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HOUSE BILL 2393

AN ACT

REQUIRING AN EXTERNAL REVIEW OF ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES; APPROPRIATING
MONIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. External review and recommendations; adult
3 protective services

4 A. The auditor general shall engage an independent consultant with
5 expertise in adult protective services operations and investigations to
6 examine the current adult protective services and consider best practices
7 to improve the delivery of services in this state, including all of the
8 following:

9 1. Developing a strategic direction that ensures the safety of
10 vulnerable adults and establishes protocols for services after an
11 investigation.

12 2. Creating accountability mechanisms, including the capacity to
13 produce accurate data on performance and outcome measures, use of the data
14 for performance management, processes for continuous quality review,
15 mechanisms for qualitative review of system functioning and outcomes for
16 vulnerable adults.

17 3. Strategies for community engagement, including engagement with
18 families, vulnerable adults and service providers.

19 4. The need for and frequency of regular, periodic performance
20 evaluations and the recommended areas for future reviews of adult
21 protective services by an independent outside evaluator.

22 B. The auditor general shall consider, in its decision to enter
23 into a contract with an independent consultant, the consultant's history
24 of working with states or counties in evaluating its operations for adult
25 protective services, the satisfaction of the states or counties with the
26 work of the consultant, the knowledge of the consultant's staff or
27 contractors in adult protective services reform and operations, the
28 consultant's knowledge of related laws governing adult protective services
29 and the consultant's knowledge of evidence-based and promising best
30 practices in adult protective services.

31 C. On or before July 1, 2023, the consultant shall submit a report
32 of its work, including findings and recommendations, to the governor, the
33 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and
34 the chairperson of the house ad hoc committee on abuse and neglect of
35 vulnerable adults and shall provide a copy of its report to the secretary
36 of state.

37 Sec. 2. Appropriation; auditor general; exemption

38 A. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
39 in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the auditor general for the purposes of this
40 act.

41 B. The monies appropriated pursuant to subsection A of this section
42 are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised
43 Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.