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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to budget transparency; creating s.
3 215.9851, F.S.; specifying procedures to be followed
4 by certain entities in preparing and approving their
5 operating budgets; requiring certain budget
6 information to be submitted to the legislative
7 appropriations committees; requiring certain entities
8 to establish and maintain a website; requiring certain
9 information to be published on the website; providing
10 an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 215.9851, Florida Statutes, is created
15 to read:

16 215.9851 Transparency for entities not subject to the
17 legislative appropriations process; budget and reporting
18 requirements.—

19 (1) An entity created by general law that receives its
20 operating income through funding sources other than the General
21 Appropriations Act, is subject to the requirements of this
22 section.

23 (2) (a) The entity must prepare and approve an operating
24 budget each fiscal year consistent with the requirements for
25 preparing budgets contained in chapter 216.

26 (b) The entity's operating budget, and any amendments
27 thereto, must be approved at a meeting that is publicly noticed
28 at least 10 days before the scheduled date of adoption of the
29 operating budget or an amendment thereto, and must be made

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30 available on the entity's website at the time of the meeting
31 notice.

32 (c) The approved operating budget must be submitted to the
33 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees and the
34 Executive Office of the Governor annually before July 1.

35 (3) The entity must establish and maintain a website to
36 post information relating to its operations and approved
37 operating budget, and any amendments thereto, including:

38 (a) The most recently approved operating budget, which must
39 be posted on the website no later than 30 days after the date of
40 adoption and the operating budgets from the previous 2 fiscal
41 years.

42 (b) Expenditure data, which must include the name of the
43 payee, the date of the expenditure, and the amount of the
44 expenditure. Such data must be searchable by the name of the
45 payee and the fiscal year, and must be downloadable in a format
46 that allows offline analysis.

47 (c) Position and rate information for each regularly
48 established position, which must include, at a minimum, the
49 position title and salary or hourly rate of pay.

50 (d) Revenue received and amounts disbursed.

51 (e) Fixed capital outlay project data.

52 (f) Links to state audits or reports about the entity's
53 operations.

54 (g) Links to program or activity descriptions for which
55 funds may be expended.

56 (h) Any contract and contract amendment executed by the
57 entity. The contract must be posted on the website no later than
58 30 days after the date the contract or amendment is executed.

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59 (i) A video recording of each meeting of the entity's
60 governing body in which the entity's budget is discussed. The
61 video recording must be posted no later than 5 days after the
62 meeting date.

63 (j) The minutes of each meeting of the entity's governing
64 body, which must be posted no later than 3 days after the date
65 of the meeting.

66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.