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MEMORANDUM

To: The Senate committee on Ways and Means
From: Daniel Yoza, Assistant Revisor
Date: January 18, 2012
Re: Senate bill 254

Senate bill 254 charges the legislative division of post audit with the mission of conducting information technology audits. These audits are to be carried out at the direction of the legislative post audit committee. The main areas the bill directs the LPA to audit are information security, use of data, and the status of ongoing information technology projects. The bill also requires written reports to be given to the governor, the agency being audited, the chief information officers for each branch, and the legislative post audit committee.

This bill also amends K.S.A. 46-1128 which deals with confidentiality of Legislative post audit reports. The normal procedure is for audits to be confidential until released at an official legislative post audit meeting. However, in new subsection (d), the bill allows the post auditor to report to the post audit committee, the joint committee on information technology or the chief information officer of any branch of government, outside of the normal procedure, if an information technology project is at risk of failure, significant cost overruns, or if the post auditor believes that an information technology project is not being run efficiently and effectively.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2012.

Senate Ways and Means
Date: 01-19-2012
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