

# Municipal Auditor General (Bill 202)

## Presentation to Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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# Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)

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- Represents 62 school boards throughout the province
- ASBA provides services to various boards including legal services, labour relations, employee benefit plans, insurance.
- Board of ASBA is elected by the member boards

# Bill 202

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- As drafted, Bill 202 does not include school boards
- ASBA opposes the Bill in principle and would strongly oppose the extension of the authority of any Municipal Auditor General to include School Boards.

# Current Accountability

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- School boards engage external auditors
- School boards work closely with the Department of Education to establish and report on program outcomes.
- Audit results and program outcomes are public information.
- School trustees are elected and have a responsibility to their electorate

# Issues with Bill 202

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- Unclear as the problem the bill is intended to resolve
- The current constraints on school boards already compromise the ability to act independently
- Another level of audit would duplicate current efforts and add administrative costs.