

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2808
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

A local superintendent from House District 1 raised an issue with public school accountability determinations by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). This superintendent's public school district received a certain rating for career college and military readiness at the beginning of the academic year, but TEA subsequently removed that rating. H.B. 2808 seeks to mitigate concerns that a district's accountability rating may change during the academic year by prohibiting TEA from modifying the academic or financial accountability rating assigned to a district or open-enrollment charter school for a school year after TEA has released the rating for that school year.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2808 amends the Education Code to prohibit the Texas Education Agency (TEA) from auditing, investigating, or otherwise modifying the academic or financial accountability rating assigned to a public school district or open-enrollment charter school for a school year after TEA has released the district's or charter school's final academic or financial accountability rating, as applicable, for that school year. The bill prohibits a district or charter school from challenging a TEA decision relating to an academic or financial accountability rating after TEA has released the district's or charter school's final applicable rating for the school year. The bill's provisions apply only to an academic or financial accountability rating assigned for the 2023-2024 school year or a later school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2023.