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AS PROPOSED BY BOARD MEMBER PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO CHANGE THE REPORTING LINES FOR THE CHIEF AUDITOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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As proposed by School Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman, District 4, the Miami-Dade School Board voted to amend Board Rules to have the Chief Auditor and the Office of Management and Compliance Audits report directly to the Audit Committee as its designee. The prior rule had both the position and office reporting to the Superintendent.

“The main responsibility of the Chief Auditor and the Office of Management and Compliance Audits is to provide an independent and objective evaluation of the operation of the school system,” said Ms. Hantman. “This reporting line, independent from management, allows for enhanced effectiveness and reliability, while avoiding conflicts of interest.”

The item drew the support of members and the Chair of the School Board’s Audit Committee, as well as the Inspector General, who spoke in favor of it.

According to standards set by U.S. General Accountability Office (GAO), the ability of audit organizations in government entities to perform work and report the results objectively can be affected by its placement within the organization. The GAO further states that an audit organization in a government entity may be presumed to be free from organizational impairments if the head of the audit organization is accountable to, reports to, and can only be removed by a statutorily created governing body whose members are independently elected.

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