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H.B. No. 1554

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a report on local government operations prepared by the comptroller.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 403.03056 to read as follows:

Sec. 403.03056. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS REPORT. (a) In this section, "local government" means a municipality, county, school district, hospital district, special-purpose district, or other political subdivision of this state.

(b) The comptroller shall prepare and deliver to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and each member of the legislature a report of local government operations that includes, for each local government in this state:

(1) a compilation of the local government's financial data, including:

(A) total revenue in the previous fiscal year;

(B) total expenditures in the previous fiscal year;

(C) pension liability, if applicable;

(D) tax-supported debt;

(E) revenue-supported debt;

(F) if the local government is a municipality, county, or school district, debt per capita;

1                   (G) lease-purchase obligations; and  
2                   (H) certificates of obligation;  
3           (2) the statutory or constitutional authority for:  
4                   (A) establishing the local government; and  
5                   (B) the local government's taxing or assessment  
6 authority, as applicable;  
7                   (3) the local government's method of governance,  
8 including the method by which the governing body of the local  
9 government is appointed or elected; and  
10                   (4) the year and method by which the local government  
11 was established.  
12           (c) Not later than December 31 of each year ending in five  
13 and zero, the comptroller shall:  
14                   (1) deliver the report to the governor, the lieutenant  
15 governor, and each member of the legislature; and  
16                   (2) post the report on the comptroller's website.  
17           (d) The comptroller may request information related to the  
18 report from a local government, and the local government shall  
19 comply with that request.  
20           (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), the comptroller:  
21                   (1) shall prepare, deliver, and post the initial  
22 report not later than December 31, 2019; and  
23                   (2) is not required to prepare, deliver, or post a  
24 report in 2020.  
25           (f) This subsection and Subsection (e) expire August 31,  
26 2023.

27           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.