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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to spending by local governments; requiring each local government to create a document annually to inform residents about its spending; requiring that the document contain information about certain fees; providing for distribution of the document to the residents of the local government; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) This act may be cited as the "Truth in Government Spending Act."

(2) Each local government shall create and update each year a document that is designed to inform residents of the local government about the spending of the local government over the past year. At a minimum, the document must contain specific data about the impact fees, surcharges, user fees, or other similar fees that the local government charged in the prior year in comparison to the current year. If the amount of any fee is larger or smaller in the current year than in the prior year, the document must contain the percentage by which the fee increased or decreased. The document must be created on or before February 1 of each year.

(3) Each local government shall provide copies of each document created under subsection (2) to its residents by mailing through the United States mail, sending through e-mail, posting on an Internet website, or distributing at a public event.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires that each year a local government create and distribute to its residents a document concerning its spending. Requires that the document contain information about certain fees.