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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Perry) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (2) of  
section 11.45, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

(2) DUTIES.—The Auditor General shall:

(m) At least every 3 years, conduct performance audits of  
the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program established under



11 7 U.S.C. ss. 2011 et seq., the Temporary Cash Assistance Program  
12 provided under s. 414.095, the Medicaid program designated in s.  
13 409.963, the School Readiness Program set forth in part VI of  
14 chapter 1002, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program established  
15 under 42 U.S.C. s. 1437. Such audits shall include a review of  
16 eligibility criteria; the manner by which each program  
17 establishes and documents eligibility and disbursement policies;  
18 the frequency of eligibility determinations; the clarity of both  
19 written and verbal communication in which eligibility  
20 requirements are conveyed to current and potential program  
21 recipients; opportunities for improving service efficiency and  
22 efficacy made possible by improved integration of state data  
23 system platforms, processes, and procedures related to data  
24 collection, analysis, documentation, and interagency sharing;  
25 and a review of the number and family size of families receiving  
26 multiple program services compared to all eligible families,  
27 including whether they are single-parent or two-parent  
28 households. If possible, the Auditor General also shall  
29 determine the number of families receiving services who are  
30 claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit. The Auditor General shall  
31 provide the results of the audits in a report to the Governor,  
32 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
33 Representatives, the Chief Financial Officer, and the  
34 Legislative Auditing Committee within 30 days after completion  
35 of the audit, but no later than December 31, 2020, and every 3  
36 years thereafter.

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38 The Auditor General shall perform his or her duties  
39 independently but under the general policies established by the



40 Legislative Auditing Committee. This subsection does not limit  
41 the Auditor General's discretionary authority to conduct other  
42 audits or engagements of governmental entities as authorized in  
43 subsection (3).

44 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
45 1002.87, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

46 1002.87 School readiness program; eligibility and  
47 enrollment.—

48 (1) Each early learning coalition shall give priority for  
49 participation in the school readiness program as follows:

50 (a) Priority shall be given first to a child younger than  
51 13 years of age from a family that includes a parent who is  
52 receiving temporary cash assistance under chapter 414 and  
53 subject to the federal work requirements or a parent who  
54 receives an Intensive Service Account or an Individual Training  
55 Account under s. 445.009.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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58 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

59 And the title is amended as follows:

60 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
61 and insert:

62 A bill to be entitled  
63 An act relating to economic self-sufficiency; amending  
64 s. 11.45, F.S.; requiring the Auditor General to  
65 perform audits of specified programs at specified  
66 intervals; requiring the audits to review specified  
67 elements of such programs; requiring the Auditor  
68 General to make a specified determination, if



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69 possible; providing reporting requirements for the  
70 results of such audits; amending s. 1002.87, F.S.;  
71 revising the criteria for a child to be given priority  
72 for participation in the school readiness program;  
73 providing an effective date.