

ATTACHMENT I

Statutory Citations Relating to Review of 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing

Rule Review

Texas Government Code, §2001.039, Agency Review of Existing Rules.

- (a) A state agency shall review and consider for readoption each of its rules in accordance with this section.
- (b) A state agency shall review a rule not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date. The adoption of an amendment to an existing rule does not affect the dates on which the rule must be reviewed except that the effective date of an amendment is considered to be the effective date of the rule if the agency formally conducts a review of the rule in accordance with this section as part of the process of adopting the amendment.
- (c) The state agency shall readopt, readopt with amendments, or repeal a rule as the result of reviewing the rule under this section.
- (d) The procedures of this subchapter relating to the original adoption of a rule apply to the review of a rule and to the resulting repeal, readoption, or readoption with amendments of the rule, except as provided by this subsection. Publishing the Texas Administrative Code citation to a rule under review satisfies the requirements of this subchapter relating to publishing the text of the rule unless the agency readopts the rule with amendments as a result of the review.
- (e) A state agency's review of a rule must include an assessment of whether the reasons for initially adopting the rule continue to exist.

Chapter 109. Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing

Texas Education Code, §7.055(b), Commissioner of Education Powers and Duties (excerpts).

- (4) The commissioner shall prescribe a uniform system of forms, reports, and records necessary to fulfill the reporting and recordkeeping requirements of this title.
- (16) The commissioner shall carry out duties relating to regional education service centers as specified under Chapter 8.
- (17) The commissioner shall distribute funds to open-enrollment charter schools as required under Subchapter D, Chapter 12.
- (35) The commissioner shall perform duties in connection with the Foundation School Program as prescribed by chapter 42.

- (36) The commissioner shall establish advisory guidelines relating to the fiscal management of a school district and report annually to the board on the status of school district fiscal management as required under Section 44.001.
- (37) The commissioner shall review school district audit reports as required under Section 44.008.

Texas Education Code, §7.102(c), State Board of Education Powers and Duties (excerpts).

- (32) The board shall adopt rules concerning school district budgets and audits of school district fiscal accounts as required under Subchapter A, Chapter 44.
- (33) The board shall adopt an annual report on the status of the guaranteed bond program and may adopt rules as necessary for the administration of the program as provided under Subchapter C, Chapter 45.
- (34) The board shall prescribe uniform bid blanks for school districts to use in selecting a depository bank as required under Section 45.206.

Texas Education Code, §42.152, Compensatory Education Allotment (excerpts).

- (c) Funds allocated under this section shall be used to fund supplemental programs and services designed to eliminate any disparity in performance on assessment instruments administered under Subchapter B, Chapter 39, or disparity in the rates of high school completion between students at risk of dropping out of school, as defined by Section 29.081, and all other students. Specifically, the funds, other than an indirect cost allotment established under State Board of Education rule, which may not exceed 45 percent, may be used to meet the costs of providing a compensatory, intensive, or accelerated instruction program under Section 29.081 or an alternative education program established under Section 37.008 or to support a program eligible under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as provided by Pub. L. No. 103-382 and its subsequent amendments, and by federal regulations implementing that Act, at a campus at which at least 40 percent of the students are educationally disadvantaged. In meeting the costs of providing a compensatory, intensive, or accelerated instruction program under Section 29.081, a district's compensatory education allotment shall be used for costs supplementary to the regular education program, such as costs for program and student evaluation, instructional materials and equipment and other supplies required for quality instruction, supplemental staff expenses, salary for teachers of at-risk students, smaller class size, and individualized instruction. A home-rule school district or an open-enrollment charter school must use funds allocated under Subsection (a) for a purpose authorized in this subsection but is not otherwise subject to Subchapter C, Chapter 29...
- (q) The State Board of Education, with the assistance of the comptroller, shall develop and implement by rule reporting and auditing systems for district and campus expenditures of compensatory education funds to ensure that compensatory education funds, other than the indirect cost allotment, are spent only to supplement the regular education program as required by Subsection (c). The reporting requirements shall be managed electronically to minimize local administrative costs. A district shall submit the report required by this subsection not later than the 150th day after the last day permissible for resubmission of information required under Section 42.006.

- (q-1) The commissioner shall develop a system to identify school districts that are at high risk of having used compensatory education funds other than in compliance with Subsection (c) or of having inadequately reported compensatory education expenditures. If a review of the report submitted under Subsection (q), using the risk-based system, indicates that a district is not at high risk of having misused compensatory education funds or of having inadequately reported compensatory education expenditures, the district may not be required to perform a local audit of compensatory education expenditures and is not subject to on-site monitoring under this section.
- (q-2) If a review of the report submitted under Subsection (q), using the risk-based system, indicates that a district is at high risk of having misused compensatory education funds, the commissioner shall notify the district of that determination. The district must respond to the commissioner not later than the 30th day after the date the commissioner notifies the district of the commissioner's determination. If the district's response does not change the commissioner's determination that the district is at high risk of having misused compensatory education funds or if the district does not respond in a timely manner, the commissioner shall:
- (1) require the district to conduct a local audit of compensatory education expenditures for the current or preceding school year;
 - (2) order agency staff to conduct on-site monitoring of the district's compensatory education expenditures; or
 - (3) both require a local audit and order on-site monitoring.
- (q-3) If a review of the report submitted under Subsection (q), using the risk-based system, indicates that a district is at high risk of having inadequately reported compensatory education expenditures, the commissioner may require agency staff to assist the district in following the proper reporting methods or amending a district or campus improvement plan under Subchapter F, Chapter 11. If the district does not take appropriate corrective action before the 45th day after the date the agency staff notifies the district of the action the district is expected to take, the commissioner may:
- (1) require the district to conduct a local audit of the district's compensatory education expenditures; or
 - (2) order agency staff to conduct on-site monitoring of the district's compensatory education expenditures.
- (q-4) The commissioner, in the year following a local audit of compensatory education expenditures, shall withhold from a district's foundation school fund payment an amount equal to the amount of compensatory education funds the agency determines were not used in compliance with Subsection (c). The commissioner shall release to a district funds withheld under this subsection when the district provides to the commissioner a detailed plan to spend those funds in compliance with Subsection (c).

Texas Education Code, §44.001, Fiscal Guidelines.

- (a) The commissioner shall establish advisory guidelines relating to the fiscal management of a school district.
- (b) The commissioner shall report annually to the State Board of Education the status of school district fiscal management as reflected by the advisory guidelines and by statutory requirements.

Texas Education Code, §44.002, Preparation of Budget.

- (a) On or before a date set by the State Board of Education, the superintendent shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a proposed budget covering all estimated revenue and proposed expenditures of the district for the following fiscal year.
- (b) The budget must be prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles, rules adopted by the State Board of Education, and adopted policies of the board of trustees.

Texas Education Code, §44.007, Accounting System; Report.

- (a) A standard school fiscal accounting system must be adopted and installed by the board of trustees of each school district. The accounting system must conform with generally accepted accounting principles.
- (b) The accounting system must meet at least the minimum requirements prescribed by the commissioner, subject to review and comment by the state auditor.
- (c) A record must be kept of all revenues realized and of all expenditures made during the fiscal year for which a budget is adopted. A report of the revenues and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year shall be filed with the agency on or before the date set by the State Board of Education.
- (d) The State Board of Education shall require each district, as part of the report required by this section, to include management, cost accounting, and financial information in a format prescribed by the board and in a manner sufficient to enable the board to monitor the funding process and determine educational system costs by district, campus, and program.

Texas Education Code, §44.008, Annual Audit; Report.

- (a) The board of school trustees of each school district shall have its school district fiscal accounts audited annually at district expense by a certified or public accountant holding a permit from the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy. The audit must be completed following the close of each fiscal year.
- (b) The independent audit must meet at least the minimum requirements and be in the format prescribed by the State Board of Education, subject to review and comment by the state auditor. The audit shall include an audit of the accuracy of the fiscal information provided by the district through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).
- (c) Each treasurer receiving or having control of any school fund of any school district shall keep a full and separate itemized account with each of the different classes of its school funds coming into the treasurer's hands. The treasurer's records of the district's itemized accounts and records shall be made available to audit.
- (d) A copy of the annual audit report, approved by the board of trustees, shall be filed by the district with the agency not later than the 150th day after the end of the fiscal year for which the audit was made. If the board of trustees declines or refuses to approve its auditor's report, it shall nevertheless file with the agency a copy of the audit report with its statement detailing reasons for failure to approve the report.
- (e) The audit reports shall be reviewed by the agency, and the commissioner shall notify the board of trustees of objections, violations of sound accounting practices or law and

regulation requirements, or of recommendations concerning the audit reports that the commissioner wants to make. If the audit report reflects that penal laws have been violated, the commissioner shall notify the appropriate county or district attorney and the attorney general. The commissioner shall have access to all vouchers, receipts, district fiscal and financial records, and other school records as the commissioner considers necessary and appropriate for the review, analysis, and passing on audit reports.

Texas Education Code, §44.010, Review by Agency.

The budgets, fiscal reports, and audit reports filed with the agency shall be reviewed and analyzed by the staff of the agency to determine whether all legal requirements have been met and to collect fiscal data needed in preparing school fiscal reports for the governor and the legislature.

Texas Education Code, §45.206 (excerpt).

- (a) Not later than the 60th day before the date a school district's current depository contract expires, the district shall choose whether to select a depository through competitive bidding or through requests for proposals.
- (a-1) If a school district chooses under Subsection (a) to use competitive bidding, the district shall, not later than the 30th day before the date the current depository contract expires, mail to each bank located in the district and, if desired, to other banks, a notice stating the time and place in which bid applications will be received for selecting a depository or depositories. The notice must include a uniform bid blank in the form prescribed by State Board of Education rule.
- (a-2) If a school district chooses under Subsection (a) to use requests for proposals, the district shall, not later than the 30th day before the date the current depository contract expires, mail to each bank located in the district and, if desired, to other banks, a notice stating the time and place in which proposals will be received for selecting a depository or depositories. The notice must include a uniform proposal blank in the form prescribed by State Board of Education rule.

Texas Education Code, §45.208 (excerpt).

- (a) The bank or banks selected as the depository or depositories and the school district shall enter into a depository contract or contracts, bond or bonds, or other necessary instruments setting forth the duties and agreements pertaining to the depository, in a form and with the content prescribed by the State Board of Education. The parties shall attach to the contract and incorporate by reference the bid or proposal of the depository.