

By Senator Lee

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to community redevelopment agencies;  
3       creating s. 112.327, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting  
4       a person from lobbying a community redevelopment  
5       agency until he or she has registered as a lobbyist  
6       with that agency; providing registration requirements;  
7       requiring an agency to make lobbyist registrations  
8       available to the public; requiring a database of  
9       currently registered lobbyists and principals to be  
10      available on certain websites; requiring a lobbyist to  
11      send a written statement to the agency canceling the  
12      registration for a principal that he or she no longer  
13      represents; authorizing an agency to remove the name  
14      of a lobbyist from the list of registered lobbyists  
15      under certain circumstances; authorizing an agency to  
16      establish an annual lobbyist registration fee, not to  
17      exceed a specified amount; requiring an agency to be  
18      diligent in ascertaining whether persons required to  
19      register have complied, subject to certain  
20      requirements; requiring the Commission on Ethics to  
21      investigate a lobbyist or principal under certain  
22      circumstances, subject to certain requirements;  
23      requiring the commission to provide the Governor with  
24      a report of its findings and recommendations in such  
25      investigations; authorizing the Governor to enforce  
26      the commission's findings and recommendations;  
27      authorizing community redevelopment agencies to adopt  
28      rules to govern the registration of lobbyists;  
29      amending s. 112.3142, F.S.; requiring ethics training

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30 for community redevelopment agency commissioners;  
31 specifying requirements for such training; amending s.  
32 163.340, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
33 "blighted area"; amending s. 163.356, F.S.; revising  
34 reporting requirements; deleting provisions requiring  
35 certain annual reports; amending s. 163.357, F.S.;

36 requiring, rather than authorizing, a governing body  
37 that consists of five members to appoint two  
38 additional persons to act as members of the community  
39 redevelopment agency; providing requirements for the  
40 additional members; amending s. 163.367, F.S.;

41 requiring ethics training for community redevelopment  
42 agency commissioners; amending s. 163.370, F.S.;

43 revising the list of projects that are prohibited from  
44 being financed by increment revenues; requiring  
45 community redevelopment agencies to follow certain  
46 procurement procedures; creating s. 163.371, F.S.;

47 providing annual reporting requirements; requiring a  
48 community redevelopment agency to publish annual  
49 reports and boundary maps on its website; creating s.  
50 163.3756, F.S.; providing legislative findings;

51 requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to  
52 declare inactive community redevelopment agencies that  
53 have reported no financial activity for a specified  
54 number of years; providing hearing procedures;

55 authorizing certain financial activity by a community  
56 redevelopment agency that is declared inactive;

57 providing for application; requiring the department to  
58 maintain a website identifying all inactive community

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59 redevelopment agencies; amending s. 163.387, F.S.;

60 effective on a specified date, revising requirements

61 for the use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds;

62 limiting allowed expenditures; revising requirements

63 for the annual budget of a community redevelopment

64 agency; requiring municipal community redevelopment

65 agencies to provide an annual budget to the county

66 commission; revising requirements for use of moneys in

67 the redevelopment trust fund for specific

68 redevelopment projects; revising requirements for the

69 annual audit; requiring the audit to be included with

70 the financial report of the county or municipality

71 that created the community redevelopment agency;

72 amending s. 218.32, F.S.; revising criteria for

73 finding that a county or municipality failed to file a

74 report; requiring the Department of Financial Services

75 to provide a report to the Department of Economic

76 Opportunity concerning community redevelopment

77 agencies reporting no revenues, expenditures, or

78 debts; amending s. 163.524, F.S.; conforming a cross-

79 reference; making technical changes; providing an

80 effective date.

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

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84 Section 1. Section 112.327, Florida Statutes, is created to

85 read:

86 112.327 Lobbying before community redevelopment agencies;

87 registration and reporting.-

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88 (1) As used in this section, the term:

89 (a) "Agency" or "community redevelopment agency" means a  
90 public agency created by, or designated pursuant to, s. 163.356  
91 or s. 163.357 and operating under the authority of part III of  
92 chapter 163.

93 (b) "Lobby" means to seek to influence an agency with  
94 respect to a decision of the agency in an area of policy or  
95 procurement or to attempt to obtain the goodwill of an agency  
96 official or employee on behalf of another person. The term shall  
97 be interpreted and applied consistently with the rules of the  
98 commission implementing s. 112.3215.

99 (c) "Lobbyist" has the same meaning as provided in s.  
100 112.3215.

101 (d) "Principal" has the same meaning as provided in s.  
102 112.3215.

103 (2) A person may not lobby an agency until he or she has  
104 registered as a lobbyist with that agency. Such registration  
105 shall be due upon the person initially being retained to lobby  
106 and is renewable on a calendar-year basis thereafter. Upon  
107 registration, the person shall provide a statement, signed by  
108 the principal or principal's representative, stating that the  
109 registrant is authorized to represent the principal. The  
110 principal shall also identify and designate its main business on  
111 the statement authorizing that lobbyist pursuant to a  
112 classification system approved by the agency. Any changes to the  
113 information required by this section must be disclosed within 15  
114 days by filing a new registration form. An agency may create its  
115 own lobbyist registration forms or may accept a completed  
116 legislative branch or executive branch lobbyist registration

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117 form. In completing the form required by the agency, the  
118 registrant must disclose, under oath, the following:

119 (a) His or her name and business address.

120 (b) The name and business address of each principal  
121 represented.

122 (c) The existence of any direct or indirect business  
123 association, partnership, or financial relationship with any  
124 officer or employee of an agency with which he or she lobbies or  
125 intends to lobby.

126 (3) An agency shall make lobbyist registrations available  
127 to the public. If an agency maintains a website, a database of  
128 currently registered lobbyists and principals must be available  
129 on that website. If the agency does not maintain a website, the  
130 database of currently registered lobbyists and principals must  
131 be available on the website of the county or municipality that  
132 created the agency.

133 (4) A lobbyist shall promptly send a written statement to  
134 the agency canceling the registration for a principal upon  
135 termination of the lobbyist's representation of that principal.  
136 An agency may remove the name of a lobbyist from the list of  
137 registered lobbyists if the principal notifies the agency that a  
138 person is no longer authorized to represent that principal.

139 (5) An agency may establish an annual lobbyist registration  
140 fee, not to exceed \$40, for each principal represented. The  
141 agency may use registration fees only for the purpose of  
142 administering this section.

143 (6) An agency shall be diligent in ascertaining whether  
144 persons required to register under this section have complied.  
145 An agency may not knowingly authorize an unregistered person to

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146 lobby the agency.

147 (7) Upon receipt of a sworn complaint alleging that a  
148 lobbyist or principal has failed to register with an agency or  
149 has knowingly submitted false information in a report or  
150 registration required under this section, the commission shall  
151 investigate a lobbyist or principal pursuant to the procedures  
152 established under s. 112.324. The commission shall provide the  
153 Governor with a report of its findings and recommendations in  
154 any investigation conducted pursuant to this subsection. The  
155 Governor may enforce the commission's findings and  
156 recommendations.

157 (8) Community redevelopment agencies may adopt rules to  
158 govern the registration of lobbyists, including the adoption of  
159 forms and the establishment of the lobbyist registration fee.

160 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 112.3142, Florida  
161 Statutes, is amended to read:

162 112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional  
163 officers and elected municipal officers.—

164 (2) (a) All constitutional officers must complete 4 hours of  
165 ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a  
166 minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of  
167 Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records  
168 and public meetings laws of this state. This requirement may be  
169 satisfied by completion of a continuing legal education class or  
170 other continuing professional education class, seminar, or  
171 presentation if the required subjects are covered.

172 (b) ~~Beginning January 1, 2015,~~ All elected municipal  
173 officers must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar  
174 year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State

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175 Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and  
176 Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of  
177 this state. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a  
178 continuing legal education class or other continuing  
179 professional education class, seminar, or presentation if the  
180 required subjects are covered.

181 (c) Beginning October 1, 2018, each commissioner of a  
182 community redevelopment agency under part III of chapter 163  
183 must complete 4 hours of ethics training each calendar year  
184 which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State  
185 Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and  
186 Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of  
187 this state. This requirement may be satisfied by completion of a  
188 continuing legal education class or other continuing  
189 professional education class, seminar, or presentation if the  
190 required subject material is covered by such class.

191 (d) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum  
192 course content for the portion of an ethics training class which  
193 addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and the Code  
194 of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.

195 (e) ~~(d)~~ The Legislature intends that a constitutional  
196 officer or elected municipal officer who is required to complete  
197 ethics training pursuant to this section receive the required  
198 training as close as possible to the date that he or she assumes  
199 office. A constitutional officer or elected municipal officer  
200 assuming a new office or new term of office on or before March  
201 31 must complete the annual training on or before December 31 of  
202 the year in which the term of office began. A constitutional  
203 officer or elected municipal officer assuming a new office or

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204 new term of office after March 31 is not required to complete  
205 ethics training for the calendar year in which the term of  
206 office began.

207 Section 3. Subsection (8) of section 163.340, Florida  
208 Statutes, is amended to read:

209 163.340 Definitions.—The following terms, wherever used or  
210 referred to in this part, have the following meanings:

211 (8) "Blighted area" means an area in which there are a  
212 substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating structures;  
213 in which conditions, as indicated by government-maintained  
214 statistics or other studies, endanger life or property or are  
215 leading to economic distress; and in which two or more of the  
216 following factors are present:

217 (a) Predominance of defective or inadequate street layout,  
218 parking facilities, roadways, bridges, or public transportation  
219 facilities.

220 (b) Aggregate assessed values of real property in the area  
221 for ad valorem tax purposes have failed to show any appreciable  
222 increase over the 5 years before ~~prior to~~ the finding of such  
223 conditions.

224 (c) Faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy,  
225 accessibility, or usefulness.

226 (d) Unsanitary or unsafe conditions.

227 (e) Deterioration of site or other improvements.

228 (f) Inadequate and outdated building density patterns.

229 (g) Falling lease rates per square foot of office,  
230 commercial, or industrial space compared to the remainder of the  
231 county or municipality.

232 (h) Tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the

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233 fair value of the land.

234 (i) Residential and commercial vacancy rates higher in the  
235 area than in the remainder of the county or municipality.

236 (j) Incidence of crime in the area higher than in the  
237 remainder of the county or municipality.

238 (k) Fire and emergency medical service calls to the area  
239 proportionately higher than in the remainder of the county or  
240 municipality.

241 (l) A greater number of violations of the Florida Building  
242 Code in the area than the number of violations recorded in the  
243 remainder of the county or municipality.

244 (m) Diversity of ownership or defective or unusual  
245 conditions of title which prevent the free alienability of land  
246 within the deteriorated or hazardous area.

247 (n) Governmentally owned property with adverse  
248 environmental conditions caused by a public or private entity.

249 (o) A substantial number or percentage of properties  
250 damaged by sinkhole activity which have not been adequately  
251 repaired or stabilized.

252 (p) Rates of unemployment higher in the area than in the  
253 remainder of the county or municipality.

254 (q) Rates of poverty higher in the area than in the  
255 remainder of the county or municipality.

256 (r) Rates of foreclosure higher in the area than in the  
257 remainder of the county or municipality.

258 (s) Rates of infant mortality higher in the area than in  
259 the remainder of the county or municipality.

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261 ~~However, the term "blighted area" also means any area in which~~

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262 ~~at least one of the factors identified in paragraphs (a) through~~  
263 ~~(e) is present and all taxing authorities subject to s.~~  
264 ~~163.387(2) (a) agree, either by interlocal agreement with the~~  
265 ~~agency or by resolution, that the area is blighted. Such~~  
266 ~~agreement or resolution must be limited to a determination that~~  
267 ~~the area is blighted. For purposes of qualifying for the tax~~  
268 ~~credits authorized in chapter 220, the term "blighted area"~~  
269 ~~means an area as defined in this subsection.~~

270 Section 4. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (3) of  
271 section 163.356, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

272 163.356 Creation of community redevelopment agency.—

273 (3) (c) The governing body of the county or municipality  
274 shall designate a chair and vice chair from among the  
275 commissioners. An agency may employ an executive director,  
276 technical experts, and such other agents and employees,  
277 permanent and temporary, as it requires, and determine their  
278 qualifications, duties, and compensation. For such legal service  
279 as it requires, an agency may employ or retain its own counsel  
280 and legal staff.

281 (d) An agency authorized to transact business and exercise  
282 powers under this part shall file with the governing body the  
283 report required pursuant to s. 163.371(1), ~~on or before March 31~~  
284 ~~of each year, a report of its activities for the preceding~~  
285 ~~fiscal year, which report shall include a complete financial~~  
286 ~~statement setting forth its assets, liabilities, income, and~~  
287 ~~operating expenses as of the end of such fiscal year. At the~~  
288 ~~time of filing the report, the agency shall publish in a~~  
289 ~~newspaper of general circulation in the community a notice to~~  
290 ~~the effect that such report has been filed with the county or~~

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291 ~~municipality and that the report is available for inspection~~  
292 ~~during business hours in the office of the clerk of the city or~~  
293 ~~county commission and in the office of the agency.~~

294 (e)~~(d)~~ At any time after the creation of a community  
295 redevelopment agency, the governing body of the county or  
296 municipality may appropriate to the agency such amounts as the  
297 governing body deems necessary for the administrative expenses  
298 and overhead of the agency, including the development and  
299 implementation of community policing innovations.

300 Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
301 163.357, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

302 163.357 Governing body as the community redevelopment  
303 agency.—

304 (1)

305 (c) A governing body that ~~which~~ consists of five members  
306 shall ~~may~~ appoint two additional persons to act as members of  
307 the community redevelopment agency. These members may not be  
308 elected officials. The two additional members must have  
309 expertise in at least one of the following areas: architecture,  
310 finance, construction, land use, affordable housing,  
311 sustainability, or other educational or professional experience  
312 in the area of community redevelopment. The terms of office of  
313 the additional members shall be for 4 years, except that the  
314 first person appointed shall initially serve a term of 2 years.  
315 Persons appointed under this section are subject to all  
316 provisions of this part relating to appointed members of a  
317 community redevelopment agency.

318 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 163.367, Florida  
319 Statutes, is amended to read:

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320 163.367 Public officials, commissioners, and employees  
321 subject to code of ethics.—

322 (1) (a) The officers, commissioners, and employees of a  
323 community redevelopment agency created by, or designated  
324 pursuant to, s. 163.356 or s. 163.357 are ~~shall be~~ subject to  
325 ~~the provisions and requirements of part III of chapter 112.~~

326 (b) Commissioners of a community redevelopment agency must  
327 comply with the ethics training requirements in s. 112.3142.

328 Section 7. Paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) are added to  
329 subsection (3) of section 163.370, Florida Statutes, and  
330 subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

331 163.370 Powers; counties and municipalities; community  
332 redevelopment agencies.—

333 (3) The following projects may not be paid for or financed  
334 by increment revenues:

335 (d) Community redevelopment agency activities related to  
336 festivals or street parties designed to promote tourism.

337 (e) Grants to entities that promote tourism.

338 (f) Grants to nonprofit entities providing socially  
339 beneficial programs.

340 (5) A community redevelopment agency shall procure all  
341 commodities and services under the same purchasing processes and  
342 requirements that apply to the county or municipality that  
343 created the agency.

344 Section 8. Section 163.371, Florida Statutes, is created to  
345 read:

346 163.371 Reporting requirements.—

347 (1) Beginning March 31, 2019, and no later than March 31 of  
348 each year thereafter, a community redevelopment agency shall

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349 file an annual report with the county or municipality that  
350 created the agency and publish the information on the agency's  
351 website. The report must include the following information:

352 (a) A complete audit report of the redevelopment trust fund  
353 pursuant to s. 163.387(8).

354 (b) The performance data for each plan authorized,  
355 administered, or overseen by the community redevelopment agency  
356 as of December 31 of the year being reported, including the:

357 1. Total number of projects started and completed and the  
358 estimated cost for each project.

359 2. Total expenditures from the redevelopment trust fund.

360 3. Original assessed real property values within the  
361 community redevelopment agency's area of authority as of the day  
362 the agency was created.

363 4. Total assessed real property values of property within  
364 the boundaries of the community redevelopment agency as of  
365 January 1 of the year being reported.

366 5. Total amount expended for affordable housing for low-  
367 income and middle-income residents.

368 (c) A summary indicating if and to what extent the  
369 community redevelopment agency has achieved the goals set out in  
370 its community redevelopment plan.

371 (2) By January 1, 2019, each community redevelopment agency  
372 shall publish on its website digital maps that depict the  
373 geographic boundaries and total acreage of the community  
374 redevelopment agency. If any change is made to the boundaries or  
375 total acreage, the agency shall post updated map files on its  
376 website within 60 days after the date such change takes effect.

377 Section 9. Section 163.3756, Florida Statutes, is created

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378 to read:

379 163.3756 Inactive community redevelopment agencies.-

380 (1) The Legislature finds that a number of community  
381 redevelopment agencies continue to exist but report no revenues,  
382 no expenditures, and no outstanding debt in their annual report  
383 to the Department of Financial Services pursuant to s. 218.32.

384 (2) (a) A community redevelopment agency that has reported  
385 no revenues, expenditures, or debt under s. 218.32 or s.  
386 189.016(9) for 3 consecutive fiscal years calculated from no  
387 earlier than October 1, 2015, shall be declared inactive by the  
388 Department of Economic Opportunity, which shall notify the  
389 agency of the declaration of inactive status under this  
390 subsection. If the agency has no board members and no agent, the  
391 notice of inactive status must be delivered to the governing  
392 board or commission of the county or municipality which created  
393 the agency.

394 (b) The governing board of a community redevelopment agency  
395 declared inactive under this subsection may seek to invalidate  
396 the declaration by initiating proceedings under s. 189.062(5)  
397 within 30 days after the date of the receipt of the notice from  
398 the Department of Economic Opportunity.

399 (3) A community redevelopment agency declared inactive  
400 under this section is authorized to expend funds only from the  
401 redevelopment trust fund as necessary to service outstanding  
402 bond debt. The agency may not expend other funds without an  
403 ordinance of the governing body of the local government which  
404 created the agency consenting to the expenditure of funds.

405 (4) The provisions of s. 189.062(2) and (4) do not apply to  
406 a community redevelopment agency that has been declared inactive

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407 under this section.

408 (5) The provisions of this section are cumulative to the  
409 provisions of s. 189.062. To the extent the provisions of this  
410 section conflict with the provisions of s. 189.062, this section  
411 prevails.

412 (6) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall maintain  
413 on its website a separate list of community redevelopment  
414 agencies declared inactive under this section.

415 Section 10. Subsections (6) and (8) of section 163.387,  
416 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

417 163.387 Redevelopment trust fund.—

418 (6) Effective October 1, 2018, moneys in the redevelopment  
419 trust fund may be expended ~~from time to time~~ for undertakings of  
420 a community redevelopment agency as described in the community  
421 redevelopment plan only pursuant to an annual budget adopted by  
422 the board of commissioners of the community redevelopment agency  
423 and only for the ~~following~~ purposes stated in this subsection.  
424 ~~including, but not limited to:~~

425 (a) Except as provided in this subsection, a community  
426 redevelopment agency shall comply with the requirements of s.  
427 189.016.

428 (b) A community redevelopment agency created by a  
429 municipality shall submit its annual budget to the board of  
430 county commissioners for the county in which the agency is  
431 located within 10 days after the adoption of such budget and  
432 submit amendments of its annual budget to the board of county  
433 commissioners within 10 days after the date the amended budget  
434 is adopted ~~Administrative and overhead expenses necessary or~~  
435 ~~incidental to the implementation of a community redevelopment~~

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436 ~~plan adopted by the agency.~~

437 (c) The annual budget of a community redevelopment agency  
438 may provide for payment of the following expenses:

439 1. Administrative and overhead expenses directly or  
440 indirectly necessary to implement a community redevelopment plan  
441 adopted by the agency. However, administrative and overhead  
442 expenses may not exceed 18 percent of the total annual budget of  
443 the community redevelopment agency.

444 2. ~~(b)~~ Expenses of redevelopment planning, surveys, and  
445 financial analysis, including the reimbursement of the governing  
446 body or the community redevelopment agency for such expenses  
447 incurred before the redevelopment plan was approved and adopted.

448 3. ~~(c)~~ The acquisition of real property in the redevelopment  
449 area.

450 4. ~~(d)~~ The clearance and preparation of any redevelopment  
451 area for redevelopment and relocation of site occupants within  
452 or outside the community redevelopment area as provided in s.  
453 163.370.

454 5. ~~(e)~~ The repayment of principal and interest or any  
455 redemption premium for loans, advances, bonds, bond anticipation  
456 notes, and any other form of indebtedness.

457 6. ~~(f)~~ All expenses incidental to or connected with the  
458 issuance, sale, redemption, retirement, or purchase of bonds,  
459 bond anticipation notes, or other form of indebtedness,  
460 including funding of any reserve, redemption, or other fund or  
461 account provided for in the ordinance or resolution authorizing  
462 such bonds, notes, or other form of indebtedness.

463 7. ~~(g)~~ The development of affordable housing within the  
464 community redevelopment area.

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465 8.~~(h)~~ The development of community policing innovations.

466 9. Infrastructure improvement, building construction, and  
467 building renovation, including improvements, construction, and  
468 renovation related to parking lots, parking garages, and  
469 neighborhood parks.

470 10. Grants and loans to businesses for facade improvements,  
471 signage, sprinkler system upgrades, and other structural  
472 improvements.

473 (8) (a) Each community redevelopment agency with revenues or  
474 a total of expenditures and expenses in excess of \$100,000, as  
475 reported on the trust fund financial statements, shall provide  
476 for a financial an audit of the trust fund each fiscal year and  
477 a report of such audit shall to be prepared by an independent  
478 certified public accountant or firm. Each financial audit  
479 provided pursuant to this subsection must be conducted in  
480 accordance with rules for audits adopted by the Auditor General  
481 which are in effect as of the last day of the community  
482 redevelopment agency's fiscal year being audited.

483 (b) The audit ~~Such~~ report shall:

484 1. Describe the amount and source of deposits into, and the  
485 amount and purpose of withdrawals from, the trust fund during  
486 such fiscal year and the amount of principal and interest paid  
487 during such year on any indebtedness to which increment revenues  
488 are pledged and the remaining amount of such indebtedness.

489 2. Include a complete financial statement identifying the  
490 assets, liabilities, income, and operating expenses of the  
491 community redevelopment agency as of the end of such fiscal  
492 year.

493 3. Include a finding by the auditor determining whether the

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494 community redevelopment agency complies with the requirements of  
495 subsection (7).

496 (c) The audit report for the community redevelopment agency  
497 shall be included with the annual financial report submitted by  
498 the county or municipality that created the agency to the  
499 Department of Financial Services as provided in s. 218.32,  
500 regardless of whether the agency reports separately under s.  
501 218.32.

502 (d) The agency shall provide ~~by registered mail~~ a copy of  
503 the audit report to each taxing authority.

504 Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 218.32, Florida  
505 Statutes, is amended to read:

506 218.32 Annual financial reports; local governmental  
507 entities.—

508 (3)(a) The department shall notify the President of the  
509 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of any  
510 municipality that has not reported any financial activity for  
511 the last 4 fiscal years. Such notice must be sufficient to  
512 initiate dissolution procedures as described in s.  
513 165.051(1)(a). Any special law authorizing the incorporation or  
514 creation of the municipality must be included within the  
515 notification.

516 (b) Failure of a county or municipality to include in its  
517 annual report to the department the full audit required by s.  
518 163.387(8) for each community redevelopment agency created by  
519 that county or municipality constitutes a failure to report  
520 under this section.

521 (c) By November 1 of each year, the department must provide  
522 the Special District Accountability Program of the Department of

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523 Economic Opportunity with a list of each community redevelopment  
524 agency reporting no revenues, expenditures, or debt for the  
525 community redevelopment agency's previous fiscal year.

526 Section 12. Subsection (3) of section 163.524, Florida  
527 Statutes, is amended to read:

528 163.524 Neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement Program;  
529 participation; creation of Neighborhood Preservation and  
530 Enhancement Districts; creation of Neighborhood Councils and  
531 Neighborhood Enhancement Plans.—

532 (3) After the boundaries and size of the Neighborhood  
533 Preservation and Enhancement District have been defined, the  
534 local government shall pass an ordinance authorizing the  
535 creation of the Neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement  
536 District. The ordinance shall contain a finding that the  
537 boundaries of the Neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement  
538 District comply with s. 163.340(7) or (8) (a)-(s) ~~(8) (a)-(e)~~ or  
539 do not contain properties that are protected by deed  
540 restrictions. Such ordinance may be amended or repealed in the  
541 same manner as other local ordinances.

542 Section 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.