



Bill Snapshot

HB 7057: Budget Transparency

Transparency and accountability are two principles required to maintain the public's trust in government. Currently, not all government agencies are required to disclose how they spend public dollars, which goes against those principles and is something the Florida House is strongly against. Every government agency should be transparent and accountable to the public because Floridians have the right to know where and how their tax dollars are being spent.

HB 7057 provides that a statewide entity created by the Constitution or general law that is under the control of or operates pursuant to a plan of operation approved by the Governor or the Governor and members of the Cabinet, or is functionally related to a department of the executive branch of government, and that receives its operating income through funds other than the General Appropriations Act (GAA) are subject to the same transparency and accountability provisions as other entities funded through the GAA.

HB 7057 requires:

- Each applicable entity to follow the budget preparation requirements found in statute when preparing and approving a budget for each fiscal year.
- The operating budget and any amendments to be approved at a publicly noticed meeting and to be available on the entity's website upon being noticed. Once approved, the operating budget must be submitted to the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees and the Executive Office of the Governor by July 1 of each year.
- Any entity subject to the act to also establish and maintain a website to post information relating to its operations and approved operating budget. The website must include:
 - The most recently approved operating budget, to be posted no later than 30 days after adoption.
 - Expenditure data, including the name of the payee, the date of the expenditure, and the amount of the expenditure.
 - Position and rate information for each position.
 - Revenue received and amounts disbursed.
 - Fixed capital outlay project data.
 - Links to state audits or reports regarding the entity's operations.
 - Links to program or activity descriptions for which funds may be expended.
 - Any contract and contract amendment executed by the entity.

LAST SEEN:

Reported favorably by the Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Sponsor: Rep. Rommel

CURRENTLY:

Reported Favorably in Appropriations Committee on 2/14/18

HEADING TO:

Government Accountability Committee



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REPRESENTATIVE RAY RODRIGUES, MAJORITY LEADER

- A video recording of each meeting of the entity's governing body in which the budget is discussed.
- The minutes of each meeting of the entity's governing body, to be posted no later than three days after the meeting.