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H.B. No. 4720

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for an annual audit report filed by a school district.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 44, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 44.0081 to read as follows:

Sec. 44.0081. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN LEGAL FEES IN REPORT. A school district shall include in the district's annual audit report filed under Section 44.008 as a separately itemized expense all legal fees incurred by the district in connection with providing special education services, including legal fees incurred for representation in impartial due process hearings brought under 20 U.S.C. Section 1415.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an annual audit report submitted by a school district for a fiscal year that begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.