



1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to government accountability; amending  
3           s. 11.40, F.S.; specifying that the Governor, the  
4           Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the  
5           Governor or of the commissioner, may notify the  
6           Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity's failure  
7           to comply with certain auditing and financial  
8           reporting requirements; amending s. 11.45, F.S.;  
9           defining the terms "abuse," "fraud," and "waste";  
10          revising the definition of the term "local  
11          governmental entity"; excluding water management  
12          districts from certain audit requirements; removing a  
13          cross-reference; authorizing the Auditor General to  
14          conduct audits of tourist development councils and  
15          county tourism promotion agencies; revising reporting  
16          requirements applicable to the Auditor General;  
17          amending s. 28.35, F.S.; revising reporting  
18          requirements applicable to the Florida Clerks of Court  
19          Operations Corporation; amending s. 43.16, F.S.;  
20          revising the responsibilities of the Justice  
21          Administrative Commission, each state attorney, each  
22          public defender, the criminal conflict and civil  
23          regional counsel, the capital collateral regional  
24          counsel, and the Guardian Ad Litem Program, to include  
25          the establishment and maintenance of certain internal



26 | controls; amending s. 112.061, F.S.; revising certain  
27 | lodging rates for the purpose of reimbursement to  
28 | specified employees; authorizing an employee to expend  
29 | his or her funds for certain lodging expenses;  
30 | defining the term "statewide travel management  
31 | system"; requiring agencies and the judicial branch to  
32 | report certain travel information of public officers  
33 | and employees in the statewide travel management  
34 | system; requiring executive branch state agencies and  
35 | the judicial branch to use the statewide travel  
36 | management system for certain purposes; amending ss.  
37 | 129.03, 129.06, and 166.241, F.S.; requiring counties  
38 | and municipalities to maintain certain budget  
39 | documents on the entities' websites for a specified  
40 | period; amending s. 215.86, F.S.; revising the  
41 | purposes for which management systems and internal  
42 | controls must be established and maintained by each  
43 | state agency and the judicial branch; amending s.  
44 | 215.97, F.S.; revising certain audit threshold  
45 | requirements; amending s. 215.985, F.S.; revising the  
46 | requirements for a monthly financial statement  
47 | provided by a water management district; amending s.  
48 | 218.32, F.S.; revising the requirements of the annual  
49 | financial audit report of a local governmental entity;  
50 | authorizing the Department of Financial Services to



51 request additional information from a local  
52 governmental entity; requiring a local governmental  
53 entity to respond to such requests within a specified  
54 timeframe; requiring the department to notify the  
55 Legislative Auditing Committee of noncompliance;  
56 amending s. 218.33, F.S.; requiring local governmental  
57 entities to establish and maintain internal controls  
58 to achieve specified purposes; amending s. 218.39,  
59 F.S.; requiring an audited entity to respond to audit  
60 recommendations under specified circumstances;  
61 amending s. 218.391, F.S.; revising membership for the  
62 audit committee; prohibiting an audit committee member  
63 from being an employee, a chief executive officer, or  
64 a chief financial officer of the respective  
65 governmental entity; requiring an auditor to include  
66 certain information in a management letter; requiring  
67 the chair of a governmental entity's governing body to  
68 submit an affidavit containing certain information  
69 when the entity contracts with an auditor to conduct  
70 an audit; providing requirements and procedures for  
71 selecting an auditor; requiring the Legislative  
72 Auditing Committee to determine whether a governmental  
73 entity should be subject to state action under certain  
74 circumstances; amending s. 286.0114, F.S.; prohibiting  
75 a board or commission from requiring an advance copy



76 | of testimony or comments from a member of the public  
77 | as a precondition to being given the opportunity to be  
78 | heard at a public meeting; amending s. 373.536, F.S.;  
79 | deleting obsolete language; requiring water management  
80 | districts to maintain certain budget documents on the  
81 | districts' websites for a specified period; amending  
82 | s. 1001.42, F.S.; authorizing additional internal  
83 | audits as directed by the district school board;  
84 | amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; revising the  
85 | responsibilities of the governing board of a charter  
86 | school to include the establishment and maintenance of  
87 | internal controls; removing obsolete provisions;  
88 | amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; requiring completion of an  
89 | annual financial audit of the Florida Virtual School;  
90 | specifying audit requirements; requiring an audit  
91 | report to be submitted to the board of trustees of the  
92 | Florida Virtual School and the Auditor General;  
93 | deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 1010.01,  
94 | F.S.; requiring each school district, Florida College  
95 | System institution, and state university to establish  
96 | and maintain certain internal controls; amending s.  
97 | 1010.30, F.S.; requiring a district school board,  
98 | Florida College System institution board of trustees,  
99 | or university board of trustees to respond to audit  
100 | recommendations under certain circumstances; amending



101 ss. 218.503 and 1002.455, F.S.; conforming provisions  
102 and cross-references to changes made by the act;  
103 declaring that the act fulfills an important state  
104 interest; providing an effective date.  
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106 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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108 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 11.40, Florida  
109 Statutes, is amended to read:

110 11.40 Legislative Auditing Committee.—

111 (2) Following notification by the Auditor General, the  
112 Department of Financial Services, ~~or~~ the Division of Bond  
113 Finance of the State Board of Administration, the Governor or  
114 his or her designee, or the Commissioner of Education or his or  
115 her designee of the failure of a local governmental entity,  
116 district school board, charter school, or charter technical  
117 career center to comply with the applicable provisions within s.  
118 11.45(5)-(7), s. 218.32(1), s. 218.38, or s. 218.503(3), the  
119 Legislative Auditing Committee may schedule a hearing to  
120 determine if the entity should be subject to further state  
121 action. If the committee determines that the entity should be  
122 subject to further state action, the committee shall:

123 (a) In the case of a local governmental entity or district  
124 school board, direct the Department of Revenue and the  
125 Department of Financial Services to withhold any funds not



126 pledged for bond debt service satisfaction which are payable to  
127 such entity until the entity complies with the law. The  
128 committee shall specify the date that such action must ~~shall~~  
129 begin, and the directive must be received by the Department of  
130 Revenue and the Department of Financial Services 30 days before  
131 the date of the distribution mandated by law. The Department of  
132 Revenue and the Department of Financial Services may implement  
133 ~~the provisions of~~ this paragraph.

134 (b) In the case of a special district created by:

135 1. A special act, notify the President of the Senate, the  
136 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the standing committees  
137 of the Senate and the House of Representatives charged with  
138 special district oversight as determined by the presiding  
139 officers of each respective chamber, the legislators who  
140 represent a portion of the geographical jurisdiction of the  
141 special district, and the Department of Economic Opportunity  
142 that the special district has failed to comply with the law.  
143 Upon receipt of notification, the Department of Economic  
144 Opportunity shall proceed pursuant to s. 189.062 or s. 189.067.  
145 If the special district remains in noncompliance after the  
146 process set forth in s. 189.0651, or if a public hearing is not  
147 held, the Legislative Auditing Committee may request the  
148 department to proceed pursuant to s. 189.067(3).

149 2. A local ordinance, notify the chair or equivalent of  
150 the local general-purpose government pursuant to s. 189.0652 and



151 the Department of Economic Opportunity that the special district  
152 has failed to comply with the law. Upon receipt of notification,  
153 the department shall proceed pursuant to s. 189.062 or s.  
154 189.067. If the special district remains in noncompliance after  
155 the process set forth in s. 189.0652, or if a public hearing is  
156 not held, the Legislative Auditing Committee may request the  
157 department to proceed pursuant to s. 189.067(3).

158 3. Any manner other than a special act or local ordinance,  
159 notify the Department of Economic Opportunity that the special  
160 district has failed to comply with the law. Upon receipt of  
161 notification, the department shall proceed pursuant to s.  
162 189.062 or s. 189.067(3).

163 (c) In the case of a charter school or charter technical  
164 career center, notify the appropriate sponsoring entity, which  
165 may terminate the charter pursuant to ss. 1002.33 and 1002.34.

166 Section 2. Subsection (1), paragraph (j) of subsection  
167 (2), paragraph (u) of subsection (3), and paragraph (i) of  
168 subsection (7) of section 11.45, Florida Statutes, are amended,  
169 and paragraph (x) is added to subsection (3) of that section to  
170 read:

171 11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.—

172 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in ss. 11.40-11.51, the term:

173 (a) "Abuse" means behavior that is deficient or improper  
174 when compared with behavior that a prudent person would consider  
175 a reasonable and necessary operational practice given the facts



176 | and circumstances. The term includes the misuse of authority or  
177 | position for personal gain.

178 |       (b)~~(a)~~ "Audit" means a financial audit, operational audit,  
179 | or performance audit.

180 |       (c)~~(b)~~ "County agency" means a board of county  
181 | commissioners or other legislative and governing body of a  
182 | county, however styled, including that of a consolidated or  
183 | metropolitan government, a clerk of the circuit court, a  
184 | separate or ex officio clerk of the county court, a sheriff, a  
185 | property appraiser, a tax collector, a supervisor of elections,  
186 | or any other officer in whom any portion of the fiscal duties of  
187 | a body or officer expressly stated in this paragraph are ~~the~~  
188 | ~~above are under law~~ separately placed by law.

189 |       (d)~~(e)~~ "Financial audit" means an examination of financial  
190 | statements in order to express an opinion on the fairness with  
191 | which they are presented in conformity with generally accepted  
192 | accounting principles and an examination to determine whether  
193 | operations are properly conducted in accordance with legal and  
194 | regulatory requirements. Financial audits must be conducted in  
195 | accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the  
196 | United States and government auditing standards as adopted by  
197 | the Board of Accountancy. When applicable, the scope of  
198 | financial audits must ~~shall~~ encompass the additional activities  
199 | necessary to establish compliance with the Single Audit Act  
200 | Amendments of 1996, 31 U.S.C. ss. 7501-7507, and other





201 applicable federal law.

202 (e) "Fraud" means obtaining something of value through  
203 willful misrepresentation, including, but not limited to, the  
204 intentional misstatements or intentional omissions of amounts or  
205 disclosures in financial statements to deceive users of  
206 financial statements, theft of an entity's assets, bribery, or  
207 the use of one's position for personal enrichment through the  
208 deliberate misuse or misapplication of an organization's  
209 resources.

210 (f)~~(d)~~ "Governmental entity" means a state agency, a  
211 county agency, or any other entity, however styled, that  
212 independently exercises any type of state or local governmental  
213 function.

214 (g)~~(e)~~ "Local governmental entity" means a county agency,  
215 municipality, tourist development council, county tourism  
216 promotion agency, or special district as defined in s. 189.012.  
217 The term,~~but~~ does not include any housing authority established  
218 under chapter 421.

219 (h)~~(f)~~ "Management letter" means a statement of the  
220 auditor's comments and recommendations.

221 (i)~~(g)~~ "Operational audit" means an audit whose purpose is  
222 to evaluate management's performance in establishing and  
223 maintaining internal controls, including controls designed to  
224 prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse, and in administering  
225 assigned responsibilities in accordance with applicable laws,



226 administrative rules, contracts, grant agreements, and other  
227 guidelines. Operational audits must be conducted in accordance  
228 with government auditing standards. Such audits examine internal  
229 controls that are designed and placed in operation to promote  
230 and encourage the achievement of management's control objectives  
231 in the categories of compliance, economic and efficient  
232 operations, reliability of financial records and reports, and  
233 safeguarding of assets, and identify weaknesses in those  
234 internal controls.

235 (j)~~(h)~~ "Performance audit" means an examination of a  
236 program, activity, or function of a governmental entity,  
237 conducted in accordance with applicable government auditing  
238 standards or auditing and evaluation standards of other  
239 appropriate authoritative bodies. The term includes an  
240 examination of issues related to:

- 241 1. Economy, efficiency, or effectiveness of the program.
- 242 2. Structure or design of the program to accomplish its  
243 goals and objectives.
- 244 3. Adequacy of the program to meet the needs identified by  
245 the Legislature or governing body.
- 246 4. Alternative methods of providing program services or  
247 products.
- 248 5. Goals, objectives, and performance measures used by the  
249 agency to monitor and report program accomplishments.
- 250 6. The accuracy or adequacy of public documents, reports,



251 or requests prepared under the program by state agencies.

252 7. Compliance of the program with appropriate policies,  
253 rules, or laws.

254 8. Any other issues related to governmental entities as  
255 directed by the Legislative Auditing Committee.

256 (k)~~(i)~~ "Political subdivision" means a separate agency or  
257 unit of local government created or established by law and  
258 includes, but is not limited to, the following and the officers  
259 thereof: authority, board, branch, bureau, city, commission,  
260 consolidated government, county, department, district,  
261 institution, metropolitan government, municipality, office,  
262 officer, public corporation, town, or village.

263 (l)~~(j)~~ "State agency" means a separate agency or unit of  
264 state government created or established by law and includes, but  
265 is not limited to, the following and the officers thereof:  
266 authority, board, branch, bureau, commission, department,  
267 division, institution, office, officer, or public corporation,  
268 as the case may be, except any such agency or unit within the  
269 legislative branch of state government other than the Florida  
270 Public Service Commission.

271 (m) "Waste" means the act of using or expending resources  
272 unreasonably, carelessly, extravagantly, or for no useful  
273 purpose.

274 (2) DUTIES.—The Auditor General shall:

275 (j) Conduct audits of local governmental entities when



276 | determined to be necessary by the Auditor General, when directed  
277 | by the Legislative Auditing Committee, or when otherwise  
278 | required by law. No later than 18 months after the release of  
279 | the audit report, the Auditor General shall perform such  
280 | appropriate followup procedures as he or she deems necessary to  
281 | determine the audited entity's progress in addressing the  
282 | findings and recommendations contained within the Auditor  
283 | General's previous report. The Auditor General shall notify each  
284 | member of the audited entity's governing body and the  
285 | Legislative Auditing Committee of the results of his or her  
286 | determination. For purposes of this paragraph, local  
287 | governmental entities do not include water management districts.  
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289 | The Auditor General shall perform his or her duties  
290 | independently but under the general policies established by the  
291 | Legislative Auditing Committee. This subsection does not limit  
292 | the Auditor General's discretionary authority to conduct other  
293 | audits or engagements of governmental entities as authorized in  
294 | subsection (3).

295 | (3) AUTHORITY FOR AUDITS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS.—The  
296 | Auditor General may, pursuant to his or her own authority, or at  
297 | the direction of the Legislative Auditing Committee, conduct  
298 | audits or other engagements as determined appropriate by the  
299 | Auditor General of:

300 | (u) The Florida Virtual School ~~pursuant to s. 1002.37.~~



301           (x) Tourist development councils and county tourism  
302 promotion agencies.

303           (7) AUDITOR GENERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

304           (i) The Auditor General shall annually transmit by July  
305 15, to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
306 Representatives, and the Department of Financial Services, a  
307 list of all school districts, charter schools, charter technical  
308 career centers, Florida College System institutions, state  
309 universities, and local governmental entities ~~water management~~  
310 ~~districts~~ that have failed to comply with the transparency  
311 requirements as identified in the audit reports reviewed  
312 pursuant to paragraph (b) and those conducted pursuant to  
313 subsection (2).

314           Section 3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
315 28.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316           28.35 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.—

317           (2) The duties of the corporation shall include the  
318 following:

319           (d) Developing and certifying a uniform system of workload  
320 measures and applicable workload standards for court-related  
321 functions as developed by the corporation and clerk workload  
322 performance in meeting the workload performance standards. These  
323 workload measures and workload performance standards shall be  
324 designed to facilitate an objective determination of the  
325 performance of each clerk in accordance with minimum standards



326 for fiscal management, operational efficiency, and effective  
327 collection of fines, fees, service charges, and court costs. The  
328 corporation shall develop the workload measures and workload  
329 performance standards in consultation with the Legislature. When  
330 the corporation finds a clerk has not met the workload  
331 performance standards, the corporation shall identify the nature  
332 of each deficiency and any corrective action recommended and  
333 taken by the affected clerk of the court. For quarterly periods  
334 ending on the last day of March, June, September, and December  
335 of each year, the corporation shall notify the Legislature of  
336 any clerk not meeting workload performance standards and provide  
337 a copy of any corrective action plans. Such notifications shall  
338 be submitted no later than 45 days after the end of the  
339 preceding quarterly period. As used in this subsection, the  
340 term:

341 1. "Workload measures" means the measurement of the  
342 activities and frequency of the work required for the clerk to  
343 adequately perform the court-related duties of the office as  
344 defined by the membership of the Florida Clerks of Court  
345 Operations Corporation.

346 2. "Workload performance standards" means the standards  
347 developed to measure the timeliness and effectiveness of the  
348 activities that are accomplished by the clerk in the performance  
349 of the court-related duties of the office as defined by the  
350 membership of the Florida Clerks of Court Operations



351 Corporation.

352 Section 4. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 43.16,  
353 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) and (8),  
354 respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section  
355 to read:

356 43.16 Justice Administrative Commission; membership,  
357 powers and duties.—

358 (6) The commission, each state attorney, each public  
359 defender, the criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, the  
360 capital collateral regional counsel, and the Guardian Ad Litem  
361 Program shall establish and maintain internal controls designed  
362 to:

363 (a) Prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined  
364 in s. 11.45(1).

365 (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws,  
366 rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

367 (c) Support economical and efficient operations.

368 (d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.

369 (e) Safeguard assets.

370 Section 5. Subsection (6) of section 112.061, Florida  
371 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (16) is added to that  
372 section, to read:

373 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,  
374 employees, and authorized persons.—

375 (6) RATES OF PER DIEM AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.—For



376 | purposes of reimbursement rates and methods of calculation, per  
 377 | diem and subsistence allowances are provided as follows:

378 |       (a) All travelers shall be allowed for subsistence when  
 379 | traveling to a convention or conference or when traveling within  
 380 | or outside the state in order to conduct bona fide state  
 381 | business, which convention, conference, or business serves a  
 382 | direct and lawful public purpose with relation to the public  
 383 | agency served by the person attending such meeting or conducting  
 384 | such business, either of the following for each day of such  
 385 | travel at the option of the traveler:

- 386 |           1. Eighty dollars per diem; or
- 387 |           2. If actual expenses exceed \$80, the amounts permitted in  
 388 | paragraph (b) for subsistence, plus actual expenses for lodging  
 389 | at a single-occupancy rate, except as provided in paragraph (c),  
 390 | to be substantiated by paid bills therefor.

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 392 | When lodging or meals are provided at a state institution, the  
 393 | traveler shall be reimbursed only for the actual expenses of  
 394 | such lodging or meals, not to exceed the maximum provided for in  
 395 | this subsection.

396 |       (b) All travelers shall be allowed the following amounts  
 397 | for subsistence while on Class C travel on official business as  
 398 | provided in paragraph (5) (b):

- 399 |           1. Breakfast.....\$6
- 400 |           2. Lunch.....\$11





401 3. Dinner.....\$19

402 (c) Actual expenses for lodging associated with the  
 403 attendance of an employee of a state agency or the judicial  
 404 branch at a meeting, conference, or convention organized or  
 405 sponsored in whole or in part by a state agency or the judicial  
 406 branch may not exceed \$150 per day. However, an employee may  
 407 expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses that exceed  
 408 \$150 per day. For purposes of this paragraph, a meeting does not  
 409 include travel activities for conducting an audit, examination,  
 410 inspection, or investigation or travel activities related to a  
 411 litigation or emergency response.

412 (d) ~~(e)~~ No one, whether traveling out of state or in state,  
 413 shall be reimbursed for any meal or lodging included in a  
 414 convention or conference registration fee paid by the state.

415 (16) STATEWIDE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.—

416 (a) For purposes of this subsection, "statewide travel  
 417 management system" means the system acquired by the Executive  
 418 Office of the Governor to:

419 1. Standardize and automate agency travel management;

420 2. Allow for travel planning and approval, expense  
 421 reporting, and reimbursement; and

422 3. Allow a person to query travel information by public  
 423 employee or officer name and position title, purpose of travel,  
 424 dates and location of travel, mode of travel, confirmation of  
 425 agency head or designee authorization if required, and total



426 travel cost.

427 (b) All agencies and the judicial branch must report  
428 public officer and employee travel information in the statewide  
429 travel management system, including, but not limited to, officer  
430 or employee name and position title, purpose of travel, dates  
431 and location of travel, mode of travel, confirmation of agency  
432 head or designee authorization if required, and total travel  
433 cost. At a minimum, such information must be reported in the  
434 statewide travel management system on a monthly basis.

435 (c) All executive branch state agencies and the judicial  
436 branch must use the statewide travel management system for  
437 purposes of travel authorization and reimbursement.

438 Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
439 129.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

440 129.03 Preparation and adoption of budget.—

441 (3) The county budget officer, after tentatively  
442 ascertaining the proposed fiscal policies of the board for the  
443 next fiscal year, shall prepare and present to the board a  
444 tentative budget for the next fiscal year for each of the funds  
445 provided in this chapter, including all estimated receipts,  
446 taxes to be levied, and balances expected to be brought forward  
447 and all estimated expenditures, reserves, and balances to be  
448 carried over at the end of the year.

449 (c) The board shall hold public hearings to adopt  
450 tentative and final budgets pursuant to s. 200.065. The hearings



451 shall be primarily for the purpose of hearing requests and  
452 complaints from the public regarding the budgets and the  
453 proposed tax levies and for explaining the budget and any  
454 proposed or adopted amendments. The tentative budget must be  
455 posted on the county's official website at least 2 days before  
456 the public hearing to consider such budget and must remain on  
457 the website for at least 45 days. The final budget must be  
458 posted on the website within 30 days after adoption and must  
459 remain on the website for at least 2 years. The tentative  
460 budgets, adopted tentative budgets, and final budgets shall be  
461 filed in the office of the county auditor as a public record.  
462 Sufficient reference in words and figures to identify the  
463 particular transactions must ~~shall~~ be made in the minutes of the  
464 board to record its actions with reference to the budgets.

465 Section 7. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section  
466 129.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

467 129.06 Execution and amendment of budget.—

468 (2) The board at any time within a fiscal year may amend a  
469 budget for that year, and may within the first 60 days of a  
470 fiscal year amend the budget for the prior fiscal year, as  
471 follows:

472 (f) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, if an amendment to  
473 a budget is required for a purpose not specifically authorized  
474 in paragraphs (a)-(e), the amendment may be authorized by  
475 resolution or ordinance of the board of county commissioners



476 adopted following a public hearing.

477 1. The public hearing must be advertised at least 2 days,  
478 but not more than 5 days, before the date of the hearing. The  
479 advertisement must appear in a newspaper of paid general  
480 circulation and must identify the name of the taxing authority,  
481 the date, place, and time of the hearing, and the purpose of the  
482 hearing. The advertisement must also identify each budgetary  
483 fund to be amended, the source of the funds, the use of the  
484 funds, and the total amount of each fund's appropriations.

485 2. If the board amends the budget pursuant to this  
486 paragraph, the adopted amendment must be posted on the county's  
487 official website within 5 days after adoption and must remain on  
488 the website for at least 2 years.

489 Section 8. Subsections (3) and (5) of section 166.241,  
490 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

491 166.241 Fiscal years, budgets, and budget amendments.—

492 (3) The tentative budget must be posted on the  
493 municipality's official website at least 2 days before the  
494 budget hearing, held pursuant to s. 200.065 or other law, to  
495 consider such budget and must remain on the website for at least  
496 45 days. The final adopted budget must be posted on the  
497 municipality's official website within 30 days after adoption  
498 and must remain on the website for at least 2 years. If the  
499 municipality does not operate an official website, the  
500 municipality must, within a reasonable period of time as



501 established by the county or counties in which the municipality  
502 is located, transmit the tentative budget and final budget to  
503 the manager or administrator of such county or counties who  
504 shall post the budgets on the county's website.

505 (5) If the governing body of a municipality amends the  
506 budget pursuant to paragraph (4)(c), the adopted amendment must  
507 be posted on the official website of the municipality within 5  
508 days after adoption and must remain on the website for at least  
509 2 years. If the municipality does not operate an official  
510 website, the municipality must, within a reasonable period of  
511 time as established by the county or counties in which the  
512 municipality is located, transmit the adopted amendment to the  
513 manager or administrator of such county or counties who shall  
514 post the adopted amendment on the county's website.

515 Section 9. Section 215.86, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
516 read:

517 215.86 Management systems and controls.—Each state agency  
518 and the judicial branch as defined in s. 216.011 shall establish  
519 and maintain management systems and internal controls designed  
520 to:

521 (1) Prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined  
522 in s. 11.45(1). ~~that~~

523 (2) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws,  
524 rules, contracts, and grant agreements. ~~;~~

525 (3) Support economical and ~~economic,~~ ~~efficient,~~ ~~and~~



526 ~~effective operations.~~

527 (4) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.

528 (5) Safeguard ~~and safeguarding of assets. Accounting~~

529 ~~systems and procedures shall be designed to fulfill the~~

530 ~~requirements of generally accepted accounting principles.~~

531 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
532 215.97, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

533 215.97 Florida Single Audit Act.—

534 (2) As used in this section, the term:

535 (a) "Audit threshold" means the threshold amount used to  
536 determine when a state single audit or project-specific audit of  
537 a nonstate entity shall be conducted in accordance with this  
538 section. Each nonstate entity that expends a total amount of  
539 state financial assistance equal to or in excess of \$750,000 in  
540 any fiscal year of such nonstate entity shall be required to  
541 have a state single audit~~,~~ or a project-specific audit~~,~~ for such  
542 fiscal year in accordance with the requirements of this section.  
543 ~~Every 2 years the Auditor General,~~ After consulting with the  
544 Executive Office of the Governor, the Department of Financial  
545 Services, and all state awarding agencies, the Auditor General  
546 shall periodically review the threshold amount for requiring  
547 audits under this section and may recommend any appropriate  
548 statutory change to revise the threshold amount in the annual  
549 report submitted pursuant to s. 11.45(7)(h) to the Legislature  
550 ~~adjust such threshold amount consistent with the purposes of~~



551 ~~this section.~~

552 Section 11. Subsection (11) of section 215.985, Florida  
553 Statutes, is amended to read:

554 215.985 Transparency in government spending.—

555 (11) Each water management district shall provide a  
556 monthly financial statement in the form and manner prescribed by  
557 the Department of Financial Services to the district's ~~its~~  
558 governing board and make such monthly financial statement  
559 available for public access on its website.

560 Section 12. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and subsection  
561 (2) of section 218.32, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

562 218.32 Annual financial reports; local governmental  
563 entities.—

564 (1)

565 (d) Each local governmental entity that is required to  
566 provide for an audit under s. 218.39(1) must submit a copy of  
567 the audit report and annual financial report to the department  
568 within 45 days after the completion of the audit report but no  
569 later than 9 months after the end of the fiscal year. In  
570 conducting an audit of a local governmental entity pursuant to  
571 s. 218.39, an independent certified public accountant shall  
572 determine whether the entity's annual financial report is in  
573 agreement with the audited financial statements. If the audited  
574 financial statements are not in agreement with the annual  
575 financial report, the accountant shall specify and explain the



576 significant differences that exist between the audited financial  
577 statements and the annual financial report.

578 (2) The department shall annually by December 1 file a  
579 verified report with the Governor, the Legislature, the Auditor  
580 General, and the Special District Accountability Program of the  
581 Department of Economic Opportunity showing the revenues, both  
582 locally derived and derived from intergovernmental transfers,  
583 and the expenditures of each local governmental entity, regional  
584 planning council, local government finance commission, and  
585 municipal power corporation that is required to submit an annual  
586 financial report. In preparing the verified report, the  
587 department may request additional information from the local  
588 governmental entity. The information requested must be provided  
589 to the department within 45 days after the request. If the local  
590 governmental entity does not comply with the request, the  
591 department shall notify the Legislative Auditing Committee,  
592 which may take action pursuant to s. 11.40(2). The report must  
593 include, but is not limited to:

594 (a) The total revenues and expenditures of each local  
595 governmental entity that is a component unit included in the  
596 annual financial report of the reporting entity.

597 (b) The amount of outstanding long-term debt by each local  
598 governmental entity. For purposes of this paragraph, the term  
599 "long-term debt" means any agreement or series of agreements to  
600 pay money, which, at inception, contemplate terms of payment





601 exceeding 1 year in duration.

602 Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 218.33, Florida  
603 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and a new subsection  
604 (3) is added to that section to read:

605 218.33 Local governmental entities; establishment of  
606 uniform fiscal years and accounting practices and procedures.—

607 (3) Each local governmental entity shall establish and  
608 maintain internal controls designed to:

609 (a) Prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined  
610 in s. 11.45(1).

611 (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws,  
612 rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

613 (c) Support economical and efficient operations.

614 (d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.

615 (e) Safeguard assets.

616 Section 14. Subsections (8) through (12) of section  
617 218.39, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (9)  
618 through (13), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is added to  
619 that section to read:

620 218.39 Annual financial audit reports.—

621 (8) If the audit report includes a recommendation that was  
622 included in the preceding financial audit report but remains  
623 unaddressed, the governing body of the audited entity, within 60  
624 days after the delivery of the audit report to the governing  
625 body, shall indicate during a regularly scheduled public meeting



626 whether it intends to take corrective action, the intended  
627 corrective action, and the timeframe for the corrective action.  
628 If the governing body indicates that it does not intend to take  
629 corrective action, it must explain its decision at the public  
630 meeting.

631 Section 15. Subsection (2) of section 218.391, Florida  
632 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (9) through (13) are added  
633 to that section, to read:

634 218.391 Auditor selection procedures.—

635 (2) The governing body of a ~~charter~~ county, municipality,  
636 special district, district school board, charter school, or  
637 charter technical career center shall establish an audit  
638 committee.

639 (a) The audit committee for a county ~~Each noncharter~~  
640 ~~county shall establish an audit committee that,~~ at a minimum,  
641 shall consist of each of the county officers elected pursuant to  
642 the county charter or s. 1(d), Art. VIII of the State  
643 Constitution, or their respective designees ~~a designee,~~ and one  
644 member of the board of county commissioners or its designee.

645 (b) The audit committee for a municipality, special  
646 district, district school board, charter school, or charter  
647 technical career center shall consist of at least three members.  
648 One member of the audit committee must be a member of the  
649 governing body of an entity specified in this paragraph, who  
650 shall also serve as the chair of the committee.



651        (c) An employee, chief executive officer, or chief  
652 financial officer of the county, municipality, special district,  
653 district school board, charter school, or charter technical  
654 career center may not serve as a member of an audit committee  
655 established under this subsection.

656        (d) The primary purpose of the audit committee is to  
657 assist the governing body in selecting an auditor to conduct the  
658 annual financial audit required in s. 218.39; however, the audit  
659 committee may serve other audit oversight purposes as determined  
660 by the entity's governing body. The public may ~~shall~~ not be  
661 excluded from the proceedings under this section.

662        (9) For each audit required by s. 218.39, the auditor  
663 shall include the following information in the management letter  
664 prepared pursuant to s. 218.39(4):

665        (a) The date the entity's governing body approved the  
666 selection of the auditor and the date the entity and the auditor  
667 executed the most recent contract pursuant to subsection (7);

668        (b) The first fiscal year for which the auditor conducted  
669 the audit under the most recently executed contract pursuant to  
670 subsection (7); and

671        (c) The contract period, including renewals, and  
672 conditions under which the contract may be terminated or  
673 renewed.

674        (10) On each occasion that an entity contracts with an  
675 auditor to conduct an audit pursuant to s. 218.39, an affidavit



676 shall be executed by the chair of the entity's governing body in  
677 a format prescribed in accordance with rules adopted by the  
678 Auditor General, affirming that the auditor was selected in  
679 compliance with the requirements of subsections (3)-(6). The  
680 affidavit must accompany the entity's first audit report  
681 prepared by the auditor under the most recently executed  
682 contract pursuant to subsection (7). The affidavit shall include  
683 the following information:

684 (a) The date the entity's governing body approved the  
685 selection of the auditor;

686 (b) The first fiscal year for which the auditor conducted  
687 the audit; and

688 (c) The contract period, including renewals, and  
689 conditions under which the contract may be terminated or  
690 renewed.

691 (11) If the entity fails to select the auditor in  
692 accordance with the requirements of subsections (3)-(6), the  
693 entity shall again perform the auditor selection process in  
694 accordance with this section to select an auditor to conduct  
695 audits for subsequent fiscal years if the original audit was  
696 performed under a multiyear contract.

697 (a) If performing the auditor selection process again in  
698 accordance with this section would preclude the entity from  
699 timely completing the annual financial audit required by s.  
700 218.39, the entity shall again perform the auditor selection



701 process in accordance with this section for the subsequent  
702 annual financial audit. A multiyear contract entered into  
703 between an entity and an auditor after the effective date of  
704 this act may not prohibit or restrict an entity from complying  
705 with the section.

706 (b) If the entity fails to perform the auditor selection  
707 process again, pursuant to this subsection, the Legislative  
708 Auditing Committee shall determine whether the entity should be  
709 subject to state action pursuant to s. 11.40(2).

710 (12) If the entity fails to provide the Auditor General  
711 with the affidavit required by subsection (10), the Auditor  
712 General shall request that the entity provide the affidavit. The  
713 affidavit must be provided within 45 days after the date of the  
714 request. If the entity does not comply with the Auditor  
715 General's request, the Legislative Auditing Committee shall  
716 determine whether the entity should be subject to state action  
717 pursuant to s. 11.40(2).

718 (13) If the entity provides the Auditor General with the  
719 affidavit required in subsection (10) but failed to select the  
720 auditor in accordance with the requirements of subsections (3)-  
721 (6), the Legislative Auditing Committee shall determine whether  
722 the entity should be subject to state action pursuant to s.  
723 11.40(2).

724 Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 286.0114, Florida  
725 Statutes, is amended to read:



726 286.0114 Public meetings; reasonable opportunity to be  
727 heard; attorney fees.—

728 (2) Members of the public shall be given a reasonable  
729 opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or  
730 commission. The opportunity to be heard need not occur at the  
731 same meeting at which the board or commission takes official  
732 action on the proposition if the opportunity occurs at a meeting  
733 that is during the decisionmaking process and is within  
734 reasonable proximity in time before the meeting at which the  
735 board or commission takes the official action. A board or  
736 commission may not require a member of the public to provide an  
737 advance written copy of his or her testimony or comments as a  
738 condition of being given the opportunity to be heard at a  
739 meeting. This section does not prohibit a board or commission  
740 from maintaining orderly conduct or proper decorum in a public  
741 meeting. The opportunity to be heard is subject to rules or  
742 policies adopted by the board or commission, as provided in  
743 subsection (4).

744 Section 16. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4), paragraph (d)  
745 of subsection (5), and paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of  
746 section 373.536, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

747 373.536 District budget and hearing thereon.—

748 (4) BUDGET CONTROLS; FINANCIAL INFORMATION.—

749 (e) ~~By September 1, 2012,~~ Each district shall provide a  
750 monthly financial statement in the form and manner prescribed by



751 the Department of Financial Services to the district's governing  
752 board and make such monthly financial statement available for  
753 public access on its website.

754 (5) TENTATIVE BUDGET CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION; REVIEW AND  
755 APPROVAL.—

756 (d) Each district shall, by August 1 of each year, submit  
757 for review a tentative budget and a description of any  
758 significant changes from the preliminary budget submitted to the  
759 Legislature pursuant to s. 373.535 to the Governor, the  
760 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
761 Representatives, the chairs of all legislative committees and  
762 subcommittees having substantive or fiscal jurisdiction over  
763 water management districts, as determined by the President of  
764 the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as  
765 applicable, the secretary of the department, and the governing  
766 body of each county in which the district has jurisdiction or  
767 derives any funds for the operations of the district. The  
768 tentative budget must be posted on the district's official  
769 website at least 2 days before budget hearings held pursuant to  
770 s. 200.065 or other law and must remain on the website for at  
771 least 45 days.

772 (6) FINAL BUDGET; ANNUAL AUDIT; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN;  
773 WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT WORK PROGRAM.—

774 (d) The final adopted budget must be posted on the water  
775 management district's official website within 30 days after



776 adoption and must remain on the website for at least 2 years.

777 Section 17. Paragraph (1) of subsection (12) of section  
778 1001.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

779 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The  
780 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all  
781 powers and perform all duties listed below:

782 (12) FINANCE.—Take steps to assure students adequate  
783 educational facilities through the financial procedure  
784 authorized in chapters 1010 and 1011 and as prescribed below:

785 (1) *Internal auditor.*—May employ an internal auditor to  
786 perform ongoing financial verification of the financial records  
787 of the school district and such other audits and reviews as the  
788 district school board directs for the purpose of determining:

789 1. The adequacy of internal controls designed to prevent  
790 and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined in s. 11.45(1).

791 2. Compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts,  
792 grant agreements, district school board-approved policies, and  
793 best practices.

794 3. The efficiency of operations.

795 4. The reliability of financial records and reports.

796 5. The safeguarding of assets.

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798 The internal auditor shall report directly to the district  
799 school board or its designee.

800 Section 18. Paragraph (j) of subsection (9) of section





801 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

802 1002.33 Charter schools.—

803 (9) CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS.—

804 (j) The governing body of the charter school shall be  
805 responsible for:

806 1. Establishing and maintaining internal controls designed  
807 to:

808 a. Prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined  
809 in s. 11.45(1).

810 b. Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws,  
811 rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

812 c. Support economical and efficient operations.

813 d. Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.

814 e. Safeguard assets.

815 ~~2.1.~~ Ensuring that the charter school has retained the  
816 services of a certified public accountant or auditor for the  
817 annual financial audit, pursuant to s. 1002.345(2), who shall  
818 submit the report to the governing body.

819 ~~3.2.~~ Reviewing and approving the audit report, including  
820 audit findings and recommendations for the financial recovery  
821 plan.

822 ~~4.a.3.a.~~ Performing the duties in s. 1002.345, including  
823 monitoring a corrective action plan.

824 b. Monitoring a financial recovery plan in order to ensure  
825 compliance.



826        ~~5.4.~~ Participating in governance training approved by the  
827 department which must include government in the sunshine,  
828 conflicts of interest, ethics, and financial responsibility.

829        Section 19. Subsections (6) through (10) of section  
830 1002.37, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7)  
831 through (11), respectively, a new subsection (6) is added to  
832 that section, and present subsections (6) and (11) of that  
833 section are amended, to read:

834        1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.—

835        (6) The Florida Virtual School shall have an annual  
836 financial audit of its accounts and records conducted by an  
837 independent auditor who is a certified public accountant  
838 licensed under chapter 473. The independent auditor shall  
839 conduct the audit in accordance with rules adopted by the  
840 Auditor General pursuant to s. 11.45 and, upon completion of the  
841 audit, shall prepare an audit report in accordance with such  
842 rules. The audit report must include a written statement by the  
843 board of trustees describing corrective action to be taken in  
844 response to each of the recommendations of the independent  
845 auditor included in the audit report. The independent auditor  
846 shall submit the audit report to the board of trustees and the  
847 Auditor General no later than 9 months after the end of the  
848 preceding fiscal year.

849        ~~(7)-(6)~~ The board of trustees shall annually submit to the  
850 Governor, the Legislature, the Commissioner of Education, and



851 the State Board of Education the audit report prepared pursuant  
852 to subsection (6) and a complete and detailed report setting  
853 forth:

854 (a) The operations and accomplishments of the Florida  
855 Virtual School within the state and those occurring outside the  
856 state as Florida Virtual School Global.

857 (b) The marketing and operational plan for the Florida  
858 Virtual School and Florida Virtual School Global, including  
859 recommendations regarding methods for improving the delivery of  
860 education through the Internet and other distance learning  
861 technology.

862 (c) The assets and liabilities of the Florida Virtual  
863 School and Florida Virtual School Global at the end of the  
864 fiscal year.

865 ~~(d) A copy of an annual financial audit of the accounts~~  
866 ~~and records of the Florida Virtual School and Florida Virtual~~  
867 ~~School Global, conducted by an independent certified public~~  
868 ~~accountant and performed in accordance with rules adopted by the~~  
869 ~~Auditor General.~~

870 (d)(e) Recommendations regarding the unit cost of  
871 providing services to students through the Florida Virtual  
872 School and Florida Virtual School Global. In order to most  
873 effectively develop public policy regarding any future funding  
874 of the Florida Virtual School, it is imperative that the cost of  
875 the program is accurately identified. The identified cost of the



876 program must be based on reliable data.

877 (e) ~~(f)~~ Recommendations regarding an accountability  
878 mechanism to assess the effectiveness of the services provided  
879 by the Florida Virtual School and Florida Virtual School Global.

880 ~~(11) The Auditor General shall conduct an operational~~  
881 ~~audit of the Florida Virtual School, including Florida Virtual~~  
882 ~~School Global. The scope of the audit shall include, but not be~~  
883 ~~limited to, the administration of responsibilities relating to~~  
884 ~~personnel; procurement and contracting; revenue production;~~  
885 ~~school funds, including internal funds; student enrollment~~  
886 ~~records; franchise agreements; information technology~~  
887 ~~utilization, assets, and security; performance measures and~~  
888 ~~standards; and accountability. The final report on the audit~~  
889 ~~shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the~~  
890 ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January~~  
891 ~~31, 2014.~~

892 Section 20. Subsection (5) is added to section 1010.01,  
893 Florida Statutes, to read:

894 1010.01 Uniform records and accounts.—

895 (5) Each school district, Florida College System  
896 institution, and state university shall establish and maintain  
897 internal controls designed to:

898 (a) Prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined  
899 in s. 11.45(1).

900 (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws,



901 rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

902 (c) Support economical and efficient operations.

903 (d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.

904 (e) Safeguard assets.

905 Section 21. Subsection (2) of section 1010.30, Florida  
906 Statutes, is amended to read:

907 1010.30 Audits required.—

908 (2) If a school district, Florida College System  
909 institution, or university audit report includes a  
910 recommendation that was included in the preceding financial  
911 audit report but remains unaddressed ~~an audit contains a~~  
912 ~~significant finding~~, the district school board, the Florida  
913 College System institution board of trustees, or the university  
914 board of trustees, within 60 days after the delivery of the  
915 audit report to the school district, Florida College System  
916 institution, or university, shall indicate ~~conduct an audit~~  
917 ~~overview~~ during a regularly scheduled public meeting whether it  
918 intends to take corrective action, the intended corrective  
919 action, and the timeframe for the corrective action. If the  
920 district school board, Florida College System institution board  
921 of trustees, or university board of trustees indicates that it  
922 does not intend to take corrective action, it shall explain its  
923 decision at the public meeting.

924 Section 22. Subsection (3) of section 218.503, Florida  
925 Statutes, is amended to read:



926           218.503 Determination of financial emergency.—  
927           (3) Upon notification that one or more of the conditions  
928 in subsection (1) have occurred or will occur if action is not  
929 taken to assist the local governmental entity or district school  
930 board, the Governor or his or her designee shall contact the  
931 local governmental entity or the Commissioner of Education or  
932 his or her designee shall contact the district school board, as  
933 appropriate, to determine what actions have been taken by the  
934 local governmental entity or the district school board to  
935 resolve or prevent the condition. The information requested must  
936 be provided within 45 days after the date of the request. If the  
937 local governmental entity or the district school board does not  
938 comply with the request, the Governor or his or her designee or  
939 the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee shall  
940 notify ~~the members of~~ the Legislative Auditing Committee, which  
941 ~~who~~ may take action pursuant to s. 11.40(2) ~~11.40~~. The Governor  
942 or the Commissioner of Education, as appropriate, shall  
943 determine whether the local governmental entity or the district  
944 school board needs state assistance to resolve or prevent the  
945 condition. If state assistance is needed, the local governmental  
946 entity or district school board is considered to be in a state  
947 of financial emergency. The Governor or the Commissioner of  
948 Education, as appropriate, has the authority to implement  
949 measures as set forth in ss. 218.50-218.504 to assist the local  
950 governmental entity or district school board in resolving the



951 financial emergency. Such measures may include, but are not  
952 limited to:

953 (a) Requiring approval of the local governmental entity's  
954 budget by the Governor or approval of the district school  
955 board's budget by the Commissioner of Education.

956 (b) Authorizing a state loan to a local governmental  
957 entity and providing for repayment of same.

958 (c) Prohibiting a local governmental entity or district  
959 school board from issuing bonds, notes, certificates of  
960 indebtedness, or any other form of debt until such time as it is  
961 no longer subject to this section.

962 (d) Making such inspections and reviews of records,  
963 information, reports, and assets of the local governmental  
964 entity or district school board as are needed. The appropriate  
965 local officials shall cooperate in such inspections and reviews.

966 (e) Consulting with officials and auditors of the local  
967 governmental entity or the district school board and the  
968 appropriate state officials regarding any steps necessary to  
969 bring the books of account, accounting systems, financial  
970 procedures, and reports into compliance with state requirements.

971 (f) Providing technical assistance to the local  
972 governmental entity or the district school board.

973 (g)1. Establishing a financial emergency board to oversee  
974 the activities of the local governmental entity or the district  
975 school board. If a financial emergency board is established for



976 a local governmental entity, the Governor shall appoint board  
977 members and select a chair. If a financial emergency board is  
978 established for a district school board, the State Board of  
979 Education shall appoint board members and select a chair. The  
980 financial emergency board shall adopt such rules as are  
981 necessary for conducting board business. The board may:

982 a. Make such reviews of records, reports, and assets of  
983 the local governmental entity or the district school board as  
984 are needed.

985 b. Consult with officials and auditors of the local  
986 governmental entity or the district school board and the  
987 appropriate state officials regarding any steps necessary to  
988 bring the books of account, accounting systems, financial  
989 procedures, and reports of the local governmental entity or the  
990 district school board into compliance with state requirements.

991 c. Review the operations, management, efficiency,  
992 productivity, and financing of functions and operations of the  
993 local governmental entity or the district school board.

994 d. Consult with other governmental entities for the  
995 consolidation of all administrative direction and support  
996 services, including, but not limited to, services for asset  
997 sales, economic and community development, building inspections,  
998 parks and recreation, facilities management, engineering and  
999 construction, insurance coverage, risk management, planning and  
1000 zoning, information systems, fleet management, and purchasing.





1001           2. The recommendations and reports made by the financial  
1002 emergency board must be submitted to the Governor for local  
1003 governmental entities or to the Commissioner of Education and  
1004 the State Board of Education for district school boards for  
1005 appropriate action.

1006           (h) Requiring and approving a plan, to be prepared by  
1007 officials of the local governmental entity or the district  
1008 school board in consultation with the appropriate state  
1009 officials, prescribing actions that will cause the local  
1010 governmental entity or district school board to no longer be  
1011 subject to this section. The plan must include, but need not be  
1012 limited to:

1013           1. Provision for payment in full of obligations outlined  
1014 in subsection (1), designated as priority items, which are  
1015 currently due or will come due.

1016           2. Establishment of priority budgeting or zero-based  
1017 budgeting in order to eliminate items that are not affordable.

1018           3. The prohibition of a level of operations which can be  
1019 sustained only with nonrecurring revenues.

1020           4. Provisions implementing the consolidation, sourcing, or  
1021 discontinuance of all administrative direction and support  
1022 services, including, but not limited to, services for asset  
1023 sales, economic and community development, building inspections,  
1024 parks and recreation, facilities management, engineering and  
1025 construction, insurance coverage, risk management, planning and



1026 zoning, information systems, fleet management, and purchasing.

1027 Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 1002.455, Florida  
1028 Statutes, is amended to read:

1029 1002.455 Student eligibility for K-12 virtual  
1030 instruction.—

1031 (2) A student is eligible to participate in virtual  
1032 instruction if:

1033 (a) The student spent the prior school year in attendance  
1034 at a public school in the state and was enrolled and reported by  
1035 the school district for funding during October and February for  
1036 purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program surveys;

1037 (b) The student is a dependent child of a member of the  
1038 United States Armed Forces who was transferred within the last  
1039 12 months to this state from another state or from a foreign  
1040 country pursuant to a permanent change of station order;

1041 (c) The student was enrolled during the prior school year  
1042 in a virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45 or a full-time  
1043 Florida Virtual School program under s. 1002.37(9)(a)  
1044 ~~1002.37(8)(a)~~;

1045 (d) The student has a sibling who is currently enrolled in  
1046 a virtual instruction program and the sibling was enrolled in  
1047 that program at the end of the prior school year;

1048 (e) The student is eligible to enter kindergarten or first  
1049 grade; or

1050 (f) The student is eligible to enter grades 2 through 5



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1051 and is enrolled full-time in a school district virtual  
1052 instruction program, virtual charter school, or the Florida  
1053 Virtual School.

1054       Section 24. The Legislature finds that a proper and  
1055 legitimate state purpose is served when internal controls are  
1056 established to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse and to  
1057 safeguard and account for government funds and property.  
1058 Therefore, the Legislature determines and declares that this act  
1059 fulfills an important state interest.

1060       Section 25. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.