

Amend **HB 2593** by striking the sections and substituting the following language in place thereof:

Sec. 2054.272. INDEPENDENT ANNUAL AUDIT. (a) Not later than August 1 of each year, the vendor operating the Texas Online Portal shall have an audit of the vendors finances associated with management and operation of the Texas Online Portal performed by an independent certified public accountant selected by the state, paid by the portal vendor.

(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.