

Synopsis of Revised Changes to DCA’s Rules and Regulations for Local Authority Reporting

All local independent authorities are required under O.C.G.A. 36-81-8 to submit an annual report of indebtedness to the Department of Community Affairs including revenues, expenditures, assets and debts. Additionally, O.C.G.A. 36-80-16 requires that local government authorities register annually with the Department. The Department is tasked with promulgating the forms and establishing time periods for the submission of these annual reports.

During the 2017-2018 regular session, HB 257 was passed by the General Assembly consolidating the two aforementioned requirements on to a single timeline. During the 2021-2022 regular session, HB 1044 created the Regional Industrial Development Authority. Board members of the Regional Industrial Development Authority are required to take basic economic development training as certified by the Department to have met minimum standards.

To address these changes to the authority reporting and registration laws, the Department will amend the Rules and Regulations in Chapter 110-3-4 to reflect the current consolidated reporting system and establish minimum educational standards for economic development.

Full text of the proposed rules can be found on DCA’s website at:
<https://www.dca.ga.gov/local-government-assistance/research-surveys/local-government-authorities>.

Proposed Revisions	
The subject Title has been changed to “Annual Authority Registration and Financial Report” to reflect the new name of the consolidated report. The rules have been comprehensively reformatted to better align with the guidance of the Secretary of State’s Administrative Procedures Division. The rules have been reordered to facilitate user comprehension and clarity of process.	Chapter 110-3-4, overall
Addition to clarify the Department’s ability to make revisions and interpret these rules.	Rule 110-3-4-.01(3)
Option for hardcopy reporting form removed.	Rule 110-3-4-.03(1)
Old language on previous report title has been removed.	Rule 110-3-4-.03; 110-3-4-.04

Old language on hardcopy submittals has been removed.	Rule 110-3-4-.04(1)
Old language has been removed to clearly communicate the report due date.	Rule 110-3-4-.04(5)
Procedure for delinquent status notification modified to reflect updated practice and technology.	Rule 110-3-4-.04(7)
New rules establishing the minimum educational standards for the training provided to certain authority board members, as required by 2022's HB 1044.	Rule 110-3-4-.05