

Amend CSHB 2593 by adding the following appropriately numbered section as follows and renumbering the sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION____. Subchapter I, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2054.272 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.272. INDEPENDENT ANNUAL AUDIT. (a) Not later than August 1 of each year, the authority shall have an audit of the authority's finances performed by an independent certified public accountant.

(b) Not later than August 15 of each year, the authority shall provide a copy of the audit report to:

(1) the presiding officer of each house of the legislature; and

(2) the chair of each committee in the legislature that has primary jurisdiction over the department.

(c) The authority shall keep a copy of the audit report and make the audit report available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours.