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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 2/21/25 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB484 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Sen Block **Agency Name and Code** HCA-630  
**Short Title:** Government Watchdog Act **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$0.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

##### Synopsis:

Creates a new executive agency called the “government accountability to taxpayer office” with an executive director appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The executive director is given authority to employ staff, consultants and experts. The office is given the power to access records and data of other state agencies. It is also given the power to subpoena anybody as a witness, compel the production of records from anybody, and compel anybody’s attendance for testimony under oath. The office is charged with auditing the performance of other state agencies, recommending improvements and monitoring the recommendations.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The bill contains no appropriation despite that fact that it creates a new state agency.

Presumably, HCA staff time and resources would be needed to respond to audits, implement recommendations, and follow-up with continual monitoring of recommendations but it is not possible at this time to estimate the costs.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

As note above, there is no appropriation in the bill for the newly created executive agency.

The bill creates an agency that would duplicate some of the duties of the State Auditor, State Treasurer, and Department of Justice.

The power given to the new agency to compel the production of witnesses under oath and the production of records is not limited to employees and records of the state. Any person in the state could be compelled to testify under oath and produce records.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

No immediate HCA IT impact.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo

**AMENDMENTS**