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Representative Crandall

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL AUDIT OF THE DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND
REHABILITATIVE SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Department of economic security; employment and
3 rehabilitative services; special audit

4 A. The auditor general shall conduct a special audit, as defined in
5 section 41-1278, Arizona Revised Statutes, to assess the performance of the
6 division of employment and rehabilitative services in the department of
7 economic security. The audit shall examine the effectiveness of the
8 contracting processes used to increase employment of individuals who are
9 eligible for rehabilitation, including developmentally disabled individuals,
10 and shall address the following:

11 1. Funding sources available to the division to contract for
12 employment services and carryforward balances at year-end for the fiscal
13 years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005,
14 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

15 2. Contractors used by the division in fiscal years 2004-2005,
16 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 to secure employment.

17 3. The contracting criteria used by the division to judge successful
18 placement and the cost of each contract based on the results.

19 4. A chart of division placements versus the population served, for
20 the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004,
21 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

22 5. The potential for discrimination against those with severe
23 cognitive disabilities in contract documents.

24 6. Current contracts for employment services and the year or years
25 since the last request for proposals.

26 7. An evaluation of the effectiveness of the division staff in
27 encouraging employment and the ratio of personnel to outcomes.

28 8. A review of the last audit by the auditor general and the degree to
29 which modifications were made as a result of that audit.

30 9. Current requests for proposals and the mechanisms used to measure
31 outcomes and reward successful placements as well as planned requests for
32 proposals, and the consideration given to rewarding outcomes.

33 B. On or before November 15, 2008, the auditor general shall submit
34 the special audit to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker
35 of the house of representatives, the secretary of state and director of the
36 Arizona state library, archives and public records.