

with the help of Legislative Research over the summer did an in depth look at the way to revive that particular function of the Legislature, where I think it rightfully belongs in the Legislature, and I think Senator Schimek's bill helped spurn some of that activity. But as Senator Schimek has stated in her opening, if Senator Schimek would yield to some questions, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Schimek, you had stated in your opening that the State Auditor's Office now presently has a performance auditor. I believe that person was hired from Kansas City and is on-board. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's correct. That's my understanding.

SENATOR MOORE: And it's my understanding that person gets paid about 45,000 dollars a year and do you know, you had mentioned that the Auditor can do performance audits, do you know, that position is not supposed to be General Funded, do you know what performance audit functioning that person is doing now?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I don't know that that person is doing any performance audit functioning right now. I'd have to check with the State Auditor on that, Senator Moore. It's just my understanding that this person is capable and trained in performance auditing.

SENATOR MOORE: And also, Senator Schimek, you had mentioned that there was three other...I'm assuming they were the existing financial audit staff that...that were trained in the area of...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, that's my assumption too, Senator Moore, but I will certainly check on that and get back to you if that's false information.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, nevertheless, I think, assuming Senator Schimek's statements are true, and I know the one particular situation is a truth and the other three I was unaware of, but I think the State Auditor has some people on-board that can do performance audits. I think that is the reason that