

Amend **CSSB 1** (house committee report) in Article X of the bill, following the appropriations to the State Auditor's Office (page X-6), by adding the following appropriately numbered rider:

_____. Audit of the Texas Education Agency. (a) From funds appropriated above to the State Auditor's Office (SAO), in accordance with Chapter 321, Texas Government Code, the State Auditor's Office shall conduct a comprehensive forensic audit of all institutional functions, programs, and operations of contracts, grants, and administration at the Texas Education Agency, including its administration and oversight of open-enrollment charter schools.

(b) The audit shall identify all unallowable expenses, including payments, purchases, administrative and executive compensation, salary transactions, and contracted services and shall identify improvements to administration and oversight functions.

(c) The SAO shall provide an audit report, including all related findings, by September 1, 2026. The report should be provided to the speaker of the house, lieutenant governor, House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Delivery of Government Efficiency Committee.