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H.B. No. 1944

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to actions required to be taken by the Texas Education Agency and a school district when the district fails to file its annual audit report in a timely manner.

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

SECTION 1. Section 44.008, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d-2) to read as follows:

(d-2) If a school district has not filed a copy of the school district's annual audit report in compliance with Subsection (d) by the 180th day after the date specified by that subsection:

(1) the agency shall provide a written notification to the district that specifies the date on which the audit report was required by this section to be filed with the agency; and

(2) the district shall:

(A) if the district has an Internet website:

(i) post a statement on the website informing interested persons that the district is more than six months late in filing the district's audit report as required by this section; and

(ii) maintain the statement described by Subparagraph (i) on the website until the district files the district's audit report in compliance with this section; and

(B) conduct a public meeting specifically for the purpose of:

1 (i) publicizing, by reading into the record
2 of the meeting, the notification received by the district from the
3 agency under Subdivision (1); and

4 (ii) discussing the date on which the
5 district anticipates the audit report will be filed, as well as the
6 reasons for the district's failure to comply with the filing
7 requirement in a timely manner.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.