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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to district school board direct-support organizations; amending s. 1001.453, F.S.; revising a requirement that certain district school board direct-support organizations provide for an annual financial audit by an independent certified public accountant; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1001.453, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1001.453 Direct-support organization; use of property; board of directors; audit.—

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(4) ANNUAL AUDIT.—Each direct-support organization with more than \$250,000 \$100,000 in expenditures or expenses shall provide for an annual financial audit of its accounts and records, to be conducted by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with rules adopted by the Auditor General pursuant to s. 11.45(8) and the Commissioner of Education. The annual audit report shall be submitted within 9

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months after the fiscal year's end to the district school board and the Auditor General. The Commissioner of Education, the

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Auditor General, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and

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Government Accountability have the authority to require and

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receive from the organization or the district auditor any records relative to the operation of the organization. The identity of donors and all information identifying donors and prospective donors are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1), and that anonymity shall be maintained in the auditor's report. All other records and information shall be considered public records for the purposes of chapter 119.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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