

HB 7057

2018

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 or the State  
20          Constitution that receives its operating income through funding  
21          sources other than the General Appropriations Act, is subject to  
22          the requirements of this 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  
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  
39 must be posted on the website no later than 30 days after the  
40 date of adoption and the operating budgets from the previous 2  
41 fiscal years.

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

47        (c) Position and rate information for each regularly  
48 established position, including, at a minimum, the position  
49 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.

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.