

By Mr. Keating of Sharon, petition of William R. Keating, David B. Cohen, Alfred A. Minahan, Jr., and F. John Monahan for legislation to require state agencies to respond in writing to adverse or critical audit findings by the State Auditor. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DUTIES OF AGENCIES IN REGARD TO AUDIT REPORTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 12 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after the third sentence the following four
3 sentences: — In any audit report of any agency, department, offi-
4 ces, commissions, institutions, and activities of the common-
5 wealth, including those of districts and authorities, created by the
6 general court, issued by the department of the state auditor, where-
7 in there appears adverse or critical comments concerning that
8 agency, department, offices, commission, institutions, and activi-
9 ties of the commonwealth, including those of districts and authori-
10 ties created by the general court, the state auditor may require a
11 response, in writing, to those adverse or critical audit findings.
12 Such a response shall be forwarded to the department of the state
13 auditor within fifteen days of notification by the state auditor that
14 a response is required. A copy of the response shall be filed with the
15 appropriate secretariat, the secretary of administration and
16 finance the cognizant executive board in the case of an authority,
17 and the house and senate committees on ways and means. The
18 state auditor shall promptly notify the appropriate secretariat,
19 secretary of administration and finance, the cognizant executive
20 board in the case of an authority, and the house and senate
21 committees on ways and means in the event of an agency's failure
22 to respond or the filing of unresponsive answers to the adverse or
23 critical audit findings.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ON THE 15TH MARCH 1881

AND

IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES