

Sec. 11. Open Records Officer

As currently reads in revised charter: (j)(7) To track performance and efficiency of government services is to compare key performance metrics associated with the provision of services to those of similar situated governments with similar services (e.g., Cobb, Gwinnett). The Independent Internal Audit shall include benchmarking in its individual agency audit reports and include benchmarking in its annual report to the chief executive and commissioners. The Independent Internal Audit may commission such studies outside entities with experience in performing such studies based on criteria established by the auditor and in consultation with the audit oversight committee. Such studies shall be presented publicly to the audit oversight committee, chief executive, and the commission. Studies shall be posted to the Independent Internal Audit website.

Amendment: In light of Lisa Earls letter, chair of the Audit Oversight Committee, it is recommended that this be removed in its entirety.

SEC. 14 (b): Last sentence of subsection.

As currently reads in revised charter: Such request shall be responded to by the chief executive, or the chief operating officer, or another person designated by the chief executive, in a timely fashion. Failure to provide the commission requests for information, the chief executive must provide written response as to the reason for denial of the request.

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Sec. 27. Open Records Officer

As currently reads in revised charter: The chief executive shall designate an open records officer to be responsible for coordinating and ensuring that all open records requests are handled in a timely and efficient manner. The open records officer shall be responsible for coordinating with other departments and agencies to ensure that such requests are responded to and such responses fully comply with applicable state law, and maintaining records for all open records requests and responses. The open records officer shall have the exclusive authority to receive open records requests for all county departments, offices, and agencies, with the exception of the tax commissioner, clerk of the superior court, district attorney, probate judge, and sheriff. Upon designating an open records officer, the legal organ for DeKalb County shall be notified by the chief operating officer and such designation shall be prominently posted on the county website.

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