

1-1 By: Capriglione, et al. (Senate Sponsor - King) H.B. No. 4359
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 16, 2025;
1-3 May 21, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education K-16; May 27, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 27, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the review of school districts by the Sunset Advisory
1-22 Commission.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 325, Government Code, is amended by
1-25 adding Section 325.026 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 325.026. REVIEW OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a) In this
1-27 section, "education service center region" means a geographic
1-28 region served by a regional education service center under Chapter
1-29 8, Education Code.

1-30 (b) The commission shall review the operations and conduct a
1-31 forensic audit of certain independent school districts or
1-32 consolidated school districts. The commission shall review two
1-33 school districts each review cycle. A school district identified
1-34 for review by the commission under this section is subject to the
1-35 requirements of this chapter as if it was a state agency but may not
1-36 be abolished.

1-37 (c) Not later than October 31 of each odd-numbered year, the
1-38 commission shall select an education service center region from
1-39 which the school districts to be reviewed will be selected. The
1-40 commission shall review the school district within the selected
1-41 region that has the lowest instructional spending per student and
1-42 the school district within the selected region that has the highest
1-43 instructional spending per student according to the most recent
1-44 information reported to the Texas Education Agency.

1-45 (d) Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
1-46 commission shall prepare a report identifying areas of each
1-47 district's operations that do not effectively or efficiently use
1-48 the district's funds and that detract from instructional spending
1-49 and make recommendations to address its findings. The commission's
1-50 review may also include recommendations related to the district's
1-51 governance, management, operating structure, and compliance with
1-52 legislative requirements.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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