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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 117.10 and 1711.05 and to enact 1  
section 3769.0811 of the Revised Code to revise 2  
the laws governing county and independent 3  
agricultural societies regarding audits conducted 4  
by the Auditor of State and horse races conducted 5  
by a society. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 117.10 and 1711.05 be amended and 7  
section 3769.0811 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 8  
follows: 9

**Sec. 117.10.** The auditor of state shall audit all public 10  
offices as provided in this chapter. The auditor of state also may 11  
audit the accounts of private institutions, associations, boards, 12  
and corporations receiving public money for their use and may 13  
require of them annual reports in such form as the auditor of 14  
state prescribes. However, the auditor of state shall audit only 15  
public money received from a state agency or a board of county 16  
commissioners, and shall not audit other money raised or received, 17  
by a county agricultural society organized under section 1711.01 18

of the Revised Code or an independent agricultural society 19  
organized under section 1711.02 of the Revised Code. The auditor 20  
of state shall not charge more than three thousand dollars for an 21  
audit of a county or independent agricultural society. 22

If the auditor of state performs or contracts for the 23  
performance of an audit, including a special audit, of the public 24  
employees retirement system, school employees retirement system, 25  
state teachers retirement system, state highway patrol retirement 26  
system, or Ohio police and fire pension fund, the auditor of state 27  
shall make a timely report of the results of the audit to the Ohio 28  
retirement study council. 29

The auditor of state may audit the accounts of any provider 30  
as defined in section 5111.06 of the Revised Code. 31

If a public office has been audited by an agency of the 32  
United States government, the auditor of state may, if satisfied 33  
that the federal audit has been conducted according to principles 34  
and procedures not contrary to those of the auditor of state, use 35  
and adopt the federal audit and report in lieu of an audit by the 36  
auditor of state's own office. 37

Within thirty days after the creation or dissolution or the 38  
winding up of the affairs of any public office, that public office 39  
shall notify the auditor of state in writing that this action has 40  
occurred. 41

**Sec. 1711.05.** Every county agricultural society and every 42  
independent agricultural society annually shall publish an 43  
abstract of its treasurer's account in a newspaper of the county 44  
or on the web page of the society and make a report of its 45  
proceedings during the year. It shall also make, in accordance 46  
with the rules of the department of agriculture, a synopsis of its 47  
awards for improvement in agriculture and in household 48  
manufactures and forward ~~such~~ the synopsis to the director of 49

agriculture at or before the annual meeting of the directors of 50  
the society with the director of agriculture, as provided for in 51  
section 901.06 of the Revised Code. No payment after ~~such that~~ 52  
date shall be made from the county treasury to ~~such the~~ society 53  
unless a certificate from the director is presented to the county 54  
auditor showing that such reports have been made. 55

Sec. 3769.0811. (A) Horse races that are conducted by a 56  
county agricultural society or independent agricultural society in 57  
accordance with section 3769.082 of the Revised Code shall be 58  
conducted at the fairgrounds of the sponsoring agricultural 59  
society. If the horse races cannot be contested due to unfavorable 60  
weather or another unavoidable cause, the races may be transferred 61  
to a suitable track with the approval of the director of 62  
agriculture. When such a race cannot be conducted, the 63  
agricultural society shall allocate the remaining money in a 64  
manner established by the director in rules adopted under division 65  
(B) of this section notwithstanding division (G) of section 66  
3769.082 of the Revised Code. 67

(B) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 68  
119. of the Revised Code that establish the manner in which money 69  
may be allocated under division (A) of this section. 70

**Section 2.** That existing sections 117.10 and 1711.05 of the 71  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 72