

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RCS 03/14/2013

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Benacquisto) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 332 - 356 and insert:

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(7) The Chief Financial Officer may audit a contract subject to this chapter before the execution of such contract in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Financial Services. The audit must ensure that applicable laws have been met; that the contract document contains a clear statement of work, quantifiable and measurable deliverables, performance measures, financial consequences for nonperformance, and clear terms and conditions that protect the interests of the state;

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and that the associated costs of the contract are not unreasonable or inappropriate. The audit must ensure that all contracting laws have been met and that documentation is available to support the contract. A contract that does not comply with this section may be returned to the submitting agency for revision.

- (a) The Chief Financial Officer may establish dollar thresholds and other criteria for sampling the contracts that are to be audited before execution. The Chief Financial Officer may revise such thresholds and other criteria for an agency or unit of an agency as deemed appropriate.
- (b) The Chief Financial Officer has up to 10 business days after receipt of the proposed contract to make a final determination of any deficiencies in the contract and shall include information regarding the deficiencies in the audit report provided to the agency entering into the contract. The Chief Financial Officer and the agency entering into the contract may agree to a longer review period. The agency is responsible for addressing the deficiencies and shall have the option to resubmit the contract for subsequent review before execution. The Chief Financial Officer shall perform a subsequent review to verify that all deficiencies have been addressed upon processing the first payment.

======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 34 - 35

and insert:

Financial Officer to audit contracts before execution



42 and providing requirements for such audits; creating s. 287.136, F.S.; 43