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H.B. No. 4571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eliminating redundant or unnecessary requirements placed on school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 140.006, Local Government Code, is repealed.

Sec. 140.006. PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY ROAD [~~SCHOOL, ROAD,~~] OR OTHER DISTRICT. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d) [~~Subsections (c) and (e)~~], the presiding officer of a governing body shall submit a financial statement prepared under Section 140.005 to a newspaper in each county in which the district or any part of the district is located.

(b) If a district is located in more than one county, the financial statement may be published in a newspaper that has general circulation in the district. If a newspaper is not published in the county, the financial statement may be published in a newspaper in an adjoining county.

~~[(c) The presiding officer of a school district shall submit a financial statement prepared under Section 140.005 to a daily, weekly, or biweekly newspaper published within the boundaries of the district. If a daily, weekly, or biweekly newspaper is not published within the boundaries of the school district, the financial statement shall be published in the manner provided by Subsections (a) and (b). The governing body of an open-enrollment~~

~~1 charter school shall take action to ensure that the school's
2 financial statement is made available in the manner provided by
3 Chapter 552, Government Code, and is posted continuously on the
4 school's Internet website.]~~

5 (c) [~~(d)~~] A statement shall be published not later than two
6 months after the date the fiscal year ends~~[, except that a school
7 district's statement shall be published not later than the 150th
8 day after the date the fiscal year ends and in accordance with the
9 accounting method required by the Texas Education Agency].~~

10 (d) [~~(e)~~] This section does not apply to:

- 11 (1) a school district;
12 (2) an open-enrolment charter school; or
13 (3) an entity created under Section 52, Article III,
14 or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended
16 by adding Section 140.0065, to read as follows:

17 Sec. 140.0065. PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY
18 OPEN-ENROLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL. The governing body of an
19 open-enrollment charter school shall take action to ensure that the
20 school's financial statement is made available in the manner
21 provided by Chapter 552, Government Code, and is posted
22 continuously on the school's Internet website.

23 SECTION 3. Section 31.105(c), Education Code, is repealed.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.