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(By Delegates Summers, D. Evans, Hamrick, Ashley, Ireland, Stansbury, Gearheart, E. Nelson, Howell, Blair and Kurcaba)

[Introduced January 14, 2015; referred to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-2A-6a, relating to auditing the Division of Highways.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-2A-6a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2A. WEST VIRGINIA COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.

§17-2A-6a. Financial and efficiency audit of the Division of Highways.

On or before July 1, 2015, the commissioner shall order a financial and efficiency audit of the Division of Highways. The final report from the audit shall be submitted to the Governor, the House of Delegates and the Senate on or before February 1, 2016. The audit shall be performed by a qualified firm in adherence to the following provisions:

(1) The firm shall be selected on a competitive bid based on price and qualifications;

(2) The firm may not be currently under contract with any agency of the State of West Virginia, and may not have been under contract for the five years preceding the issuance of the contract;

1 (3) The contract may not exceed \$500,000; and

2 (4) The contract shall be paid for from the departmental budget's employee account reserve
3 due to unfilled positions.

4 The audit shall examine, define and determine: Areas of inefficiency, better practices, better
5 allocations of funds, methods of savings funds, the proper number of employees, and, identify
6 unused funds and define the best use of taxpayer dollars.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for a performance and efficiency audit of the Division of Highways.

§17-2A-6a is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.