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H.B. No. 16

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that a state agency post its internal auditor's audit plan and audit report and other audit information on the agency's Internet website.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2102, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2102.015 to read as follows:

Sec. 2102.015. PUBLICATION OF AUDIT PLAN AND ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERNET. (a) Notwithstanding Section 2102.003, in this section, "state agency" means a board, commission, department, institute, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state government that is created by the constitution or a statute of this state, including an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) Subject to Subsection (c), at the time and in the manner provided by the state auditor, a state agency shall post on the agency's Internet website:

(1) the agency's internal audit plan approved as provided by Section 2102.008; and

(2) the agency's annual report required under Section 2102.009.

(c) A state agency is not required to post information contained in the agency's internal audit plan or annual report if the information is confidential or excepted from public disclosure

1 under Section 418.177, 418.179, 418.181, 418.182, 552.108,
2 552.116, 552.125, 552.139, or 552.152.

3 (d) A state agency shall update the posting required under
4 this section at the time and in the manner provided by the state
5 auditor to include a detailed summary of the weaknesses,
6 deficiencies, wrongdoings, or other concerns, if any, raised by the
7 audit plan or annual report.

8 (e) A state agency shall update the posting required under
9 this section to include a summary of the action taken by the agency
10 to address the concerns, if any, that are raised by the audit plan
11 or annual report.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.