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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
ANALYSIS - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

BILL #: HB 1595

RELATING TO: Hillsborough County/Performance Audits

SPONSOR(S): Representative Murman and others

COMPANION BILL(S): None.

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

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I. SUMMARY:

This bill establishes specific completion dates for the next performance audits for certain Hillsborough County agencies. The new audit schedule requires completed performance audits every eight years instead of the current 4 years.

The bill appears to have an insignificant fiscal impact.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

Performance audits for eight Hillsborough County agencies created by special act are now on a 4-year recurring cycle for completing performance audits.

The eight agencies are:

- Tampa Port Authority;
- Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission;
- Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission;
- Hillsborough County Hospital Authority;
- Hillsborough County Aviation Authority;
- Hillsborough County Public Transportation Commission;
- Hillsborough County Civil Service Board; and
- Tampa Sports Authority.

Pursuant to s. 125.01, Florida Statutes, “[e]ntities that are funded wholly or in part by the county, at the discretion of the county, may be required by the county to conduct a performance audit paid for by the county . . .”

According to the Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation Staff Summary dated January 7, 1999, the delegation voted to delay the next audits by one year instead of eight with consensus that an interim study be conducted to determine ongoing need for such audits.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill doubles the length of time between audits. The bill establishes the following schedule, with the corresponding agencies, for the completion of performance audits:

- (1) Tampa Port Authority and the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission: **April 30, 2001.**
- (2) Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission and Hillsborough County Hospital Authority: **April 30, 2002.**
- (3) Hillsborough County Aviation Authority and Hillsborough County Public Transportation Commission: **April 30, 2003.**
- (4) Hillsborough County Civil Service Board and Tampa Sports Authority: **April 30, 2004.**

C. LAWS OF FLORIDA/FLORIDA STATUTES AFFECTED:

Creates special act.

D. APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Less Government:

a. Does the bill create, increase or reduce, either directly or indirectly:

(1) any authority to make rules or adjudicate disputes?

N/A

(2) any new responsibilities, obligations or work for other governmental or private organizations or individuals?

Certain Hillsborough County agencies must adhere to specific and new performance audit completion deadlines.

(3) any entitlement to a government service or benefit?

N/A

b. If an agency or program is eliminated or reduced:

(1) what responsibilities, costs and powers are passed on to another program, agency, level of government, or private entity?

N/A

(2) what is the cost of such responsibility at the new level/agency?

N/A

(3) how is the new agency accountable to the people governed?

N/A

2. Lower Taxes:

a. Does the bill increase anyone's taxes?

No.

b. Does the bill require or authorize an increase in any fees?

No.

c. Does the bill reduce total taxes, both rates and revenues?

No.

d. Does the bill reduce total fees, both rates and revenues?

No.

e. Does the bill authorize any fee or tax increase by any local government?

No.

3. Personal Responsibility:

- a. Does the bill reduce or eliminate an entitlement to government services or subsidy?

N/A

- b. Do the beneficiaries of the legislation directly pay any portion of the cost of implementation and operation?

N/A

4. Individual Freedom:

- a. Does the bill increase the allowable options of individuals or private organizations/associations to conduct their own affairs?

N/A

- b. Does the bill prohibit, or create new government interference with, any presently lawful activity?

N/A

5. Family Empowerment:

- a. If the bill purports to provide services to families or children:

- (1) Who evaluates the family's needs?

N/A

- (2) Who makes the decisions?

N/A

- (3) Are private alternatives permitted?

N/A

- (4) Are families required to participate in a program?

N/A

- (5) Are families penalized for not participating in a program?

N/A

- b. Does the bill directly affect the legal rights and obligations between family members?

N/A

- c. If the bill creates or changes a program providing services to families or children, in which of the following does the bill vest control of the program, either through direct participation or appointment authority:

- (1) parents and guardians?

N/A

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(2) service providers?

N/A

(3) government employees/agencies?

N/A

E. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Provides, by special act, specific completion dates for the next performance audits for certain Hillsborough County agencies.

Section 2. Provides that this bill is effective upon becoming law.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? January 30, 1999

WHERE? The Times (an edition of the St. Petersburg Times)

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? N/A

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

IV. COMMENTS:

Under the bill, audit costs are every eight years instead of 4 years, thus saving substantial audit costs.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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