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To amend section 118.022 of the Revised Code to	1
authorize the Auditor of State to declare a fiscal	2
watch when the projected fiscal year-end deficit of	3
a municipal corporation, county, or township	4
exceeds one-twelfth of its general fund revenue	5
from the preceding fiscal year.	6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 118.022 of the Revised Code be	7
amended to read as follows:	8

Sec. 118.022. (A) Any one of the following conditions	9
constitutes grounds for a fiscal watch:	10

(1) The existence of either of the following situations:	11
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(a) All accounts that were due and payable from the general	12
fund of a municipal corporation, county, or township at the end of	13
the preceding fiscal year that had been due and payable for at	14
least thirty days at the end of the fiscal year or to which a	15

penalty was added for failure to pay by the end of the fiscal
year, less the year-end balance in the general fund, exceeded
one-twelfth of the general fund budget for that year.

(b) All accounts that were due and payable at the end of the
preceding fiscal year from all funds of the municipal corporation,
county, or township and that had been due and payable for at least
thirty days at the end of the fiscal year or to which a penalty
was added for failure to pay by the end of the fiscal year, less
the year-end balance in the general fund and in the respective
special funds available to pay ~~such~~ those accounts, exceeded
one-twelfth of the available revenues during the preceding fiscal
year, excluding nonrecurring receipts, of the general fund and of
all special funds from which ~~such~~ those accounts are payable.

(2) The aggregate of deficit amounts of all deficit funds at
the end of the preceding fiscal year, less the total of any
year-end balance in the general fund and in any special fund that
may be transferred as provided in section 5705.14 of the Revised
Code to meet ~~such~~ that deficit, exceeded one-twelfth of the total
of the general fund budget for that year and the receipts to those
deficit funds during that year other than from transfers from the
general fund.

(3) At the end of the preceding fiscal year, moneys and
marketable investments in or held for the unsegregated treasury of
the municipal corporation, county, or township, minus outstanding
checks and warrants, were less in amount than the aggregate of the
positive balances of the general fund and those special funds, the
purposes of which the unsegregated treasury is held to meet, and
~~such~~ that deficiency exceeded one-twelfth of the total amount
received into the unsegregated treasury during the preceding
fiscal year.

(4) Based on an examination of the financial forecast
approved by the legislative authority of a municipal corporation,

county, or township, the auditor of state certifies that the
general fund deficit at the end of the current fiscal year will
exceed one-twelfth of the general fund revenue from the preceding
fiscal year.

(B) As used in this section, "accounts" includes, but is not
limited to, final judgments, fringe benefits payments due and
payable, ~~and~~ amounts due and payable to persons and other
governmental entities, ~~and including~~ any interest and penalties
~~thereon on those judgments, payments, or amounts~~. Accounts that
are due and payable do not include any account, or portion thereof
of any account, that is being contested in good faith.

Section 2. That existing section 118.022 of the Revised Code
is hereby repealed.