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Official Newsletter of the West Virginia State Auditor's Office. Stay up to date on current legislation affecting the Auditor's Office. See what's going on across all of our departments.

Auditus (au-di-tus), [Latin]:
heard, having been listened to

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:
HB 2152

Prompt Payment Act (HB 2152)

The Prompt Payment Act is in effect as of July 8. The reporting feature on the wvsao.gov website is operational.

PIFU Investigation Leads to Indictment in Wayne County

Wayne County grand jury has returned a nine-count indictment charging former Town of Fort Gay Mayor Joetta Hatfield and former Treasurer and Recorder Sheila Bowen with embezzlement, fraudulent schemes, conspiracy, falsifying accounts, and computer fraud.

Small Government Monitoring Project

The Auditor's Office has been partnered with West Virginia University on several projects over the years. The Small Government Monitoring Project is among several. This program helps students get exposure and training and helps West Virginia get valuable assistance in conducting required reviews for some of the smaller entities and municipalities. WVU is currently working on an article highlighting this program with additional insight from interviewing with our Chief Inspector Division

State Auditor's Office Signs Coalition Regarding Antifraud Enforcement Authority

The West Virginia State Auditor's Office has joined a bipartisan coalition of state securities regulators urging Congress to preserve state authority to investigate and prosecute fraud involving cryptocurrencies and other digital assets. The requested savings clause would ensure states retain their longstanding antifraud enforcement authority, even as Congress considers broader reforms for digital asset markets.



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