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H.B. No. 343

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the filing of financial disclosure statements by
3 trustees of an independent school district; providing a criminal
4 penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 11.064(a), (b), and (c), Education
7 Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) Each member of the [~~The~~] board of trustees of an
9 independent school district shall [~~by resolution adopted by~~
10 ~~majority vote may require each member of the board to~~] file the
11 financial statement required of state officers under Subchapter B,
12 Chapter 572, Government Code, with:

13 (1) the board of trustees; and

14 (2) the Texas Ethics Commission.

15 (b) Subchapter B, Chapter 572, Government Code:

16 (1) applies to a trustee [~~subject to this section~~] as
17 if the trustee were a state officer; and

18 (2) governs the contents, timeliness of filing, and
19 public inspection of a statement filed under this section.

20 (c) A trustee [~~serving in a school district that has adopted~~
21 ~~a resolution under Subsection (a) or that is subject to an order~~
22 ~~issued under Subsection (a-3)~~] commits an offense if the trustee
23 fails to file the statement required by this section [~~the~~
24 ~~resolution or order~~]. An offense under this section is a Class B

1 misdemeanor.

2 SECTION 2. Sections 11.064(a-1), (a-2), (a-3), and (a-4),
3 Education Code, are repealed.

4 SECTION 3. (a) The changes in law made by this Act to
5 Section 11.064, Education Code, apply beginning January 1, 2015. A
6 trustee who, before the effective date of this Act, was not required
7 to file a financial statement under Section 11.064, Education Code,
8 is not required to include financial activity occurring before
9 January 1, 2014, in a statement filed under that section.

10 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an
11 offense committed on or after January 1, 2014. For purposes of this
12 section, an offense is committed before January 1, 2014, if any
13 element of the offense occurs before that date.

14 (c) An offense committed before January 1, 2014, is covered
15 by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former
16 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.