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Representative Greg Evers, Chair
Senator Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ACTION
JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE
February 15, 2010

Members in attendance:

Representative Greg Evers, Chair
Senator Andy Gardiner
Senator Charlie Justice
Representative Betty Reed
Senator Jeremy Ring
Representative Dwayne L. Taylor
Representative John Tobia
Representative Charles Van Zant
Senator Stephen R. Wise

Senator Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Vice Chair, was excused.

Presentation by the Governor's Office on the Federal Stimulus Funds

Don Winstead, Special Advisor to the Governor [Florida's Stimulus Czar], gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Melinda Miguel, Chief Inspector General, gave a presentation concerning the role of the inspectors general in regard to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Continuation of discussion regarding the Department of the Lottery related to the Auditor General's audit of the financial statements and OPPAGA's two reviews

This agenda item was not discussed.

Demonstration of the Transparency Florida website

Mike Jones, Policy Coordinator with Systems Design and Development, demonstrated the Transparency Florida website to the Committee.

Discussion of the Committee's report required by the Transparency Florida Act

Kathy DuBose, Staff Director, explained the requirements of the act and presented the working group's draft recommendations to the Committee.

Committee members asked questions and had concerns regarding the estimated costs for Phase 3 of the recommendations for school district financial transparency.

Representative Reed moved that the school district recommendations in Phases 1 and 2 of the report be adopted. Recommendations in Phase 3 should be postponed until further discussion can take place.

The motion passed without objection.

Representative Reed also moved that committee staff be allowed to make technical and clarifying changes to the report and submit it to the President and Speaker by March 1st.

The motion passed without objection.

Presentation of OPPAGA Report No. 10-15, Several Options Are Available for Modifying the Florida Retirement System's Structure to Reduce System Costs, and presentation of reviews concerning DROP and state employee benefits

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not discussed.

Senator Wise moved to rise.