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Overview

This bill creates a state auditor enterprise fund. All revenue received by the state auditor from examinations would be deposited in the fund. Money in the fund is appropriated to the state auditor on an ongoing basis to pay for the costs associated with examinations. Under current law, this revenue is deposited in the general fund, and the legislature makes biennial appropriations from the general fund to the state auditor.

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- 1 Examination of counties.** Requires counties receiving examinations from the state auditor to pay the state auditor enterprise fund, rather than the state general fund, for the costs of the audits.
- 2 Billings by state auditor.** Provides for revenue from state auditor billings to be deposited in the state auditor enterprise fund, rather than the general fund.
- 3 State auditor enterprise fund.** Creates the state auditor enterprise fund in the state treasury. Requires amounts received for costs of the auditor's examinations to be deposited in the fund. Provides that amounts in the fund are annually appropriated to the state auditor to pay costs related to the examinations performed.

Authorizes the state auditor to contract with private entities for accounting and technical services when full-time personnel are not available.

Authorizes the state auditor to adjust the schedule of charges for examinations so that they are sufficient to cover costs of examinations. Specifies factors and methods to be used in

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setting these charges. Requires the auditor to review and adjust the schedule at least annually. Requires the commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget to approve these charges.

- 4** **Reporting requirements.** In the law governing city financial reporting, changes a cross-reference to refer to the new section in this bill authorizing contracts with private parties.