Most recommendations followed in agency procurement card audit, LAC says

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COLUMBIA — Most of the recommendations from a 2011 Legislative Audit Council report regarding agency use of procurement cards have been implemented but agencies are still not reporting any disciplinary actions taken as a result of misuse of the cards.

The LAC reported this morning that all but six of 33 recommendations issued in January 2011 have been implemented, many by Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom's office.

Lawmakers have not yet enacted legislation to monitor agencies use of procurement cards and agencies are not reporting misuse of their cards to Eckstrom's office, the LAC reported.

Eckstrom's office has suspended four cards and cancelled another for improper purchases, the LAC said. One agency reported that an employee defrauded it of more than \$200,000 in 2010 using a procurement card, according to the LAC, while another agency reported disciplining an employee for improperly purchasing gift cards.

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