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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Eliminate the Department of Audit and To Distribute Its Duties and Functions to Other State Government Entities'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 11, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 2. Implementing legislation. The State Controller shall submit legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government that eliminates the Department of Audit and distributes the duties and functions of that department to other appropriate State Government entities, including the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of the State Controller. The State Controller shall submit recommendations and implementing legislation, including necessary cross-references, by December 15, 2007 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The committee shall submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AUDIT, DEPARTMENT OF

Audit - Departmental Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides deappropriations and deallocations associated with the elimination of the Department of Audit as of July 1, 2008.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(16.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$1,393,459)
All Other	\$0	(\$48,548)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,442,007)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(17.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$1,328,679)
All Other	\$0	(\$212,851)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,541,530)

Audit - Unorganized Territory 0075

Initiative: Provides a deallocation associated with the elimination of the Department of Audit as of July 1, 2008.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(2.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$143,735)
All Other	\$0	(\$52,359)
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$196,094)

AUDIT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2007-08	2008-09
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$1,442,007)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	(\$1,737,624)
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$3,179,631)

Sec. 4. Effective date. That section of this Act that repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 11 takes effect July 1, 2008.'

SUMMARY

This amendment eliminates the Department of Audit as of July 1, 2008 and requires the State Controller to submit legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government that distributes the duties and functions of the Department of Audit to other State Government entities, including the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of the State Controller.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)