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W.S. 28-8-107(b) authorizes the Legislative Service Office to conduct program evaluations, performance audits, and analyses of policy alternatives. Generally, the purpose of such research is to provide a base of knowledge from which policymakers can make informed decisions.

In January 2002, the Management Audit Committee directed staff to undertake a review of the Attorney General's Office with respect to how it provides legal representation. We focused our research on the following questions:

- How is the Attorney General's Office organized and funded? How many attorneys do other agencies fund and house, and does this affect the Attorney General's ability to control and direct the state's legal position?
- Do the boards and commissions receive and pay for their legal representation in a uniform way?
- Is contracting for workers' compensation representation equitable among contractors, as well as cost-effective?
- What is the level of contracting for representation of government officials and employees in tort cases, and is it necessary to contract for this representation?

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