

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to duties of the Legislative Auditing
 3 Committee; amending s. 11.45, F.S.; removing a
 4 requirement that the Auditor General notify the
 5 committee regarding certain financial or operational
 6 audit reports of state universities or Florida College
 7 System institutions; removing duties of the committee
 8 relating to state universities or Florida College
 9 System institutions that have failed to take
 10 corrective action based on such reports; amending s.
 11 215.985, F.S.; repealing provisions requiring the
 12 committee's input related to the website of the
 13 Executive Office of the Governor; amending s.
 14 1002.395, F.S.; correcting a cross-reference;
 15 providing an effective date.

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

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 19 Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (7) of section
 20 11.45, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.—

22 (7) AUDITOR GENERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

23 (j) The Auditor General shall notify the Legislative
 24 Auditing Committee of any financial or operational audit report
 25 prepared pursuant to this section which indicates that a
 26 district school board, ~~state university, or Florida College~~

27 ~~System institution~~ has failed to take full corrective action in
 28 response to a recommendation that was included in the two
 29 preceding financial or operational audit reports.

30 1. The committee may direct the district school board ~~or~~
 31 ~~the governing body of the state university or Florida College~~
 32 ~~System institution~~ to provide a written statement to the
 33 committee explaining why full corrective action has not been
 34 taken or, if the district school board ~~governing body~~ intends to
 35 take full corrective action, describing the corrective action to
 36 be taken and when it will occur.

37 2. If the committee determines that the written statement
 38 is not sufficient, the committee may require the chair of the
 39 district school board ~~or the chair of the governing body of the~~
 40 ~~state university or Florida College System institution,~~ or the
 41 chair's designee, to appear before the committee.

42 3. If the committee determines that the district school
 43 board, ~~state university, or Florida College System institution~~
 44 has failed to take full corrective action for which there is no
 45 justifiable reason or has failed to comply with committee
 46 requests made pursuant to this section, the committee shall
 47 refer the matter to the State Board of Education ~~or the Board of~~
 48 ~~Governors, as appropriate,~~ to proceed in accordance with s.
 49 1008.32 ~~or s. 1008.322, respectively.~~

50 Section 2. Subsections (2), (7), (8), (9), and (13) of
 51 section 215.985, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

52 215.985 Transparency in government spending.—

53 (2) As used in this section, the term:

54 ~~(a) "Committee" means the Legislative Auditing Committee~~
 55 ~~created in s. 11.40.~~

56 (a)~~(b)~~ "Contract" means a written agreement or purchase
 57 order issued for the purchase of goods or services or a written
 58 agreement for the receipt of state or federal financial
 59 assistance.

60 (b)~~(e)~~ "Governmental entity" means a state, regional,
 61 county, municipal, special district, or other political
 62 subdivision whether executive, judicial, or legislative,
 63 including, but not limited to, a department, division, bureau,
 64 commission, authority, district, or agency thereof, or public
 65 school, Florida College System institution, state university, or
 66 associated board.

67 (c)~~(d)~~ "Website" means a site on the Internet which is
 68 easily accessible to the public at no cost and does not require
 69 the user to provide information.

70 ~~(7) By November 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the~~
 71 ~~committee shall recommend to the President of the Senate and the~~
 72 ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives:~~

73 ~~(a) Additional information to be added to a website, such~~
 74 ~~as whether to expand the scope of the information provided to~~
 75 ~~include state universities, Florida College System institutions,~~
 76 ~~school districts, charter schools, charter technical career~~
 77 ~~centers, local government units, and other governmental~~
 78 ~~entities.~~

79 ~~(b) A schedule for adding information to the website by~~
80 ~~type of information and governmental entity, including~~
81 ~~timeframes and development entity.~~

82 ~~(c) A format for collecting and displaying the additional~~
83 ~~information.~~

84 ~~(8) The manager of each website described in subsections~~
85 ~~(4), (5), and (6) shall submit to the committee information~~
86 ~~relating to the cost of creating and maintaining such website,~~
87 ~~and the number of times the website has been accessed.~~

88 ~~(9) The committee shall coordinate with the Financial~~
89 ~~Management Information Board in developing recommendations for~~
90 ~~including information on the website which is necessary to meet~~
91 ~~the requirements of s. 215.91(8).~~

92 ~~(13) The committee shall prepare an annual report~~
93 ~~detailing progress in establishing the single website and~~
94 ~~providing recommendations for enhancement of the content and~~
95 ~~format of the website and related policies and procedures. The~~
96 ~~report shall be submitted to the Governor, the President of the~~
97 ~~Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by~~
98 ~~November 1.~~

99 Section 3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (9) of section
100 1002.395, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101 1002.395 Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.—

102 (9) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS.—The Department of
103 Education shall:

104 (d) Annually verify the eligibility of expenditures as

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105 | provided in paragraph (6) (d) using the audit required by
106 | paragraph (6) (m) and s. 11.45(2) (j) ~~11.45(2) (k)~~.

107 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.