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H.B. No. 974

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to adding an indicator to the School FIRST Rating
3 Worksheet for the online posting of a school district's or
4 open-enrollment charter school's check register.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 39.082, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 (d) In adopting uniform indicators under Subsection (b),
9 the commissioner by rule shall adopt an indicator that recognizes a
10 school district or open-enrollment charter school that publishes
11 the district's or school's check register on the district's or
12 school's Internet website. A district or school achieves the
13 highest level of financial management performance under this
14 indicator by updating its published check register at least
15 monthly. A district or school that updates its register less
16 frequently achieves a lower level of financial management
17 performance as provided by rule.

18 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
19 school year.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.