

Legislative Audit Commission

Resolution No. 167

Presented by Senator Rose

WHEREAS, according to recent news outlets, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) has reportedly approved hundreds of thousands of dollars in overpayments to the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the alleged payments have cost Illinois taxpayers \$28,000 to \$48,000 a month, all of which were disbursed to the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, these reported payments have been identified between February and August of 2023 and have allegedly accounted for \$240,761.30 in billings,

WHEREAS, reports have claimed that total billings to the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency in other contracting roles top \$1 million; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency billed the agency 350 hours in a single month; and

WHEREAS, according to reports the employee who approved the alleged payments is one of four staffers ousted earlier this year for reasons that have yet to be explained; and be it further

RESOLVED, BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION, that the Auditor General is directed to conduct a performance audit of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's administration of contracts and staffing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the audit include, but not be limited to, the following determinations for fiscal years 2022 and 2023:

1. An examination of contracts, specifically contracts that include billable hours, to determine: the purpose of the contracts, the extent contracts were monitored, whether billings were adequately supported, and whether all deliverables were met;
2. An examination of the organizational structure at IEMA to determine the number of unfunded positions, the number of funded positions, the number of vacant positions, and whether any IEMA officials/employees had involvement with outside contractors;
3. The amount of overtime incurred including an analysis of the types of positions incurring overtime, the approval process for the overtime payment requests, and, if any overpayments have been processed, whether IEMA has collected the overpayments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and any other entity having information relevant to the audit cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office in the conduct of this audit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Auditor General commence with this audit as soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Auditor General and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2024



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Senator Chapin Rose
Co-Chair, Legislative Audit Commission



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Representative Fred Crespo
Co-Chair, Legislative Audit Commission