By: Miles S.B. No. 473

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement for educators serving as superintendents, directors, or principals of educational entities to report certain educator misconduct; increasing an administrative penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22A.051(k), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(k) If an educator serving as a superintendent or director is required to file a report under Subsection (d) and fails to file the report by the date required by that subsection, or if an educator serving as a principal is required to notify a superintendent or director about an educator's criminal record or alleged incident of misconduct under Subsection (c) and fails to provide the notice by the date required by that subsection, the board may impose on the educator an administrative penalty of not less than $1,000 [~~$500~~] and not more than $10,000. The board may not renew the certification of an educator against whom an administrative penalty is imposed under this subsection until the penalty is paid.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.