ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 454–COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 24, 2003

Referred to Concurrent Committees on Government Affairs and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Auditor to conduct performance audit of Public Employees' Benefits Program. (BDR S-1315)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new: matter between brackets formitted material is material to be omitted

AN ACT relating to the Public Employees' Benefits Program; directing the Legislative Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Public Employees' Benefits Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Auditor shall conduct a performance audit of the Public Employees' Benefits Program. The audit must include, without limitation, an analysis of:
- (a) Significant areas that impact the financial stability of the program, including:
- (1) Program costs related to medical and prescription claims, provider rates, contracts and administration;
- (2) Utilization of services by participants and participant groups;
 - (3) Funded reserves; and

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- (4) State contributions and participant premiums;
- (b) Program benefits compared to benefits provided in other states and by local governments; and



- (c) The effectiveness of the methods used by the program to negotiate for services and to award contracts in order to determine whether:
- (1) The resulting program benefits are comparable to those obtained by other benefit plans of similar size; and
- (2) Changes in those methods are warranted to ensure that the methods used result in securing high quality services delivered at the best price.
- 9 2. The Legislative Auditor shall present a final written report 10 of the audit to the Audit Subcommittee on or before November 1, 11 2004.
 - **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

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