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H.B. No. 2997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the creation of an Internet website clearinghouse for  
3 school districts to post information to comply with publication  
4 requirements.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 7.042 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 7.042. INTERNET WEBSITE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR SCHOOL  
9 DISTRICT INFORMATION. (a) The agency shall develop and maintain an  
10 Internet website clearinghouse, separate from the agency's  
11 Internet website, for the public to access school district and  
12 campus reports, notices, and other information that a school  
13 district or campus is required by law to publish.

14 (b) The agency shall create a web page for each school  
15 district on the Internet website clearinghouse. Each school  
16 district may post on the district's web page on the website any  
17 report, notice, or other information that the district is required  
18 to publish. Each school district may designate district personnel  
19 with authority to enter reports, notices, and other information on  
20 the district's web page.

21 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, a school district that  
22 posts a report, notice, or other information on the district's web  
23 page on the Internet website clearinghouse created under this  
24 section that is required by law to be published by a school district

1 or campus satisfies that publication requirement if the report,  
2 notice, or information remains posted for the period as prescribed  
3 by law.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.