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H.B. No. 4830

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the review of school districts by the Sunset Advisory  
3 Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 325, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Section 325.026 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 325.026. REVIEW OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a) In this  
8 section, "education service center region" means a geographic  
9 region served by a regional education service center under Chapter  
10 8, Education Code.

11 (b) The commission shall review the operations of certain  
12 independent school districts or consolidated school districts. The  
13 commission shall review one school district each review cycle. A  
14 school district identified for review by the commission under this  
15 section is subject to the requirements of this chapter as if it were  
16 a state agency but may not be abolished.

17 (c) Not later than January 31 of each odd-numbered year, the  
18 commission shall select an education service center region from  
19 which the school district to be reviewed will be selected. The  
20 commission shall review the school district within the selected  
21 region that has the lowest instructional spending per student  
22 according to the most recent information reported to the Texas  
23 Education Agency.

24 (d) The commission shall prepare a report identifying areas

1 of the district's operations that do not effectively or efficiently  
2 use the district's funds and that detract from instructional  
3 spending and make recommendations to address its findings. The  
4 commission's review may also include recommendations related to a  
5 district's governance, management, operating structure, and  
6 compliance with legislative requirements.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.