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- Introduced by Sen. MARCELLINO -- (at request of the State Comptroller) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- recommitted to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee
- AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the general municipal law, in relation to clarifying and making certain technical corrections to the public authorities reform act of 2009; and to repeal certain provisions of the public authorities law relating thereto

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 2 2 of section 2800 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 506 3 of the laws of 2009, are amended to read as follows:

4 (a) For the purpose of furnishing the state with systematic informa-5 tion regarding the status and the activities of public authorities, every state authority continued or created by this chapter or any other 6 chapter of the laws of the state of New York shall submit to the gover-7 8 nor, the chairman and ranking minority member of the senate finance 9 committee, the chairman and ranking minority member of the assembly ways and means committee, the state comptroller, and the authorities budget 10 office, within ninety days after the end of its fiscal year, a complete 11 12 and detailed report or reports setting forth: (1) its operations and accomplishments; (2) its financial reports, including (i) audited finan-13 cials in accordance with all applicable regulations and following gener-14 15 ally accepted accounting principles as defined in subdivision ten of 16 section two of the state finance law, (ii) grant and subsidy programs, 17 (iii) operating and financial risks, (iv) current ratings, if any, of

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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its bonds issued by recognized municipal bond rating agencies and notice 1 2 in such ratings, and (v) long-term liabilities, including changes of 3 leases and employee benefit plans; (3) its mission statement and meas-4 urements including its most recent measurement report; (4) a schedule of 5 its bonds and notes outstanding at the end of its fiscal year, together 6 with a statement of the amounts redeemed and incurred during such fiscal 7 year as part of a schedule of debt issuance that includes the date of 8 issuance, term, amount, interest rate and means of repayment. Additionally, the debt schedule shall also include all refinancings, calls, 9 10 refundings, defeasements and interest rate exchange or other such agree-11 ments, and for any debt issued during the reporting year, the schedule shall also include a detailed list of costs of issuance for such debt; 12 13 a compensation schedule, in addition to the report described in (5) 14 section twenty-eight hundred six of this title, that shall include, by 15 position, title and name of the person holding such position or title, the salary, compensation, allowance and/or benefits provided to any 16 officer, director or employee in a decision making or managerial posi-17 18 tion of such authority whose salary is in excess of one hundred thousand 19 dollars; [(5-a) biographical information, not including confidential personal information, for all directors and officers and employees for 20 21 whom salary reporting is required under subparagraph five of this para-22 graph;] (6) the projects undertaken by such authority during the past year; (7) a listing and description[, in addition to the report required 23 by paragraph a of subdivision three of section twenty-eight hundred 24 25 ninety-six of this article] of all real property of such authority 26 having an estimated fair market value in excess of fifteen thousand dollars that the authority acquires or disposes of during such period. 27 The report shall contain the price received or paid by the authority and 28 29 the name of the purchaser, LESSEE, LESSOR or seller for all such proper-30 ty sold, LEASED or bought by the authority during such period; (8) such 31 authority's code of ethics; (9) an assessment of the effectiveness of 32 its internal control structure and procedures; (10) [a copy of the 33 legislation that forms the statutory basis of the authority; (11) a description of the authority and its board structure, including (i) 34 names of committees and committee members, (ii) lists of board meetings 35 36 and attendance, (iii) descriptions of major authority units, subsidiaries, and (iv) number of employees; (12) its charter, if any, and by-laws; (13) a listing of material changes in operations and programs 37 38 during the reporting year; (14) at a minimum a four-year financial plan, 39 40 including (i) a current and projected capital budget, and (ii) an oper-41 ating budget report, including an actual versus estimated budget, with analysis and measurement of financial and operating performance; 42 an 43 (15)] its board performance evaluations; provided, however, that such 44 evaluations shall not be subject to disclosure under article six of the 45 public officers law; [(16)] (11) a description of the total amounts of services or both assets and services bought or sold without 46 assets, 47 competitive bidding, including (i) the nature of those assets and 48 services, (ii) the names of the counterparties, and (iii) where the contract price for assets purchased exceeds fair market value, or where 49 50 the contract price for assets sold is less than fair market value, a detailed explanation of the justification for making the purchase or 51 52 sale without competitive bidding, and a certification by the chief exec-53 utive officer and chief financial officer of the public authority that 54 they have reviewed the terms of such purchase or sale and determined 55 that it complies with applicable law and procurement guidelines; and [(17)] (12) a description of any material pending litigation in which 56

1 the authority is involved as a party during the reporting year, except 2 that no hospital need disclose information about pending malpractice 3 claims beyond the existence of such claims.

4 (b) Each state authority shall make accessible to the public, via its official or shared internet web site, (1) documentation pertaining to its mission[,] AND current activities[,]; (2) ITS most recent annual 5 6 7 REPORT AND financial [reports] STATEMENTS, AND current [year] budget 8 its most recent independent audit report AND ANY [and] REPORTS; (3) 9 OTHER REPORT PROVIDED TO THE AUTHORITIES BUDGET OFFICE unless such 10 information is covered by subdivision two of section eighty-seven of the 11 public officers law; (4) BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION, NOT INCLUDING CONFI-DENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION, PERTAINING TO THE PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICA-12 EXPERTISE FOR ALL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS; (5) A COPY OF THE 13 TIONS AND LEGISLATION THAT FORMS THE STATUTORY 14 BASIS OF THE AUTHORITY; (6) A 15 DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHORITY AND ITS BOARD STRUCTURE, INCLUDING (I) 16 NAMES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, (II) MINUTES OF BOARD MEET-17 INGS, (III) DESCRIPTIONS OF MAJOR AUTHORITY UNITS AND SUBSIDIARIES, (IV) 18 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND STAFF; (7) AN ORGANIZATION CHART; (8) ITS CHAR-19 TER, IF ANY, AND A COPY OF ITS CURRENT BY-LAWS; AND (9) A LISTING OF 20 MATERIAL CHANGES IN OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS DURING THE REPORTING YEAR. 21 Local authorities. (a) Every local authority, continued or created 2. 22 by this chapter or any other chapter of the laws of the state of New 23 York shall submit to the chief executive officer, the chief fiscal officer, the chairperson of the legislative body of the local government or 24 25 local governments, THE STATE COMPTROLLER and the authorities budget 26 office, within ninety days after the end of its fiscal year, a complete 27 and detailed report or reports setting forth: (1) its operations and accomplishments; (2) its financial reports, including (i) audited finan-28 29 cials in accordance with all applicable regulations and following gener-30 ally accepted accounting principles as defined in subdivision ten of section two of the state finance law, (ii) grants and subsidy programs, 31 32 (iii) operating and financial risks, (iv) current ratings if any, of its 33 bonds issued by recognized municipal bond rating agencies and notice of changes in such ratings, and (v) long-term liabilities, including leases 34 35 and employee benefit plans; (3) its mission statement and measurements 36 including its most recent measurement report; (4) a schedule of its 37 bonds and notes outstanding at the end of its fiscal year, together with 38 a statement of the amounts redeemed and incurred during such fiscal year as part of a schedule of debt issuance that includes the date of issu-39 40 ance, term, amount, interest rate and means of repayment. Additionally, refinancings, schedule shall all 41 the debt also include calls, 42 refundings, defeasements and interest rate exchange or other such agree-43 ments, and for any debt issued during the reporting year, the schedule 44 shall also include a detailed list of costs of issuance for such debt; a compensation schedule in addition to the report described in 45 (5) section twenty-eight hundred six of this title that shall include, by 46 47 position, title and name of the person holding such position or title, 48 the salary, compensation, allowance and/or benefits provided to any officer, director or employee in a decision making or managerial posi-49 tion of such authority whose salary is in excess of one hundred thousand 50 51 dollars; [(5-a) biographical information, not including confidential personal information, for all directors and officers and employees for 52 53 whom salary reporting is required under subparagraph five of this para-54 graph;] (6) the projects undertaken by such authority during the past 55 year; (7) a listing and description[, in addition to the report required 56 by paragraph a of subdivision three of section twenty-eight hundred

ninety-six of this article] of all real property of such authority 1 having an estimated fair market value in excess of fifteen 2 thousand 3 dollars that the authority acquires or disposes of during such period. 4 The report shall contain the price received or paid by the authority and the name of the purchaser, LESSEE, LESSOR or seller for all such proper-ty sold, LEASED or bought by the authority during such period; (8) such 5 6 7 authority's code of ethics; (9) an assessment of the effectiveness of 8 its internal control structure and procedures; (10) [a copy of the legislation that forms the statutory basis of the authority; (11) a 9 10 description of the authority and its board structure, including (i) 11 names of committees and committee members, (ii) lists of board meetings and attendance, (iii) descriptions of major authority units, subsid-12 iaries, (iv) number of employees, and (v) organizational chart; (12) its 13 charter, if any, and by-laws; (13) a listing of material changes 14 in 15 operations and programs during the reporting year; (14) at a minimum a four-year financial plan, including (i) a current and projected capital 16 budget, and (ii) an operating budget report, including an actual versus 17 18 estimated budget, with an analysis and measurement of financial and 19 operating performance; (15)] its board performance evaluations provided, however, that such evaluations shall not be subject to disclosure under 20 21 article six of the public officers law; [(16)] (11) a description of the 22 total amounts of assets, services or both assets and services bought or 23 sold without competitive bidding, including (i) the nature of those 24 assets and services, (ii) the names of the counterparties, and (iii) 25 where the contract price for assets purchased exceeds fair market value, 26 or where the contract price for assets sold is less than fair market value, a detailed explanation of the justification for making the purchase or sale without competitive bidding, and a certification by the 27 28 29 chief executive officer and chief financial officer of the public 30 authority that they have reviewed the terms of such purchase or sale and determined that it complies with applicable law and procurement guide-31 32 lines; and [(17)] (12) a description of any material pending litigation 33 in which the authority is involved as a party during the reporting year, except that no provider of medical services need disclose information 34 35 about pending malpractice claims beyond the existence of such claims. 36 Each local authority shall make accessible to the public, via its (b) 37 official or shared internet web site, (1) documentation pertaining to its mission[,] AND current activities[,]; (2) ITS most recent annual 38 REPORT AND financial [reports] STATEMENTS, AND current [year] budget 39 40 its most recent independent audit report AND ANY [and] REPORTS; (3) OTHER REPORT PROVIDED TO THE AUTHORITIES BUDGET OFFICE unless such 41 information is covered by subdivision two of section eighty-seven of the 42 43 public officers law; (4) BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION, NOT INCLUDING CONFI-44 DENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION, PERTAINING TO THE PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICA-45 TIONS AND EXPERTISE FOR ALL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS; (5) A COPY OF THE LEGISLATION THAT FORMS THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY; 46 BASIS OF THE (6) A ITS BOARD STRUCTURE, INCLUDING (I) 47 AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION OF THE AND NAMES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, (II) MINUTES OF 48 BOARD MEET-INGS, (III) DESCRIPTIONS OF MAJOR AUTHORITY UNITS AND SUBSIDIARIES, (IV) 49 50 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND STAFF; (7) AN ORGANIZATION CHART; (8) ITS CHAR-TER, IF ANY, AND A COPY OF ITS CURRENT BY-LAWS; AND 51 (9) A LISTING OF 52 MATERIAL CHANGES IN OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS DURING THE REPORTING YEAR. 2. Subdivision 4 of section 2800 of the public authorities law, as 53 S 54 added by chapter 506 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows: 55 4. The authorities budget office may, upon application of any authori-56 ty, waive any requirements of this section upon a showing that the

authority meets the criteria for such a waiver established by requ-1 2 lations of the authorities budget office. Such regulations shall provide 3 for consideration of: (a) the number of employees of the authority; (b) 4 the annual budget of the authority; (c) the ability of the authority to 5 prepare the required reports using existing staff; and (d) such other 6 factors as the authorities budget office deems to reflect the relevance 7 of the required disclosures to evaluation of an authority's effective 8 operation, and the burden such disclosures place on an authority. A WAIVER GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY 9 TO THE 10 FILING REQUIREMENT IMPOSED ON AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BY SECTION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW OR TO ANY 11 THAT A STATE OR LOCAL AUTHORITY FILE OR SUBMIT DOCU-12 OTHER REOUIREMENT 13 MENTS OR INFORMATION TO THE COMPTROLLER. Each waiver granted STATE 14 to this subdivision shall be disclosed in the reports of such pursuant 15 office issued pursuant to section seven of this chapter.

16 S 3. Subdivision 3 of section 2801 of the public authorities law is 17 REPEALED and subdivisions 1 and 2, as amended by chapter 506 of the laws 18 of 2009, are amended to read as follows:

19 1. State authorities. Every state authority or commission heretofore or hereafter continued or created by this chapter or any other chapter 20 21 laws of the state of New York shall submit to the governor, the of the 22 chair and ranking minority member of the senate finance committee, the chair and ranking minority member of the assembly ways and means commit-23 24 THE STATE COMPTROLLER and the authorities budget office, for their tee, 25 information, annually [not more than one hundred twenty days and] not 26 less than [ninety] THIRTY days before the commencement of its fiscal 27 year, in the form submitted to its members or trustees, budget information on operations and capital construction setting forth the estimated 28 29 receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year and the current 30 fiscal year, and the actual receipts and expenditures for the last 31 completed fiscal year.

32 2. Local authorities. For the local authority fiscal year ending on or 33 after December thirty-first, two thousand seven and annually thereafter, every local authority heretofore or hereafter continued or created by 34 35 this chapter or any other chapter of the laws of the state of New York shall submit to the chief executive officer, the chief fiscal 36 officer, 37 the chairperson of the legislative body of the local government or 38 governments, THE STATE COMPTROLLER and the authorities budget office for 39 their information, annually [not more than ninety days and not less than 40 sixty] THIRTY days before the commencement of its fiscal year, in the form submitted to its members or trustees, budget information on oper-41 ations and capital construction setting forth the estimated receipts and 42 43 expenditures for the next fiscal year and the current fiscal year, and 44 the actual receipts and expenditures for the last completed fiscal year. 45 S 4. Intentionally omitted.

46 S 5. The opening paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 2825 of the 47 public authorities law, as amended by chapter 174 of the laws of 2010, 48 is amended to read as follows:

49 Except for members who serve as members by virtue of holding a civil 50 office of the state OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, the majority of the remaining 51 members of the governing body of every state or local authority shall be independent members; provided, however, that this provision shall apply 52 to appointments made on or after the effective date of chapter seven 53 54 hundred sixty-six of the laws of two thousand five which added this 55 subdivision. The official or officials having the authority to appoint 56 remove such remaining members shall take such actions as may be or

1 necessary to satisfy this requirement and further, shall consider the 2 prospective diversity of the members of a state authority when making 3 their determinations to appoint any member. For the purposes of this 4 section, an independent member is one who:

5 S 6. The opening paragraph of subdivision 6 of section 2827-a of the 6 public authorities law, as added by chapter 506 of the laws of 2009, is 7 amended to read as follows:

8 On or before the first day of January, two thousand eleven, and annu-9 ally on such day thereafter, any subsidiary public benefit corporation, 10 in cooperation with its parent public benefit corporation, shall provide STATE COMPTROLLER, the chair and ranking minority member of the 11 THE to 12 senate finance committee, the chair and ranking minority member of the 13 assembly ways and means committee, and each chair and ranking member of 14 the assembly and senate committees on corporations, authorities and 15 commissions a report on the subsidiary public benefit corporation. Such report shall include for each subsidiary: S 7. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 8 of section 2879 of the public 16

17 S 7. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 8 of section 2879 of the public 18 authorities law, as amended by chapter 844 of the laws of 1992, is 19 amended to read as follows:

(a) Each corporation shall [annually] submit WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE END OF ITS FISCAL YEAR its report on procurement contracts to the division of the budget and copies thereof to the department of audit and control, the department of economic development, the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means committee.

25 S 8. Subdivision 3 of section 2896 of the public authorities law, as 26 amended by chapter 506 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as 27 follows:

28 Each public authority shall [publish, not less frequently than 3. a. 29 annually] PREPARE WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE END OF ITS FISCAL YEAR AS OF THE ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED OF 30 PART THIS ARTICLE, a report listing all real property of the public authori-31 Such report shall include a list and full description of all real 32 ty. and personal property disposed of during such period. The report shall 33 34 contain the price received by the public authority and the name of the purchaser for all such property sold by the public authority during such 35 36 period.

37 b. The public authority shall deliver copies of such report to the 38 comptroller, the director of the budget, the commissioner of general 39 services, the legislature and the authorities budget office.

S 9. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 7 of section 2925 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 838 of the laws of 1983, are amended to read as follows:

43 Each corporation, a majority of the members of which consist of (a) 44 persons appointed by the governor or who serve as members by virtue of 45 holding a civil office of the state, or a combination thereof, shall [annually] submit WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE END OF ITS FISCAL YEAR its 46 47 investment report to the division of the budget and copies thereof to 48 the department of audit and control, the senate finance committee and 49 the assembly ways and means committee.

50 (b) Each corporation, other than a corporation included under para-51 graph (a) of this subdivision, shall [annually] submit WITHIN NINETY 52 DAYS OF THE END OF ITS FISCAL YEAR its investment report to the chief 53 executive officer and chief fiscal officer of each municipality for the 54 benefit of which it was created and to the department of audit and 55 control.

S 10. Subdivision 2 of section 561-a of the general municipal law, 1 as 2 added by chapter 681 of the laws of 1963, is amended to read as follows: 3 Within [sixty] NINETY days after the close of the fiscal year, an 2. 4 agency shall submit an annual report of its financial condition to the 5 commissioner and to the state comptroller. The report shall be in such 6 form as the comptroller shall require. The commissioner or the comp-7 troller may require additional information from the agency or any offi-8 cer thereof at any time.

S 11. Section 859 of the general municipal law, as added by chapter 9 10 692 the laws of 1989, paragraph (b) and the opening paragraph and of subparagraph (v) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 11 357 of the laws of 1993, paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 3 as added and subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 356 of the laws of 12 13 14 1993 and paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 as added by section 28 of part 15 A3 of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

16 S 859. Financial records. 1. (a) Each agency shall maintain books and 17 records in such form as may be prescribed by the state comptroller.

Within ninety days following the close of its fiscal year, each 18 (b) 19 agency or authority shall prepare a financial statement for that fiscal 20 year in such form as may be prescribed by the state comptroller. Such 21 statement shall be audited within such ninety day period by an independ-22 ent certified public accountant in accordance with government accounting 23 standards established by the United States general accounting office. audited financial statement shall include supplemental schedules 24 The 25 listing all straight-lease transactions and bonds and notes issued, outstanding or retired during the applicable accounting period whether 26 or not such bonds, notes or transactions are considered obligations of 27 agency. For each issue of bonds or notes such schedules shall 28 the 29 provide the name of each project financed with proceeds of each issue, 30 and whether the project occupant is a not-for-profit corporation, the name and address of each owner of each project, the estimated amount of 31 32 tax exemptions authorized for each project, the purpose for which each 33 bond or note was issued, date of issue, interest rate at issuance and if variable the range of interest rates applicable, maturity date, federal 34 35 tax status of each issue, and an estimate of the number of jobs created 36 and retained by each project. For each straight-lease transaction, such 37 schedules shall provide the name of each project, and whether the 38 project occupant is a not-for-profit corporation, the name and address each owner of each project, the estimated amount of tax exemptions 39 of 40 authorized for each project, the purpose for which each transaction was made, the method of financial assistance utilized by the project, other 41 42 than the tax exemptions claimed by the project and an estimate of the 43 number of jobs created and retained by each project.

44 (c) Within [thirty] NINETY days after [completion] THE END OF THE 45 FISCAL YEAR, a copy of the audited financial statement shall be trans-46 mitted to the commissioner of the department of economic development, 47 the state comptroller and the governing body of the municipality for 48 whose benefit the agency was created.

(d) An agency, OTHER THAN AN AGENCY THAT CEASES TO EXIST PURSUANT TO SECTION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO OF THIS TITLE, with no bonds or notes issued or outstanding and no projects during the applicable accounting period may apply to the state comptroller for a waiver of the required audited financial statement. Application shall be made on such form as the comptroller may prescribe. A WAIVER GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARA-GRAPH SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY FILING REQUIREMENT IMPOSED ON AN AGENCY BY

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OR PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES 1 2 LAW. 3 agency or authority shall fail to file or substantially (e) If an 4 complete, as determined by the state comptroller, the financial statement required by this section, the state comptroller shall provide notice to the agency or authority. The notice shall state the following: 5 6 (i) that the failure to file a financial statement as required is a 7 8 violation of this section, or in the case of an insufficient financial statement, the manner in which the financial statement submitted is 9 10 deficient; 11 (ii) that the agency or authority has thirty days to comply with this 12 section or provide an adequate written explanation to the comptroller of 13 the agency's or authority's reasons for the inability to comply; and 14 (iii) that the agency's or authority's failure to provide either the 15 required financial statement or an adequate explanation will result in 16 the notification of the chief executive officer of the municipality for 17 whose benefit the agency or authority was created of the agency's 18 noncompliance with this section. Where such agency or authority has failed to file the required statement, the comptroller shall addi-tionally notify the agency or authority that continued failure to file 19 20 21 the required statement may result in loss of the agency's or authority's 22 authority to provide exemptions from state taxes. (iv) If an agency or authority after thirty days has failed to file 23 the required statement or the explanation in the manner required by 24 25 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, or provides an insufficient explanation, the comptroller shall notify the chief executive officer of the 26 municipality for whose benefit the agency or authority was created and 27 28 agency of the agency's or authority's noncompliance with this the 29 section. Such notice from the state comptroller shall further delineate 30 what respect the agency or authority has failed to comply with this in section. If the agency or authority has failed to file the required 31 32 statement, the notice shall additionally state that continued failure to 33 file the required statement may result in loss of the agency's or 34 authority's authority to provide exemptions from state taxes. 35 (v) If, thirty days after notification of the chief executive officer 36 the municipality for whose benefit the agency or authority was of 37 created of the agency's or authority's noncompliance, the agency or authority fails to file the required statement, the comptroller shall 38 notify the chief executive officer of the municipality for whose benefit 39 40 that agency or authority was created and the agency or authority that if such report is not provided within sixty days, that the agency or authority will no longer be authorized to provide exemptions from state 41 42 43 taxes. 44 (vi) If, sixty days after the notification required by subparagraph 45 of this paragraph, the comptroller has not received the required (\mathbf{v}) statement, the agency or authority shall not offer financial assistance 46 47 which provides exemptions from state taxes until such financial state-48 ment is filed and the comptroller shall so notify the agency or authori-49 ty and the chief executive officer of the municipality for whose benefit the agency was created. Provided, however, that nothing contained in 50 51 this paragraph shall be deemed to modify the terms of any existing 52 agreements. (f) Within thirty days after completion, a copy of an audited finan-53 54 cial statement which contains transactions of or bonds or notes of civic 55 facilities as defined in paragraph (b) of THE FORMER subdivision thir-

teen of section eight hundred fifty-four of this article, shall be tran-

1 smitted by the agency to the commissioner of health, the chair of the 2 senate finance committee, the chair of the assembly ways and means 3 committee, the chair of the senate health committee and the chair of the 4 assembly health committee.

5 On or before September first of each year, the commissioner of the 2. 6 department of economic development shall prepare and submit to the 7 governor, speaker of the assembly, majority leader of the senate, and 8 the state comptroller, a report setting forth a summary of the signif-9 icant trends in operations and financing by agencies and authorities; 10 departures from acceptable practices by agencies and authorities; a 11 compilation by type of the bonds and notes outstanding; a compilation of 12 all outstanding straight-lease transactions; an estimate of the total 13 number of jobs created and retained by agency or authority projects; and 14 any other information which in the opinion of the commissioner bears 15 upon the discharge of the statutory functions of agencies and authori-16 ties.

3. On or before April first, nineteen hundred ninety-six, the commis-17 18 sioner shall submit to the director of the division of the budget, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, 19 the 20 chairman of the senate finance committee, the chairman of the assembly 21 ways and means committee, the chairman of the senate local government 22 committee, the chairman of the senate committee on commerce, economic development and small business, the chairman of the assembly committee on commerce, industry and economic development, the chairman of the 23 24 25 assembly local governments committee [and], the chairman of the assembly real property taxation committee, THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE 26 COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS, AND THE CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY 27 COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS an evaluation of 28 29 the activities of industrial development agencies and authorities in the 30 state prepared by an entity independent of the department. Such evaluation shall identify the effect of agencies and authorities on: (a) job 31 32 creation and retention in the state, including the types of jobs created 33 and retained; (b) the value of tax exemptions provided by such agencies and authorities; (c) the value of payments received in lieu of taxes received by municipalities and school districts as a result of projects 34 35 sponsored by such entities; (d) a summary of the types of projects that 36 37 received financial assistance; (e) a summary of the types of financial 38 assistance provided by the agencies and authorities; (f) a summary of criteria for evaluation of projects used by agencies and authorities; 39 40 (g) a summary of tax exemption policies of agencies and authorities; and (h) such other factors as may be relevant to an assessment of the 41 performance of such agencies and authorities in creating and retaining 42 43 job opportunities for residents of the state. Such evaluation shall also 44 assess the process by which agencies and authorities grant exemptions 45 from state taxes and make recommendations for the most efficient and effective procedures for the use of such exemptions. Such evaluation 46 47 shall further include any recommendations for changes in laws governing 48 the operations of industrial development agencies and authorities which 49 would enhance the creation and retention of jobs in the state. 50 S 12. This act shall take effect immediately.