

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senators Dockery, Lynn, Posey, Sebesta, Jones, Argenziano, Constantine and Alexander

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to audits of state agency
 3 direct-support organizations and citizen
 4 support organizations; amending s. 215.981,
 5 F.S.; specifying financial audit requirements
 6 for certain direct-support organizations and
 7 citizen support organizations; excluding
 8 certain organizations from such requirements;
 9 requiring the Department of Environmental
 10 Protection to establish financial management
 11 guidelines; requiring the department to conduct
 12 operational and financial reviews of certain
 13 direct-support organizations or citizen support
 14 organizations each year; providing an effective
 15 date.

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 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 19 Section 1. Section 215.981, Florida Statutes, is
 20 amended to read:

21 215.981 Audits of state agency direct-support
 22 organizations and citizen support organizations.--

23 (1) Each direct-support organization and each citizen
 24 support organization with annual expenditures in excess of
 25 \$100,000, created or authorized pursuant to law, and created,
 26 approved, or administered by a state agency, other than a
 27 university, district board of trustees of a community college,
 28 or district school board, shall provide for an annual
 29 financial audit of its accounts and records to be conducted by
 30 an independent certified public accountant in accordance with
 31 rules adopted by the Auditor General pursuant to s. 11.45(8)

1 and the state agency that created, approved, or administers
2 the direct-support organization or citizen support
3 organization. The audit report shall be submitted within 9
4 months after the end of the fiscal year to the Auditor General
5 and to the state agency responsible for creation,
6 administration, or approval of the direct-support organization
7 or citizen support organization. Such state agency, the
8 Auditor General, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
9 Government Accountability shall have the authority to require
10 and receive from the organization or from the independent
11 auditor any records relative to the operation of the
12 organization.

13 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1),
14 direct-support organizations and for the 2002-2003 fiscal year
15 only, citizen support organizations for the Department of
16 Environmental Protection that are not for profit and that have
17 annual expenditures of less than ~~\$300,000~~ \$100,000 are not
18 required to have an independent audit. The department shall
19 establish accounting and financial management guidelines for
20 those organizations under the department's jurisdiction. Each
21 year, the department shall conduct operational and financial
22 reviews of a selected number of direct-support organizations
23 or citizen support organizations which fall below the audit
24 threshold established in this subsection. ~~This subsection~~
25 ~~expires July 1, 2003.~~

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 1036

- The Committee Substitute amends s. 215.981, Florida Statutes, regarding audit requirements for Direct Support Organizations (DSOs) and Citizen Support Organizations (CSOs). Requires only those DSOs and CSOs that have annual expenditures exceeding \$100,000 to have an annual financial audit by a certified public accountant.

- Provides that DSOs and CSOs for the Department of Environmental Protection that have annual expenditures exceeding \$300,000 must have an audit, and requires the department to establish guidelines and conduct annual financial reviews of organizations below threshold.