  
22 executive subcommittee must adopt a timetable and work plan to guide the  
23 assessment process.
- 24 • The assessment must include a comprehensive analysis of the auditor's work  
25 that includes, at a minimum, a written self-reflection prepared by the auditor  
26 and must include observations and feedback provided by the auditor's staff,  
27 legislators, and other interested stakeholders.

- 1           • At the discretion of the executive subcommittee, the assessment may include  
2           other procedures for conducting a performance assessment of senior legislative  
3           staff, as recommended by the National Conference of State Legislatures.
- 4           • The assessment must include an in-person meeting that includes the chair,  
5           vice-chair (or the designees of the LAC), to discuss the work of the auditor  
6           and the auditor’s office, and the results of the comprehensive analysis.
- 7           • The assessment is complete after the chair and vice-chair deliver a report of the  
8           assessment to each member of the LAC. In the year preceding the expiration  
9           of the auditor’s term, the report may include a recommendation regarding the  
10          reappointment of the auditor, and may also recommend areas of the auditor’s  
11          performance for follow-up or monitoring. The report must not disclose  
12          information that is protected by law.
- 13          • After the third year of the auditor’s term, the executive committee shall approve  
14          a work plan and schedule for an independent, comprehensive analysis of the  
15          auditor’s performance to be conducted by an independent entity that is not  
16          part of the legislative, judicial, or executive branch. The independent entity must  
17          provide a report to each member of the LAC.

18          **Review of Deputy Auditors.**

19           The auditor, in consultation with the chair and the vice-chair, must conduct an annual  
20          comprehensive performance assessment of each deputy auditor that covers one year of  
21          work. The auditor must provide a report regarding these assessments, including any  
22          recommendations, to the chair and vice-chair of the LAC. Each deputy auditor may  
23          separately make the deputy auditor’s performance assessment available to the public.