

1-1 By: Kolkhorst, et al. S.B. No. 843  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 17, 2025; February 13, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;  
1-4 April 16, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 16, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Creighton	X			
1-10	Campbell	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Hagenbuch	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Menéndez	X			
1-16	Middleton	X			
1-17	Parker	X			
1-18	Paxton	X			
1-19	West	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 843 By: Hinojosa of Nueces

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to a Texas Education Agency database of school district  
1-24 bonds, taxes, and bond-related projects.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 45, Education Code, is  
1-27 amended by adding Section 45.114 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 45.114. BOND, TAX, AND PROJECT DATABASE. (a) In this  
1-29 section:

1-30 (1) "Bond" means a bond described by Section 45.001.

1-31 (2) "Database" means the database established under  
1-32 this section.

1-33 (3) "Maintenance tax" means a tax described by Section  
1-34 45.002.

1-35 (b) The agency shall develop and maintain a database that  
1-36 includes current information regarding school district bonds,  
1-37 taxes, and bond-related projects, including:

1-38 (1) for each bond planned, proposed, or issued by a  
1-39 school district:

1-40 (A) the language of the ballot proposition under  
1-41 Section 45.003(b);

1-42 (B) the projected interest and sinking fund tax  
1-43 rate associated with a proposed bond;

1-44 (C) the result of an election held for the  
1-45 purpose of issuing a proposed bond;

1-46 (D) a list of the projects to be funded using the  
1-47 bond;

1-48 (E) an accounting of the use of the proceeds of  
1-49 any issued bond, including descriptions of any projects paid for  
1-50 with the proceeds;

1-51 (F) other data related to capital projects, such  
1-52 as new or renovated facilities, funded wholly or partly using the  
1-53 bond, including data regarding funding sources for the projects,  
1-54 project costs, project budget, and project size; and

1-55 (G) any increase in the interest and sinking fund  
1-56 tax rate resulting from issued bonds;

1-57 (2) for maintenance taxes that have been levied or  
1-58 proposed by a school district:

1-59 (A) each school district's proposed or approved  
1-60 tax rate; and

2-1 (B) the language of the ballot proposition under  
2-2 Section 45.003(d);  
2-3 (3) the results of any election held under Section  
2-4 26.08, Tax Code, including the ad valorem tax rate proposed by the  
2-5 school district for purposes of the election;  
2-6 (4) a report generation function to allow the agency  
2-7 to generate reports of the information described by Subdivisions  
2-8 (1) and (2) for each school district, disaggregated by geographic  
2-9 area; and  
2-10 (5) a function that allows for the proposal of updates  
2-11 or corrections to the information included in the database.  
2-12 (c) A school district shall provide the agency with the  
2-13 information described by Subsections (b)(1) through (3) and any  
2-14 other information requested by the agency for the purpose of  
2-15 maintaining the database established under this section.  
2-16 (d) The agency may contract with a third party as necessary  
2-17 for the development or maintenance of the database under this  
2-18 section.  
2-19 (e) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to  
2-20 implement this section.  
2-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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