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S.B. No. 571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the comptroller to conduct performance reviews of general academic teaching institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 403.020, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 403.020. PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND GENERAL ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTIONS. (a) In this section, "general academic teaching institution" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) The comptroller may periodically review the effectiveness and efficiency of the budgets and operations of:

(1) school districts; and

(2) general academic teaching institutions.

(c) A review of a school district may be initiated by the comptroller or by the request of the ~~[school]~~ district. A review of a general academic teaching institution may be initiated by the comptroller or by the request of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or of the institution.

(d) 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. A review may be initiated by a general academic teaching institution only at the request of the president of the institution or by a resolution adopted by a majority of the

1 governing board of the institution.

2 (e) [~~(b)~~] If a review is initiated by the school district or
3 general academic teaching institution, the district or institution
4 shall pay 25 percent of the cost incurred in conducting the review.

5 (f) A review of a general academic teaching institution
6 under this section must include review of the institution's:

7 (1) fiscal operations;

8 (2) management;

9 (3) student services; and

10 (4) curriculum.

11 (g) [~~(c)~~] The comptroller shall:

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

14 (2) file the report with:

15 (A) the school district or general academic
16 teaching institution that is the subject of the report;

17 (B) [] the governor;

18 (C) [] the lieutenant governor;

19 (D) [] the speaker of the house of
20 representatives;

21 (E) [] the chairs of the standing committees of
22 the senate and of the house of representatives with jurisdiction
23 over public education;

24 (F) the commissioner of higher education, if a
25 general academic teaching institution is the subject of the report;

26 [] and

27 (G) the commissioner of education, if a school

1 district is the subject of the report; and

2 (3) make the entire report and a summary of the report
3 available to the public on the Internet.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.