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## **External auditors give State Auditor Ralph Campbell 'clean opinion' on last three years' work**

RALEIGH \_ A team of senior auditors from other states and the federal government have given North Carolina State Auditor Ralph Campbell a 'clean opinion' on audits performed by his office over the last three years. The opinion by the external review team indicates that work performed by the office met all professional standards for government auditing.

"There is always a question about who audits the auditor?" Campbell said. "In our case, a team of professionals from around the country go through our work every three years to make sure we are complying with all professional standards and producing the kind of impartial, accurate reports that taxpayers expect. We have consistently gotten clean opinions since I took office in 1993."

In addition to the three-year external audits conducted through the National State Auditors Association, an annual outside financial audit is conducted for the General Assembly and an annual internal audit of all audit work is conducted by the staff of the Office of the State Auditor.

Legislative leaders were notified of the external auditors' opinion in a letter sent Wednesday.

