

1 215.90 Short title.--Sections 215.90-215.96 may be cited as the "Florida Financial  
2 Management Information System Act."

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4 215.91 Florida Financial Management Information System; board; council.--

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6 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the executive branch of government, in  
7 consultation with the legislative fiscal committees, specifically design and implement the  
8 Florida Financial Management Information System to be the primary means by which  
9 state government managers acquire and disseminate the information needed to plan and  
10 account for the delivery of services to the citizens in a timely, efficient, and effective  
11 manner.

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13 (2) The Florida Financial Management Information System shall be a unified  
14 information system providing fiscal, management, and accounting support for state  
15 decision makers. It shall provide a means of coordinating fiscal management information  
16 and information that supports state planning, policy development, management,  
17 evaluation, and performance monitoring. The Florida Financial Management Information  
18 System shall be the primary information resource that provides accountability for public  
19 funds, resources, and activities.

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21 ~~(3) The Financial Management Information Board shall provide the overall framework~~  
22 ~~within which the Florida Financial Management Information System will operate. The~~  
23 ~~board, through the Florida Financial Management Information System Coordinating~~  
24 ~~Council, shall adopt policies and procedures to:~~

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26 ~~(a) Strengthen and standardize the fiscal management and accounting practices of the~~  
27 ~~state;~~

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29 ~~(b) Improve internal financial controls;~~

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31 ~~(c) Simplify the preparation of objective, accurate, and timely management and fiscal~~  
32 ~~reports; and~~

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34 ~~(d) Provide the information needed in the development, management, and evaluation of~~  
35 ~~public policy and programs.~~

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37 ~~(4) The council shall provide ongoing counsel to the board and act to resolve problems~~  
38 ~~among or between the functional owner subsystems. The board, through the coordinating~~  
39 ~~council, shall direct and manage the development, implementation, and operation of the~~  
40 ~~information subsystems that together are the Florida Financial Management Information~~  
41 ~~System. The coordinating council shall approve the information subsystems' designs prior~~  
42 ~~to the development, implementation, and operation of the subsystems and shall approve~~  
43 ~~subsequent proposed design modifications to the information subsystems subject to the~~  
44 ~~guidelines issued by the council. The coordinating council shall ensure that the~~  
45 ~~information subsystems' operations support the exchange of unified and coordinated data~~  
46 ~~between information subsystems. The coordinating council shall establish the common~~

1 ~~data codes for financial management, and it shall require and ensure the use of common~~  
2 ~~data codes by the information subsystems that together constitute the Florida Financial~~  
3 ~~Management Information System. The Chief Financial Officer shall adopt a chart of~~  
4 ~~accounts consistent with the common financial management data codes established by the~~  
5 ~~coordinating council. The board, through the coordinating council, shall establish the~~  
6 ~~financial management policies and procedures for the executive branch of state~~  
7 ~~government. The coordinating council shall notify in writing the chairs of the legislative~~  
8 ~~fiscal committees and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court regarding the adoption of,~~  
9 ~~or modification to, a proposed financial management policy or procedure. The notice~~  
10 ~~shall solicit comments from the chairs of the legislative fiscal committees and the Chief~~  
11 ~~Justice of the Supreme Court at least 14 consecutive days before the final action by the~~  
12 ~~coordinating council.~~

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14 (5) The Florida Financial Management Information System and its functional owner  
15 information subsystems shall be compatible with the legislative appropriations system,  
16 and they shall be designed to support the legislative oversight function. The Florida  
17 Financial Management Information System and its functional owner information  
18 subsystems shall be unified with the legislative information systems that support the  
19 legislative appropriations and legislative oversight functions. The Florida Financial  
20 Management Information System and its functional owner information subsystems shall  
21 exchange information with the legislative information systems that support the legislative  
22 appropriations and legislative oversight functions without conversion or modification.  
23 Any information maintained by the Florida Financial Management Information System  
24 and its functional owner information subsystems shall be available, upon request, to the  
25 information systems of the legislative branch.

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27 (6) The Florida Financial Management Information System and its functional owner  
28 information subsystems shall be designed to incorporate the flexibility needed to respond  
29 to the dynamic demands of state government in a cost-conscious manner. The Florida  
30 Financial Management Information System shall include applications that will support an  
31 information retrieval system that will allow the user to ask general questions and receive  
32 accurate answers that include assessments concerning the qualifications of the data.

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34 (7) The Florida Financial Management Information System and each of its functional  
35 owner information subsystems shall strive to employ a common set of operations that  
36 make the system accessible to agency program managers and statewide decisionmakers.  
37 Data shall be easily transferred from the functional owner information subsystems to  
38 Florida Financial Management Information System applications and also among the  
39 functional owner information subsystems. The functional owner information subsystems  
40 shall identify shared data-gathering needs in order to minimize the duplications of source-  
41 entry input. ~~The coordinating council shall ensure that all organizations within the~~  
42 ~~executive branch of state government have access to and use the Florida Financial~~  
43 ~~Management Information System for the collection, processing, and reporting of financial~~  
44 ~~management data required for the efficient and effective operation of state government.~~

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1 (8) The Florida Financial Management Information System, through its functional owner  
2 subsystems, shall include a data-gathering and data-distribution facility that will support a  
3 management and decision making information system that collects and stores agency and  
4 statewide financial, administrative, planning, and program information to assist agency  
5 program managers and statewide decision makers in carrying out their responsibilities.  
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7 215.92 Definitions relating to Florida Financial Management Information System Act.--  
8 For the purposes of ss. 215.90-215.96:  
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10 (1) "Auditable" means the presence of features and characteristics that are needed to  
11 verify the proper functioning of controls in any given information subsystem.  
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13 ~~(2) "Board" means the Financial Management Information Board.~~

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15 ~~(3) "Coordinating council" or "council" means the Florida Financial Management~~  
16 ~~Information System Coordinating Council.~~  
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18 (4) "Data or data code" means representation of facts, concepts, or instructions in a  
19 formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing by humans  
20 or by automatic means. The term includes any representations such as characters or  
21 analog quantities to which meaning is, or might be, assigned.  
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23 ~~(5) "Design and coordination staff" means the personnel responsible for providing~~  
24 ~~administrative and clerical support to the board, coordinating council, and secretary to the~~  
25 ~~board. The design and coordination staff shall function as the agency clerk for the board~~  
26 ~~and the coordinating council. For administrative purposes, the design and coordination~~  
27 ~~staff are assigned to the Department of Financial Services but they are functionally~~  
28 ~~assigned to the board.~~  
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30 (6) "Functional owner" means the agency, or the part of the judicial branch, that has the  
31 legal responsibility to ensure that a subsystem is designed, implemented, and operated in  
32 accordance with ss. 215.90-215.96.  
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34 (7) "Functional system specifications" means the detailed written description of an  
35 information subsystem. These specifications are prepared by the functional owner of the  
36 system; describe, in the functional owner's language, what an information subsystem is  
37 required to do; and describe the features, characteristics, controls, and internal control  
38 measures to be incorporated into the information subsystem. Such specifications are the  
39 basis for the preparation of the technical system specifications by the functional owner.  
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41 (8) "Information system" means a group of interrelated information subsystems.  
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43 (9) "Information subsystem" means the entire collection of procedures, equipment, and  
44 people devoted to the generation, collection, evaluation, storage, retrieval, and  
45 dissemination of data and information within an organization or functional area in order  
46 to promote the flow of information from source to user.

1 215.93 Florida Financial Management Information System.--

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3 (1) To provide the information necessary to carry out the intent of the Legislature, there  
4 shall be a Florida Financial Management Information System. The Florida Financial  
5 Management Information System shall be fully implemented and shall be upgraded as  
6 necessary to ensure the efficient operation of an integrated financial management  
7 information system and to provide necessary information for the effective operation of  
8 state government. Upon the recommendation of the ~~e~~o~~o~~r~~di~~na~~ti~~ng concil Enterprise  
9 Financiancial Concil and approval of the ~~board~~ Enterprise  
10 Financiancial Operations Officer, the  
11 Florida Financial Management Information System may require data from any state  
12 agency information system or information subsystem or may request data from any  
13 judicial branch information system or information subsystem that the ~~e~~o~~o~~r~~di~~na~~ti~~ng  
14 concil and ~~board~~ concil and officer have determined to have statewide financial  
15 management significance. Each functional owner information subsystem within the  
16 Florida Financial Management Information System shall be developed in such a fashion  
17 as to allow for timely, positive, preplanned, and prescribed data transfers between the  
18 Florida Financial Management Information System functional owner information  
19 subsystems and from other information systems. The principal unit of the system shall be  
20 the functional owner information subsystem, and the system shall include, but shall not  
21 be limited to, the following:~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

22 (a) Planning and Budgeting Subsystem.

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24 (b) ~~Florida Accounting Information Resource~~ Financiancial Management Subsystem.

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26 (c) Cash Management Subsystem.

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28 (d) Purchasing Subsystem.

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30 (e) Personnel Information System.

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32 (2) Each information subsystem shall have a functional owner, who may establish  
33 additional functions for the subsystem unless specifically prohibited by ss. 215.90-  
34 215.96. However, without the express approval of the ~~board~~ officer upon  
35 recommendation of the ~~e~~o~~o~~r~~di~~na~~ti~~ng concil, no functional owner nor any other agency  
36 shall have the authority to establish or maintain additional subsystems which duplicate  
37 any of the information subsystems of the Florida Financial Management Information  
38 System. Each functional owner shall solicit input and responses from agencies utilizing  
39 the information subsystem. Each functional owner may contract with the other functional  
40 owners or private sector entities in the design, development, and implementation of their  
41 information systems and subsystems. Each functional owner shall include in its  
42 information subsystem functional specifications the data requirements and standards of  
43 the Florida Financial Management Information System as approved by the ~~board~~ officer.  
44 Each functional owner shall establish design teams that shall plan and coordinate the  
45 design and implementation of its subsystem within the framework established by the  
46 ~~board~~ officer. The design teams shall assist ~~the design and coordination staff~~ in carrying~~~~~~~~

1 out the duties assigned by the ~~board officer~~ or the ~~coordinating~~ council. The coordinating  
2 council shall review and approve the work plans for these projects.

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4 (3) The Florida Financial Management Information System shall include financial  
5 management data and utilize the chart of accounts approved by the Chief Financial  
6 Officer. Common financial management data shall include, but not be limited to, data  
7 codes, titles, and definitions used by one or more of the functional owner subsystems.  
8 The Florida Financial Management Information System shall utilize common financial  
9 management data codes. The council shall recommend and the ~~board officer~~ shall adopt  
10 policies regarding the approval and publication of the financial management data. The  
11 Chief Financial Officer shall adopt policies regarding the approval and publication of the  
12 chart of accounts. The Chief Financial Officer's chart of accounts shall be consistent with  
13 the common financial management data codes established by the coordinating council.  
14 Further, all systems not a part of the Florida Financial Management Information System  
15 which provide information to the system shall use the common data codes from the  
16 Florida Financial Management Information System and the Chief Financial Officer's  
17 chart of accounts. Data codes that cannot be supplied by the Florida Financial  
18 Management Information System and the Chief Financial Officer's chart of accounts and  
19 that are required for use by the information subsystems shall be approved by the ~~board~~  
20 officer upon recommendation of the ~~coordinating~~ council.

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22 (4) The Florida Financial Management Information System shall be designed, installed,  
23 and operated in a fashion compatible with the legislative appropriations system.

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25 (5) Functional owners are legally responsible for the security and integrity of all data  
26 records existing within or transferred from their information subsystems. Each agency  
27 and the judicial branch shall be responsible for the accuracy of the information entered  
28 into the Florida Financial Management Information System.  
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