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PLANNING AND BUDGETING

1011.051 Guidelines for general funds.—The district school board shall maintain a general fund ending fund balance that is sufficient to address normal contingencies.

(1) If at any time the portion of the general fund's ending fund balance not classified as restricted, committed, or nonspendable in the district's approved operating budget is projected to fall below 3 percent of projected general fund revenues during the current fiscal year, the superintendent shall provide written notification to the district school board and the Commissioner of Education. If such financial condition exists for 2 consecutive fiscal years, the superintendent shall reduce the district's administration expenditures reported pursuant to s. [1010.215\(4\)\(a\)](#) in proportion to the reduction in the general fund's ending balance or the reduction in student enrollment, whichever is greater.

(2)(a) If at any time the portion of the general fund's ending fund balance not classified as restricted, committed, or nonspendable in the district's approved operating budget is projected to fall below 2 percent of projected general fund revenues during the current fiscal year, the superintendent shall provide written notification to the district school board and the Commissioner of Education. Within 14 days after receiving such notification, if the commissioner determines that the district does not have a plan that is reasonably anticipated to avoid a financial emergency as determined pursuant to s. [218.503](#), the commissioner shall appoint a financial emergency board that shall operate under the requirements, powers, and duties specified in s. [218.503\(3\)\(g\)](#).

(b) If any of the conditions identified in s. [218.503\(1\)](#) existed in the 2015-2016 school year or thereafter, the department shall contract with an independent third party to conduct an investigation of all accounts and records to determine the cause of the deficit; what efforts, if any, were made to avoid the deficit; and whether any of the conditions identified in s. [1011.10](#) have occurred. The investigation must include a detailed review and analysis of documents and records, including, but not limited to, budget reports, journal entries, budget methodologies, staff emails, hard copy records, monthly financial statements, quarterly revenue and expenditure reports, finance staff job descriptions, and minutes from meetings. The results of the investigation must include recommendations for corrective action and controls to avoid a reoccurrence of a future budget shortfall. A final report shall be provided to the district school board, the department, the Legislative Auditing Committee, and the district's financial emergency board, if applicable.

History.—s. 11, ch. 2009-3; s. 24, ch. 2011-144; s. 13, ch. 2018-5.