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H.B. No. 1693

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the adoption of standards for school financial
3 accounting software.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I. Financial Accountability,
6 Education Code, is amended by adding a section 39.205 to read as
7 follows:

8 Section 39.205. SCHOOL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE
9 STANDARDS. The commissioner, in consultation with the Department
10 of Information Resources shall adopt standards for the performance
11 and interoperability of school financial and attendance accounting
12 software. Standards shall assure that the software will provide
13 school districts with the ability to share and report data in a
14 timely manner for the purposes of financial management, operational
15 decision making and public transparency. The Department of
16 Information Resources shall, through its contracting processes,
17 award contracts that require the vendors to certify that software
18 products have met standards adopted under this section. The
19 Department of Information Resources shall include the standards
20 adopted under this section as a requirement in the solicitations
21 for school financial and attendance accounting software and may
22 negotiate state contract pricing for such products that meet the
23 standards.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.