By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and
Senator Perry

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1   A bill to be entitled
2   An act relating to economic self-sufficiency; amending
3   s. 11.45, F.S.; requiring the Auditor General to
4   perform audits of specified programs at specified
5   intervals; requiring the audits to review specified
6   elements of such programs; requiring the Auditor
7   General to make a specified determination, if
8   possible; providing reporting requirements for the
9   results of such audits; amending s. 1002.87, F.S.;
10   revising the criteria for a child to be given priority
11   for participation in the school readiness program;
12   providing an effective date.
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14   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16   Section 1. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (2) of
17   section 11.45, Florida Statutes, to read:
18   11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.—
19   (2) DUTIES.—The Auditor General shall:
20   (m) At least every 3 years, conduct performance audits of
21   the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program established under
22   7 U.S.C. ss. 2011 et seq., the Temporary Cash Assistance Program
23   provided under s. 414.095, the Medicaid program designated in s.
24   409.963, the School Readiness Program set forth in part VI of
25   chapter 1002, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program established
26   under 42 U.S.C. s. 1437. Such audits shall include a review of
27   eligibility criteria; the manner by which each program
28   establishes and documents eligibility and disbursement policies;
29   the frequency of eligibility determinations; the clarity of both

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30 written and verbal communication in which eligibility
31 requirements are conveyed to current and potential program
32 recipients; opportunities for improving service efficiency and
33 efficacy made possible by improved integration of state data
34 system platforms, processes, and procedures related to data
35 collection, analysis, documentation, and interagency sharing;
36 and a review of the number and family size of families receiving
37 multiple program services compared to all eligible families,
38 including whether they are single-parent or two-parent
39 households. If possible, the Auditor General also shall
40 determine the number of families receiving services who are
41 claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit. The Auditor General shall
42 provide the results of the audits in a report to the Governor,
43 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
44 Representatives, the Chief Financial Officer, and the
45 Legislative Auditing Committee within 30 days after completion
46 of the audit, but no later than December 31, 2020, and every 3
47 years thereafter.
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49 The Auditor General shall perform his or her duties
50 independently but under the general policies established by the
51 Legislative Auditing Committee. This subsection does not limit
52 the Auditor General's discretionary authority to conduct other
53 audits or engagements of governmental entities as authorized in
54 subsection (3).
55   Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
56 1002.87, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
57   1002.87 School readiness program; eligibility and
58 enrollment.—

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59   (1) Each early learning coalition shall give priority for
60 participation in the school readiness program as follows:
61   (a) Priority shall be given first to a child younger than
62 13 years of age from a family that includes a parent who is
63 receiving temporary cash assistance under chapter 414 and
64 subject to the federal work requirements <u>or a parent who</u>
65 <u>receives an Intensive Service Account or an Individual Training</u>
66 <u>Account under s. 445.009</u>.
67   Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.