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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to federal grants; requiring a county,
3 municipality, or special district to identify and
4 disclose the unfunded, long-term costs of a project
5 funded by a federal grant; requiring the entity to
6 disclose a plan for funding the project after the
7 depletion of federal funds; authorizing a person to
8 file a civil action to enforce the disclosure of
9 unfunded, long-term costs of a county, municipality,
10 or special district project funded by a federal grant;
11 requiring the court to assess reasonable costs,
12 including attorney fees, against the county,
13 municipality, or special district if the court finds
14 that the county, municipality, or special district did
15 not disclose the unfunded costs of a project funded by
16 a federal grant; providing an exception for federal
17 grants associated with natural disasters, grants
18 involving the Federal Emergency Management Agency,
19 grants received from the Department of Homeland
20 Security, or Medicaid funds; providing an effective
21 date.

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

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25 Section 1. Disclosure of unfunded, long-term costs of
26 federal grant programs.—

27 (1) Before accepting federal grant funds, a county,
28 municipality, or special district shall identify and disclose
29 the projected, unfunded, long-term costs of each project that is

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30 funded by a federal grant. Such unfunded costs include, but are
31 not limited to, the projected payroll and maintenance costs to
32 operate or administer the project after the depletion of the
33 federal grant. The projected, unfunded, long-term costs shall be
34 prominently disclosed by posting a disclosure statement on the
35 website of the county, municipality, or special district at
36 least 10 days before the county, municipality, or special
37 district votes to accept the federal grant or otherwise takes
38 any other action to authorize acceptance of the federal grant.
39 The disclosure statement must describe the project and must
40 include a plan for funding the project after the depletion of
41 the federal grant.

42 (2) A person may file a civil action to enforce subsection
43 (1). If a civil action is filed against a county, municipality,
44 or special district to enforce subsection (1) and the court
45 finds that the county, municipality, or special district failed
46 to comply with that subsection, the court shall assess and award
47 against the appropriate county, municipality, or special
48 district the reasonable costs of enforcing subsection (1),
49 including reasonable attorney fees.

50 (3) This act does not apply to federal grants associated
51 with natural disasters, grants involving the Federal Emergency
52 Management Agency, grants received from the Department of
53 Homeland Security, or Medicaid funds.

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.