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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations Reform, Technology and Elections

A bill for an act

relating to metropolitan government; authorizing annual audit of Metropolitan Council by private certified public accountants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 473.13, subdivision 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 473.13, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Accounts; audits.** The council shall keep an accurate account of its receipts and disbursements. Disbursements of council money must be made by check or by electronic funds transfer, signed or authorized by the chair or vice-chair of the council, and countersigned or authorized by its regional administrator or designee after whatever auditing and approval of the expenditure may be required by the council. The ~~state auditor~~ council shall provide for an annual audit of the books and accounts of the council ~~once each year, or as often as funds and personnel of the state auditor permit~~ by the state auditor or a private certified public accountant in accordance with minimum procedures prescribed by the state auditor. If the audit is performed by the state auditor, the council shall pay to the state the total cost and expenses of the examination, including the salaries paid to the auditors while actually engaged in making the examination. The general fund must be credited with all collections made for any examination by the state auditor. If the audit is performed by a private certified public accountant, the state auditor may require additional information from the private certified public accountant as the state auditor deems in the public interest. The state auditor may accept the audit or make additional examinations as the state auditor deems to be in the public interest. Data relating to an annual audit performed by a private certified public accountant are

protected nonpublic data or confidential data on individuals until the final report has been published as provided in section 13.392.

Sec. 2. **APPLICATION.**

This act applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day following final enactment.