

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senator Gibson

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to duties of the Legislative Auditing
3 Committee; amending s. 11.45, F.S.; removing a
4 requirement that the Auditor General notify the
5 committee regarding certain financial or operational
6 audit reports of state universities or Florida College
7 System institutions; removing duties of the committee
8 relating to state universities or Florida College
9 System institutions that have failed to take
10 corrective action based on such reports; amending s.
11 215.985, F.S.; repealing provisions requiring the
12 committee's input related to the website of the
13 Executive Office of the Governor; providing an
14 effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (7) of section
19 11.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20 11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.—

21 (7) AUDITOR GENERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

22 (j) The Auditor General shall notify the Legislative
23 Auditing Committee of any financial or operational audit report
24 prepared pursuant to this section which indicates that a
25 district school board, ~~state university, or Florida College~~
26 ~~System institution~~ has failed to take full corrective action in
27 response to a recommendation that was included in the two
28 preceding financial or operational audit reports.

29 1. The committee may direct the district school board ~~or~~
30 ~~the governing body of the state university or Florida College~~
31 ~~System institution~~ to provide a written statement to the
32 committee explaining why full corrective action has not been

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33 taken or, if the district school board ~~governing body~~ intends to
34 take full corrective action, describing the corrective action to
35 be taken and when it will occur.

36 2. If the committee determines that the written statement
37 is not sufficient, the committee may require the chair of the
38 district school board ~~or the chair of the governing body of the~~
39 ~~state university or Florida College System institution,~~ or the
40 chair's designee, to appear before the committee.

41 3. If the committee determines that the district school
42 board, ~~state university, or Florida College System institution~~
43 has failed to take full corrective action for which there is no
44 justifiable reason or has failed to comply with committee
45 requests made pursuant to this section, the committee shall
46 refer the matter to the State Board of Education ~~or the Board of~~
47 ~~Governors, as appropriate,~~ to proceed in accordance with s.
48 1008.32 ~~or s. 1008.322, respectively.~~

49 Section 2. Subsections (2), (7), (8), (9), and (13) of
50 section 215.985, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

51 215.985 Transparency in government spending.—

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

53 ~~(a) "Committee" means the Legislative Auditing Committee~~
54 ~~created in s. 11.40.~~

55 (a) ~~(b)~~ "Contract" means a written agreement or purchase
56 order issued for the purchase of goods or services or a written
57 agreement for the receipt of state or federal financial
58 assistance.

59 (b) ~~(e)~~ "Governmental entity" means a state, regional,
60 county, municipal, special district, or other political
61 subdivision whether executive, judicial, or legislative,

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62 including, but not limited to, a department, division, bureau,
63 commission, authority, district, or agency thereof, or public
64 school, Florida College System institution, state university, or
65 associated board.

66 (c)~~(d)~~ "Website" means a site on the Internet which is
67 easily accessible to the public at no cost and does not require
68 the user to provide information.

69 ~~(7) By November 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the~~
70 ~~committee shall recommend to the President of the Senate and the~~
71 ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives:~~

72 ~~(a) Additional information to be added to a website, such~~
73 ~~as whether to expand the scope of the information provided to~~
74 ~~include state universities, Florida College System institutions,~~
75 ~~school districts, charter schools, charter technical career~~
76 ~~centers, local government units, and other governmental~~
77 ~~entities.~~

78 ~~(b) A schedule for adding information to the website by~~
79 ~~type of information and governmental entity, including~~
80 ~~timeframes and development entity.~~

81 ~~(c) A format for collecting and displaying the additional~~
82 ~~information.~~

83 ~~(8) The manager of each website described in subsections~~
84 ~~(4), (5), and (6) shall submit to the committee information~~
85 ~~relating to the cost of creating and maintaining such website,~~
86 ~~and the number of times the website has been accessed.~~

87 ~~(9) The committee shall coordinate with the Financial~~
88 ~~Management Information Board in developing recommendations for~~
89 ~~including information on the website which is necessary to meet~~
90 ~~the requirements of s. 215.91(8).~~

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91 ~~(13) The committee shall prepare an annual report detailing~~
92 ~~progress in establishing the single website and providing~~
93 ~~recommendations for enhancement of the content and format of the~~
94 ~~website and related policies and procedures. The report shall be~~
95 ~~submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the~~
96 ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1.~~

97 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.