

Amend SB 825 on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered section and renumbering the remaining sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter I, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding SECTION 2054.273 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.273. INDEPENDENT ANNUAL AUDIT. (a) Not later than August 1 of each year, any private vendor chosen to implement or manage the project shall have an audit of the vendor's finances associated with the management and operation of the project performed by an independent certified public accountant selected by the state. The vendor shall pay for the audit and shall have a copy of the audit provided to the authority.

(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.