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H.B. No. 10

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to performance reviews of school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 321.024 to read as follows:

Sec. 321.024. PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a)

The committee may periodically review the effectiveness and efficiency of the operations of school districts. A review of a school district may be initiated by the committee at its discretion or on the request of the school district. A review may be initiated by a school district only by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board of trustees of the district.

(b) If a review is initiated on the request of the school district, the district shall pay 25 percent of the cost incurred in conducting the review.

(c) The committee shall:

(1) prepare a report showing the results of each review conducted under this section;

(2) file the report with the school district, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairs of the standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives with jurisdiction over public education, and the commissioner of education; and

(3) make the entire report and a summary of the report

1 available to the public on the Internet.

2 SECTION 2. Section 403.020, Government Code, is repealed.

3 SECTION 3. On December 1, 2003:

4 (1) all records and other property of the comptroller
5 that relate to a performance review of school districts are
6 transferred to the Legislative Audit Committee;

7 (2) all unexpended and unobligated appropriations to
8 the comptroller relating to the comptroller's performance review of
9 school districts are transferred to the Legislative Audit
10 Committee;

11 (3) all employees of the comptroller whose primary
12 functions relate to the performance review of school districts
13 become employees of the Legislative Audit Committee; and

14 (4) any reference in law to the comptroller that
15 relates to the performance review of school districts means the
16 Legislative Audit Committee.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect December 1, 2003.