

**By** the Committees on Appropriations; and 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; providing an effective date.

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

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

15 11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.—

16 (2) DUTIES.—The Auditor General shall:

17 (m) At least every 3 years, conduct performance audits of  
18 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program established under  
19 7 U.S.C. ss. 2011 et seq., the Temporary Cash Assistance Program  
20 provided under s. 414.095, the Medicaid program designated in s.  
21 409.963, the School Readiness Program set forth in part VI of  
22 chapter 1002, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program established  
23 under 42 U.S.C. s. 1437. Such audits shall include a review of  
24 eligibility criteria; the manner by which each program  
25 establishes and documents eligibility and disbursement policies;  
26 the frequency of eligibility determinations; the clarity of both  
27 written and verbal communication in which eligibility  
28 requirements are conveyed to current and potential program  
29 recipients; opportunities for improving service efficiency and

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30 efficacy made possible by improved integration of state data  
31 system platforms, processes, and procedures related to data  
32 collection, analysis, documentation, and interagency sharing;  
33 and a review of the number and family size of families receiving  
34 multiple program services compared to all eligible families,  
35 including whether they are single-parent or two-parent  
36 households. If possible, the Auditor General also shall  
37 determine the number of families receiving services who are  
38 claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit. The Auditor General shall  
39 provide the results of the audits in a report to the Governor,  
40 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
41 Representatives, the Chief Financial Officer, and the  
42 Legislative Auditing Committee within 30 days after completion  
43 of the audit, but no later than December 31, 2020, and every 3  
44 years thereafter.

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46 The Auditor General shall perform his or her duties  
47 independently but under the general policies established by the  
48 Legislative Auditing Committee. This subsection does not limit  
49 the Auditor General's discretionary authority to conduct other  
50 audits or engagements of governmental entities as authorized in  
51 subsection (3).

52 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.