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President of the Senate



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# **Joint Legislative Auditing Committee**

**Senator Debbie Mayfield, Chair**  
**Representative Daniel Raulerson, Vice Chair**

**Meeting Packet**  
**Thursday, January 12, 2017**  
**4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**301 Senate Office Building**

**AGENDA**  
**JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 12, 2017

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Room 301, Senate Office Building

**MEMBERS:**

Senator Debbie Mayfield, Chair

Representative Daniel D. Raulerson, Vice Chair

Senator Dennis Baxley

Senator Audrey Gibson

Senator Kathleen Passidomo

Senator Perry Thurston

Representative Tracie Davis

Representative Randy Fine

Representative Joe Gruters

Representative Roy Hardemon

Representative Cyndi Stevenson

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Introduction of Members and Staff

Discussion of Committee responsibilities

Overview of the Office of the Auditor General: Presentation by Sherrill Norman, Auditor General

Overview of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA): Presentation by Philip Twogood, OPPAGA Coordinator



# JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE

2016 – 2018

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Senator Kathleen Passidomo  
Representative Cyndi Stevenson  
Senator Perry E. Thurston, Jr.

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**Committee  
Responsibilities**

# Joint Legislative Auditing Committee Overview

The Committee is established by joint rule and its membership consists of between five and seven members from each house.<sup>1</sup> [J.R. 4.1(1)(c) & (3)]

In general, the responsibilities of the Committee relate to oversight of state and local governments, educational entities, and state funds appropriated to non-governmental entities. A summary of the Committee's responsibilities follows.

## Committee Responsibilities Related to the Auditor General

- Required to appoint the Auditor General, appointment subject to confirmation by Legislature<sup>2</sup> [s. 11.42(2) F.S.]
- Authorized to review the performance of the Auditor General [J. R. 4.5(3)]
- Authorized to establish general policies for the Office of the Auditor General [s 11.45(2), F.S.]
- Authorized to direct the office to conduct an audit, review, or examination of any entity described in s. 11.45(2) or (3), F.S.<sup>3</sup> [J.R. 4.5(1)]
- Authorized to investigate any matter within the scope of an audit, review, or examination completed or being conducted by the Auditor General [s. 11.40(1), F.S.]

## Committee Responsibilities Related to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)

- Authorized to direct the office to conduct an audit, review, or examination of any entity described in s. 11.45(2) or (3), F.S.<sup>4</sup> [J.R. 4.5(1)]
- Authorized to investigate any matter within the scope of a review completed or being conducted by OPPAGA [s. 11.40(1), F.S.]

## Committee Responsibilities Related to Local Governmental Entities

- Authorized to direct the Department of Revenue and the Department of Financial Services to withhold revenue from counties and municipalities that fail to: (1) file financial reports required by ss. 218.32(1) and 218.39(1), F.S.; (2) provide significant items missing from audit reports, as required by s.11.45(7)(b), F.S.; (3) pay the full cost of an audit requested by a county or municipality, which has been conducted by the Auditor General, as required by s. 11.45(6), F.S; (4) provide to the Division of Bond Finance specified information related to bonded obligations, or verify such information, required by s. 218.38, F.S.; (5) comply with investment policies, as specified in s. 218.415, F.S.; or (6) inform the Governor of action being taken to address financial emergency condition(s), as required by s. 218.503(3), F.S. [s. 11.40(2), F.S.]
- Authorized to hold a public hearing, if certain conditions are met, and direct the Department of Economic Opportunity to proceed with legal action against special districts that fail to: (1) file financial reports required by ss. 218.32(1) and 218.39(1), F.S.; (2) provide significant items missing from audit reports, as required by s.11.45(7)(b), F.S.; (3) pay the full cost of an audit requested by a special district, which has been conducted by the Auditor General, as required by s. 11.45(6), F.S; (4) comply with investment policies as specified in s. 218.415, F.S.; or (5) inform the Governor of action being taken to address financial emergency condition(s), as required by s. 218.503(3) F.S. [s. 11.40(2), F.S.]
- Required to be notified when a local governmental entity meets or is expected to meet a condition of a financial emergency [ss. 218.503(2) and 11.45(7)(e), F.S.]
- Authorized to direct audits or reviews of local governments [J.R. 4.5(1)]
- Authorized to investigate any matter within the scope of an audit, examination, or review of a local governmental entity conducted by the Auditor General or OPPAGA [s. 11.40(1), F.S.]
- Authorized to take a series of steps when a local government has failed to take full corrective action in response to a recommendation included in the *two* preceding financial audit reports [s. 218.39(8), F.S.]

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<sup>1</sup> From 1967 until March 2011 the Committee was created in law. During 2011, the Legislature passed a reform package which included revisions to laws and joint rules related to the Committee. Chapter 2011-34, *Laws of Florida*, repealed the statutory creation of the Committee.

<sup>2</sup> The Committee is not required to appoint an Auditor General unless there is a vacancy in the position.

<sup>3</sup> These entities include any governmental entity created or established in law; non-governmental entity that receives state financial assistance; and non-governmental agency, corporation, or person that receives an appropriation by the Legislature.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

### **Committee Responsibilities Related to State Agencies**

- Within six months of the release of an Auditor General audit or OPPAGA review, most state agencies are required to provide the Committee with the status of corrective action taken in response to audit/review report findings [s. 20.055(5)(h), F.S.]
- Authorized to direct an audit or review of state agencies [J.R. 4.5(1)]
- Authorized to investigate any matter within the scope of an audit, examination, or review of a state agency conducted by the Auditor General or OPPAGA [s. 11.40(1), F.S.]

### **Committee Responsibilities Related to State Universities and Florida College System Institutions**

- Authorized to direct an audit or review of universities and colleges [J.R. 4.5(1)]
- Authorized to investigate any matter within the scope of an audit, examination, or review of a university or college conducted by the Auditor General or OPPAGA [s. 11.40(1), F.S.]
- Authorized to take a series of steps when a university or college has failed to take full corrective action in response to a recommendation included in the two preceding financial or operational audit reports [s. 11.45(7)(j), F.S.]

### **Committee Responsibilities Related to District School Boards, Charter Schools, and Charter Technical Career Centers**

- Authorized to direct the Department of Revenue and the Department of Financial Services to withhold revenue from district school boards that fail to: (1) file financial audits required by s. 218.39(1), F.S.; (2) provide significant items missing from audit reports, as required by s.11.45(7)(b), F.S.; (3) comply with investment policies, as specified in s. 218.415, F.S.; or (4) inform the Commissioner of Education of action being taken to address financial emergency condition(s), as required by s. 218.503(3), F.S. [s. 11.40(2), F.S.]
- Authorized to notify the appropriate sponsoring entity of a charter school or charter technical career center for charter schools and charter technical career centers that fail to: (1) file financial audits required by s. 218.39(1), F.S.; or (2) provide significant items missing from audit reports required by s.11.45(7)(b), F.S. The sponsoring entity is then authorized to terminate the charter pursuant to ss. 1002.33 and 1002.34, F.S. [s. 11.40(2)(c), F.S.]
- Required to be notified when a district school board, charter school, or charter technical career center meets or is expected to meet a condition of a financial emergency [ss. 218.503(2) and 11.45(7)(e), F.S.]
- Authorized to direct an audit or review of district school boards,<sup>5</sup> charter schools, and charter technical career centers [J.R. 4.5(1)]
- Authorized to investigate any matter within the scope of an audit, examination, or review of a district school board, charter school, or charter technical career center conducted by the Auditor General or OPPAGA [s. 11.40(1), F.S.]
- Authorized to take a series of steps when a district school board, charter school, or charter technical career center has failed to take full corrective action in response to a recommendation included in the two preceding financial audit reports (also includes the two preceding operational audit reports for district school boards) [ss. 11.45(7)(j) and 218.39(8), F.S.]

### **Committee Responsibilities Related to Audits of Lobbying Firm Compensation Reports**

- Required to develop a system to randomly select lobbying firms for audit, develop procedures for the selection of auditors, create and maintain a list of not less than 10 auditors approved to conduct the audits, and develop guidelines to conduct the audits [s. 11.40(3), F.S.]

### **Committee Responsibilities Related to Transparency Florida Website**

- Required to report annually on the progress in establishing the website, make recommendations for enhancement of the content and format of the website, and develop a schedule for adding additional information [ss. 215.985(7) and (13), F.S.]

### **Other Committee Responsibilities and Activities**

- Authority to take under consideration any matter within the scope of the duties of the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission [s. 286.036(6), F.S.]
- Numerous entities are required to submit reports to the Committee [various sections of law]
- Staff assist government officials and citizens with concerns regarding potential misuse of public funds and other complaints

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<sup>5</sup> The Auditor General is required by law to conduct an annual financial audit of district school boards in counties with a population less than 150,000 and every three years in counties with a larger population; in addition, the Auditor General is required by law to conduct an operational audit of every district school board at least once every three years.

# JOINT RULE FOUR OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

## JOINT COMMITTEES

### 4.1—Standing Joint Committees

(1) The following standing joint committees are established:

- (a) Administrative Procedures Committee.
- (b) Committee on Public Counsel Oversight.
- (c) Legislative Auditing Committee.

(2) No other joint committee shall exist except as agreed to by the presiding officers or by concurrent resolution approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(3) Appointments to each standing joint committee shall be made or altered and vacancies shall be filled by the Senate and the House of Representatives in accordance with their respective rules. There shall be appointed to each standing joint committee no fewer than five and no more than seven members from each house.

(4)(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint a member of the Senate to serve as the chair, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the House of Representatives to serve as the vice chair, for:

1. The Legislative Auditing Committee and the Committee on Public Counsel Oversight, for the period from the Organization Session until noon on December 1 of the calendar year following the general election.

2. The Administrative Procedures Committee for the period from noon on December 1 of the calendar year following the general election until the next general election.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the House of Representatives to serve as the chair, and the President of the Senate shall appoint a member of the Senate to serve as the vice chair, for:

1. The Legislative Auditing Committee and the Committee on Public Counsel Oversight, for the period from noon on December 1 of the calendar year following the general election until the next general election.

2. The Administrative Procedures Committee for the period from the Organization Session until noon on December 1 of the calendar year following the general election.

(c) A vacancy in an appointed chair or vice chair shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

### 4.2—Procedures in Joint Committees

The following rules shall govern procedures in joint committees other than conference committees:

(1) A quorum for a joint committee shall be a majority of the appointees of each house. No business of any type may be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

(2)(a) Joint committees shall meet only within the dates, times, and locations authorized by both the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) Joint committee meetings shall meet at the call of the chair. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall assume the duty to convene and preside over meetings and such other duties as provided by law or joint rule. During a meeting properly convened, the presiding chair may temporarily assign the duty to preside at that meeting to another joint committee member until the assignment is relinquished or revoked.

(c) Before any joint committee may hold a meeting, a notice of such meeting shall be provided to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives no later than 4:30 p.m. of the 7th day before the meeting. For purposes of effecting notice to members of the house to which the chair does not belong, notice to the Secretary of the Senate shall be deemed notice to members of the Senate and notice to the Clerk of the House shall be deemed notice to members of the House of Representatives. Noticed meetings may be canceled by the chair with the approval of at least one presiding officer.

(d) If a majority of its members from each house agree, a joint committee may continue a properly noticed meeting after the expiration of the time called for the meeting. However, a joint committee may not meet beyond the time authorized by the presiding officers without special leave granted by both presiding officers.

(3) The presiding officers shall interpret, apply, and enforce rules governing joint committees by agreement when the rule at issue is a joint rule. Unless otherwise determined or overruled by an agreement of the presiding officers, the chair shall determine all questions of order arising in joint committee meetings, but such determinations may be appealed to the committee during the meeting.

(4) Each question, including any appeal of a ruling of the chair, shall be decided by a majority vote of the members of the joint committee of each house present and voting.

#### **4.3—Powers of Joint Committees**

(1) A joint committee may exercise the subpoena vested by law in a standing committee of the Legislature. A subpoena issued under this rule must be approved and signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and attested by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

(2) A joint committee may adopt rules of procedure that do not conflict with the Florida Constitution or any law or joint rule, subject to the joint approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) A joint committee may not create subcommittees or workgroups unless authorized by both presiding officers.

#### **4.4—Administration of Joint Committees**

(1) Within the monetary limitations of the approved operating budget, the expenses of the members and the salaries and expenses of the staff of each joint committee shall be governed by joint policies adopted under Joint Rule 3.2. Within such operating budget, the chair of each joint committee shall approve all authorized member expenses.

(2) Subject to joint policies adopted under Joint Rule 3.2, the presiding officers shall appoint and remove the staff director and, if needed, a general counsel and any other staff necessary to assist each joint committee. All joint committee staff shall serve at the pleasure of the presiding officers. Upon the initial adoption of these joint rules in a biennium, each joint committee staff director position shall be deemed vacant until an appointment is made.

#### **4.5—Special Powers and Duties of the Legislative Auditing Committee**

(1) The Legislative Auditing Committee may direct the Auditor General or the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct an audit, review, or examination of any entity or record described in s. 11.45(2) or (3), Florida Statutes.

(2) The Legislative Auditing Committee may receive requests for audits and reviews from legislators and any audit request, petition for audit, or other matter for investigation directed or referred to it pursuant to general law. The committee may make any appropriate disposition of such requests or referrals and shall, within a reasonable time, report to the requesting party the disposition of any audit request.

(3) The Legislative Auditing Committee may review the performance of the Auditor General and report thereon to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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*The remaining language in Joint Rule Four (4.6 and 4.7) is not included. It relates to special powers and duties of the Administrative Procedures Committee and the Committee on Public Counsel Oversight.*



STATE OF FLORIDA AUDITOR GENERAL

# Auditor General's Office Overview

Legislative Auditing Committee  
January 12, 2017



Sherrill F. Norman, CPA  
Auditor General

# Constitutional and Statutory Audit Authority

## Article III, Section 2 of the State Constitution

- Audit public records and perform related duties as prescribed by law or concurrent resolution.

## Florida Statutes

- Section 11.45(2) - Conduct audits of records and perform related duties as prescribed by law, concurrent resolution of the Legislature, or as directed by the Legislative Auditing Committee.
- Section 11.45(3) - Pursuant to his or her own authority, conduct audits or other engagements as determined appropriate by the Auditor General.

# Auditor General's Office Divisions

- **State Government Audits**
  - Matthew Tracy, CPA, Deputy Auditor General
- **Educational Entities and Local Government Audits**
  - Greg Centers, CPA, Deputy Auditor General
- **Information Technology Audits**
  - Marilyn Rosetti, CPA, Deputy Auditor General

# Auditor General's Office Locations

Audit positions are located in Tallahassee and in various field offices throughout the State.



# Auditor General's Office Audit Professionals

Many of our 360 full-time positions are held by audit professionals with various professional accounting and audit-related certifications.

As of October 31, 2016, our audit professionals included:

- 178 Certified Public Accountants
- 19 Certified Information Systems Auditors
- 11 Certified Fraud Examiners

# Auditor General's Office Engagements

- **Financial Audits**  
(Including Federal awards)
- **Operational Audits**  
(Including IT systems)
- **Performance Audits**
- **Attestation Engagements**

# Financial Audits

- **Audit Scope and Objectives**
  - Express an opinion on the fairness with which the financial statements are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles
  - Determine whether operations are properly conducted in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements material to the financial statements
  - Express an opinion on major Federal program compliance in accordance with the Federal Single Audit Act

# Operational Audits

- **Audit Scope – Variable**
- **Objectives**
  - Evaluate management's performance in establishing and maintaining internal controls, including controls designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse, and in administering assigned responsibilities in accordance with applicable laws, administrative rules, contracts, grant agreements, and other guidelines

# Operational Audits

- **Objectives** (continued)
  - Identify and report on weaknesses in internal control
  - Identify and report on legal noncompliance
  - Identify statutory and fiscal changes for recommendation to the Legislature

# State Government Audits

- **Financial Statement and Federal Awards Audit**  
(Conducted Annually )
  - State of Florida
  - Includes State agencies, universities, and colleges
- **Other Financial Statement Audits**  
(Conducted Annually)
  - Department of the Lottery
  - Florida PRIME – Local Government Investment Pool (SBA)
  - Florida Retirement System
    - Schedules of Employer Allocations and Pension Amounts by Employer

# State Government Audits

- **Operational Audits**  
(Conducted at least every 3 years)
  - State agencies (Executive and Judicial Branches)
  - Florida Clerks of Court Corporation
  - Citizens Property Insurance Corporation
- **Quality Assessment Reviews of State Agency Inspector Generals' Internal Audit Activity**  
(Conducted every 3 years)
  - State agencies (Executive and Judicial Branches)

# State Government Audits

- **Performance Audit of the Department of Revenue's Administration of the Ad Valorem Tax Program**  
(Conducted at least every 3 years)

# Educational Entity Audits

- **Financial Statement and Federal Awards Audits**
  - District School Boards (DSBs)
    - Conducted annually for DSBs in counties with populations of less than 150,000
    - Conducted once every 3 years for DSBs in counties with populations of 150,000 or more

# Educational Entity Audits

- **Financial Statement Audits**  
(Conducted annually)
  - State Universities
  - State Colleges
- **Operational Audits**  
(Conducted at least once every 3 years)
  - District School Boards
  - State Universities
  - State Colleges
  - Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind

# Educational Entity Audits

- **Attestation Examinations**  
(Conducted periodically on a rotational schedule – generally at least every 3 years)
  - Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) at each District School Board and other entities, as applicable
    - Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Student Enrollment
    - Student Transportation

# Local Government and Other Audits

- **Operational Audits**
  - Water Management Districts  
(Conducted at least every 3 years)
  - Scholarship Funding Organizations  
(Conducted annually)
  - Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.  
(Conducted annually)
  - Other local governments  
(Periodically conducted)
- **Performance Audit of the Local Government Financial Reporting System**  
(Conducted at least every 3 years)

# Other Accountability Activities

- **For local governmental entities, district school boards, and charter schools**
  - Summary of Audit Findings and Financial Trends
  - Reviews of Audit Reports
- **For local governmental entities, district school boards, charter schools, State universities, and State colleges**
  - Notifications to the Legislative Auditing Committee

# Information Technology Audits

- **Operational Audits of major State IT systems, for example:**
  - FLAIR
  - FLORIDA System
  - Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System (CONNECT)
  - iBudget
  - Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN)
  - SUNTAX

# Information Technology Audit Support

- **Audit support for financial and operational audits**
  - State Agencies
  - State Universities
  - State Colleges
  - District School Boards
- **Computer Assisted Audit Techniques (CAATs)**

# Additional Responsibilities

- In consultation with the State Board of Accountancy, adopt rules applicable to audits of:
  - Local Governments
  - District School Boards
  - Charter Schools
  - Certain Nonprofit Organizations
    - Direct and Citizen Support Organizations
    - Scholarship funding organizations, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, Enterprise Florida, and Florida is For Veterans
  - State Financial Assistance
    - Nonprofit and For-Profit Entities

# Annual Report of the Auditor General

- Due December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Includes:
  - Statutory Recommendations
  - Overview of Reports Issued
  - Projected 2-Year Work Plan



# Reports Issued November 1, 2015, through October 31, 2016

- Over 200 reports issued, including:
  - State of Florida financial statement and Federal awards audits
  - Financial statement audits of all State universities and colleges and 47 district school boards
  - 76 operational audits of State agencies, educational entities, local governments, and information technology systems
  - 19 examinations of student enrollment and transportation reported by school districts
  - Department of Revenue Administration of the Ad Valorem Tax Program

# Special Audits

- Audits Directed by the Legislative Auditing Committee
  - Health Care District of Palm Beach County (Report No. 2016-189)
  - City of Archer (Report No. 2016-197)
  - City of North Miami
  - Walton County Planning Department
  - Citrus County's contract with Correctional Corporation of America and Parks and Recreation Department
  - City of Palatka
  - Putnam County

# Special Audits

- Follow-Up on Audits of Local Governmental Entities (Required by Section 11.45(2)(j), Florida Statutes)
  - City of Starke (Report No. 2016-197)
  - City of Hampton (Report No. 2017-007)
  - Sunshine Water Control District

# Special Audits

- Other
  - Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign  
(Report No. 2016-194)
  - Department of Corrections  
Fixed Capital Outlay Expenditures  
Pursuant to Chapter 2016-066, Laws of Florida  
(Report No. 2017-037)
  - Florida Housing Finance Corporation Audit  
Pursuant to Chapter 2013-83, Laws of Florida  
(Report No. 2017-047)

# Projected 2-Year Work Plan

## 2017-18

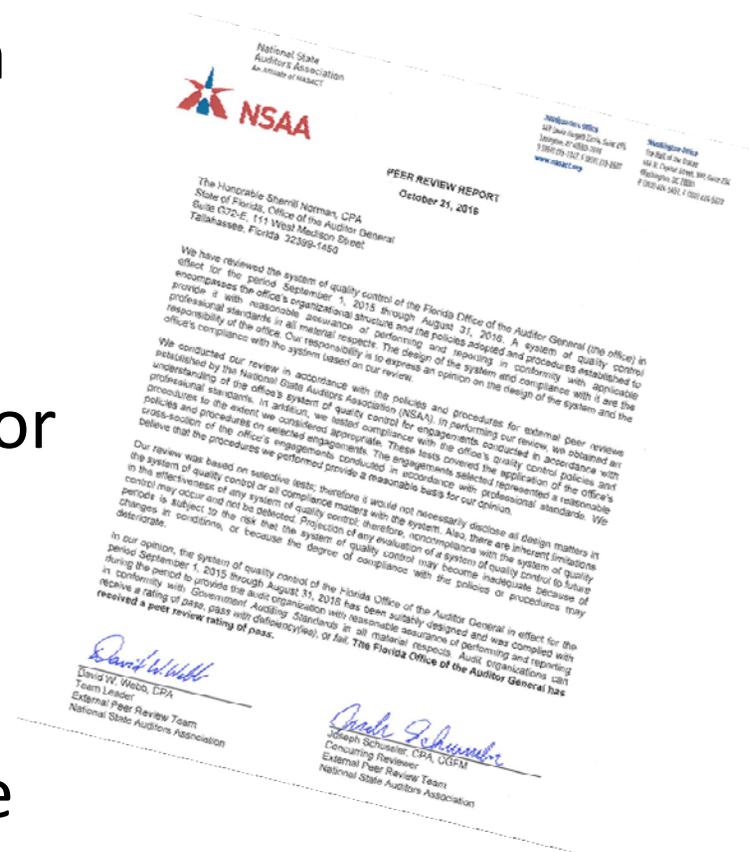
- 93 Financial Audits
- 74+ Operational Audits
- 27 FEFP Examinations
- 14 Quality Assessment Reviews

## 2018-19

- 92 Financial Audits
- 72+ Operational Audits
- 28 FEFP Examinations
- 13 Quality Assessment Reviews

# Peer Review Results

In October 2016, a team from the National State Auditors Association completed an independent review of the work performed by the Auditor General's Office. Our Office received a rating of "pass" which is the highest rating an audit organization can receive from an NSAA peer review team.





# Questions?





# **Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability**

***Presentation to the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee***

**R. Philip Twogood, Ph.D.**

January 12, 2017

# What Is OPPAGA?

- Established as an independent office in 1994
- Provides policy analysis, data analysis, and program evaluation for the Legislature across all policy and committee areas
- Authorized in Joint Rule Three
- One of 42 legislative evaluation offices nationally

# The People at OPPAGA

- Wide variety of advanced degrees
- Most analysts hold graduate degrees; 8 hold PhDs
- Skills sets complement other legislative staff
- Organized into 4 policy units (CJ, Ed, HHS, Gov Ops) and a Methodology Unit
- Contact information in packet



# What Makes OPPAGA Unique?

- Design and carry out complex research
- Analyze large and often confidential data sets, integrating data from multiple agencies
- Maintain policy area and methodological expertise
- Provide the Legislature the independent capacity to assess impacts of programs and policies, including longitudinal studies

# OPPAGA Work Products

- Under Joint Rule Three, work from general law, the President and Speaker, JLAC
- Formal reports
- Research briefings and committee presentations
- Onsite review and performance examination
- Technical assistance to committees
- PolicyNotes

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**[County Pretrial Release Programs: Calendar Year 2015](#)**

Pretrial release programs supervise defendants who have been released from jail while awaiting disposition of their criminal charges. Twenty-nine pretrial release programs responded to our survey requesting information regarding their 2015 operations. No program reported receiving state general revenue, with most (28) programs primarily funded through county funds. Three programs reported receiving state or federal grants. Ten programs were able to provide a detailed breakdown of the nature of defendants' criminal histories, which varied among programs. For these programs, the percentage of defendants with violent felony criminal histories ranged from 0% to 27%. Twenty-eight programs reported that judges in their circuits have the discretion to both release a defendant on bond and require supervision by pretrial release programs to provide two layers of accountability. While programs reported varying numbers of defendants that failed to appear or had new arrests, most programs reported that few defendants they supervised failed to appear in court or were arrested while in the program. Programs have generally complied with statutory requirements, as 29 submitted an annual report and most reported that they maintained the required weekly registers. Some reporting requirements do not apply to programs that do not make release recommendations. Programs also could not report some criminal history information due to state and federal restrictions.

Source: OPPAGA



**EDUCATION**

[Assistance or Obstacle? The Impact of Different Levels of English Developmental Education on Underprepared Students in Community Colleges](#)

[Quality Counts 2017](#)



**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

[Agency Review - Enterprise Florida, Inc. \(EFI\), and Department of Economic Opportunity \(DEO\)](#)

[Red Light Camera Summary Report, Fiscal Year 2015-2016](#)

[Framework for Multi-Resolution Analyses of Advanced Traffic Management Strategies](#)



**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**[Correctional Populations in the United States, 2015](#)**

At year-end 2015, an estimated 6,741,400 persons were supervised by U.S. adult correctional systems, a decrease of about 115,600 persons

# Recent Reports and Assignments

- The Department of Economic Opportunity and Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Nursing Education Programs
- District Courts of Appeal
- Human Trafficking
- Florida Department of Lottery (JLAC)
- University and College Student Success



THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

# GPS

GOVERNMENT PROGRAM SUMMARIES

Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government Accountability

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Welcome to the most complete monitoring service of Florida's state government available on the Internet, the Florida Legislature's GPS!

## What is GPS?

This 4-minute narrated presentation describes GPS and the information it provides on over 200 major state programs.

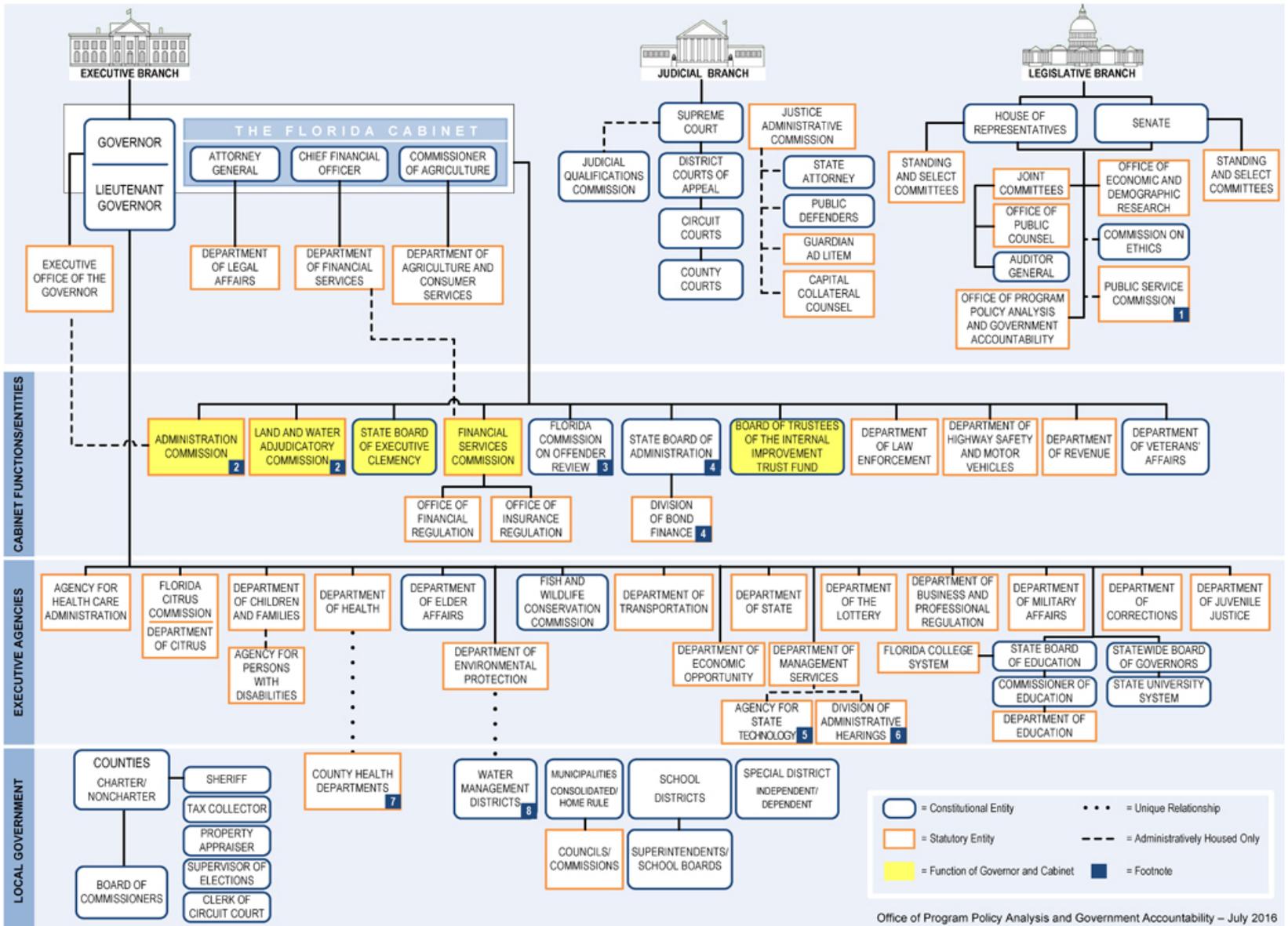
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# THE FLORIDA ELECTORATE



Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability – July 2016

# Questions?

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Capital Collateral Regional Counsels	Justice Administrative Commission	Public Defenders
Commission on Offender Review	Juvenile Justice	State Attorneys
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Business and Professional Regulation	Governor's Office	State
Citrus	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	State Board of Administration
Economic Opportunity	Management Services	Transportation
Environmental Protection	Military Affairs	Water Management Districts
Financial Services	Public Service Commission	

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Elder Affairs	Health Care Administration	Veterans' Affairs