

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) A statewide entity created by general law or the State
20 Constitution that is under the control of or operates pursuant
21 to a plan of operation approved by the Governor or the Governor
22 and members of the Cabinet or is functionally related to a
23 department of the executive branch of government, and that
24 receives its operating income through funding sources other than
25 the General Appropriations Act, is subject to the requirements

26 | of this section. This section does not apply to direct-support
27 | organizations.

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

31 | (b) The entity's operating budget, and any amendments
32 | thereto, must be approved at a meeting that is publicly noticed
33 | at least 10 days before the scheduled date of adoption of the
34 | operating budget or an amendment thereto, and must be made
35 | available on the entity's website at the time of the meeting
36 | notice.

37 | (c) The approved operating budget must be submitted to the
38 | chairs of the legislative appropriations committees and the
39 | Executive Office of the Governor annually before July 1.

40 | (3) The entity must establish and maintain a website to
41 | post information relating to its operations and approved
42 | operating budget, and any amendments thereto, including:

43 | (a) The most recently approved operating budget, which
44 | must be posted on the website no later than 30 days after the
45 | date of adoption and the operating budgets from the previous 2
46 | fiscal years.

47 | (b) Expenditure data, including the name of each payee,
48 | the date of each expenditure, and the amount of the expenditure.
49 | Such data must be searchable by the name of the payee and the
50 | fiscal year, and must be downloadable in a format that allows

51 offline analysis. For purposes of this paragraph, expenditure
52 data does not include such data relating to the underwriting of
53 an insurance policy or an insurance claim.

54 (c) Position and rate information for each regularly
55 established position, including, at a minimum, the position
56 title and salary or hourly rate of pay.

57 (d) Revenue received and amounts disbursed.

58 (e) Fixed capital outlay project data.

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

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

63 (h) Any contract and contract amendment executed by the
64 entity. The contract must be posted on the website no later than
65 30 days after the date the contract or amendment is executed.

66 (i) A video recording of each meeting of the entity's
67 governing body in which the entity's operating budget noticed
68 pursuant to paragraph (2) (b) is discussed. The video recording
69 must be posted no later than 5 days after the meeting date.

70 (j) The official minutes of each meeting of the entity's
71 governing body, which must be posted no later than 3 days after
72 the date of the meeting in which the minutes are approved.

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