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H.B. No. 100

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to school district accounting systems

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

SECTION 1. Section 44.07, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The State Board of Education shall prepare a report for the 80th Legislature evaluating the benefits of providing school districts with standardized accounting software that would meet the requirements of this section and any other appropriate sections. The report shall consider any savings and costs to school districts from having such software provided, including any savings to districts from no longer paying programming costs in response to changes in state law or agency or State Board of Education rules. The report may consider software accessed by alternative methods, such as web-based methods or network-based methods, as may be most economical for districts of different sizes. The report shall also consider any accountability benefits from making the information collected by such software available on an ongoing basis to the agency and to the public, and personnel and other costs required for the agency to review this information continuously to alert school board members and superintendents of areas of potential waste or fraud. This subsection expires September 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
4 legislative session.