

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

5/25/2015

Date

Honorable Dan Patrick  
President of the Senate

Honorable Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on HB 1378 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

Paul Beffavant

B. Cuyler

Don Huffines

David Lewis

Phil Harrell

On the part of the Senate

Don Frazier

Doris Boren

Phil B.

John Boren

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On the part of the House

## Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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H.B. No. 1378

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the fiscal transparency and accountability of political subdivisions.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 140.008. ANNUAL REPORT OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION. (a) In this section:

(1) "Debt obligation" means an issued public security, as defined by Section 1201.002, Government Code.

(2) "Political subdivision" means a county, municipality, school district, junior college district, other special district, or other subdivision of state government.

(b) A political subdivision shall annually compile and report the following financial information in the manner prescribed by this section:

(1) as of the last day of the preceding fiscal year, debt obligation information for the political subdivision that must state:

(A) the amount of all authorized debt obligations;

(B) the principal of all outstanding debt obligations;

(C) the principal of each outstanding debt

1 obligation;

2 (D) the combined principal and interest required  
3 to pay all outstanding debt obligations on time and in full;

4 (E) the combined principal and interest required  
5 to pay each outstanding debt obligation on time and in full;

6 (F) the amounts required by Paragraphs (A)-(E)  
7 limited to authorized and outstanding debt obligations secured by  
8 ad valorem taxation, expressed as a total amount and, if the  
9 political subdivision is a municipality, county, or school  
10 district, as a per capita amount; and

11 (G) the following for each debt obligation:

12 (i) the issued and unissued amount;

13 (ii) the spent and unspent amount;

14 (iii) the maturity date; and

15 (iv) the stated purpose for which the debt  
16 obligation was authorized;

17 (2) the current credit rating given by any nationally  
18 recognized credit rating organization to debt obligations of the  
19 political subdivision; and

20 (3) any other information that the political  
21 subdivision considers relevant or necessary to explain the values  
22 required by Subdivisions (1)(A)-(F), including:

23 (A) an amount required by Subdivision (1)(F)  
24 stated as a per capita amount if the political subdivision is not  
25 required to provide the amount under that paragraph;

26 (B) an explanation of the payment sources for the  
27 different types of debt; and

1                    (C) a projected per capita amount of an amount  
2 required by Subdivision (1)(F), as of the last day of the maximum  
3 term of the most recent debt obligation issued by the political  
4 subdivision.

5                    (c) Instead of replicating in the annual report information  
6 required by Subsection (b) that is posted separately on the  
7 political subdivision's Internet website, the political  
8 subdivision may provide in the report a direct link to, or a clear  
9 statement describing the location of, the separately posted  
10 information.

11                    (d) As an alternative to providing an annual report under  
12 Subsection (f), a political subdivision may provide to the  
13 comptroller the information described by Subsection (b) and any  
14 other related information required by the comptroller in the form  
15 and in the manner prescribed by the comptroller. The comptroller  
16 shall post the information on the comptroller's Internet website.  
17 The comptroller may post the information in the format that the  
18 comptroller determines appropriate, provided that the information  
19 for each political subdivision is easily located by searching the  
20 name of the political subdivision on the Internet. If the political  
21 subdivision maintains an Internet website, the political  
22 subdivision shall provide a link from the website to the location on  
23 the comptroller's website where the political subdivision's  
24 financial information may be viewed. The comptroller shall adopt  
25 rules necessary to implement this subsection.

26                    (e) This subsection applies only to a municipality with a  
27 population of less than 15,000 or a county with a population of less

1 than 35,000. As an alternative to providing an annual report under  
2 Subsection (f), a municipality or county may provide to the  
3 comptroller, in the form and in the manner prescribed by the  
4 comptroller, a document that includes the information described by  
5 Subsection (b). The comptroller shall post the information from  
6 the document submitted under this subsection on the comptroller's  
7 Internet website on a web page that is easily located by searching  
8 the name of the municipality or county on the Internet. If the  
9 municipality or county maintains or causes to be maintained an  
10 Internet website, the municipality or county shall provide a link  
11 from the website to the web page on the comptroller's website where  
12 the information may be viewed. The comptroller shall adopt rules  
13 necessary to implement this subsection.

14 (f) Except as provided by Subsection (d) or (e), the  
15 governing body of a political subdivision shall take action to  
16 ensure that:

17 (1) the political subdivision's annual report is made  
18 available for inspection by any person and is posted continuously  
19 on the political subdivision's Internet website until the political  
20 subdivision posts the next annual report; and

21 (2) the contact information for the main office of the  
22 political subdivision is continuously posted on the website,  
23 including the physical address, the mailing address, the main  
24 telephone number, and an e-mail address.

25 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a  
26 district, as defined by Section 49.001, Water Code, satisfies the  
27 requirements of this section if the district:

1           (1) complies with the requirements of Subchapter G,  
2 Chapter 49, Water Code, regarding audit reports, affidavits of  
3 financial dormancy, and annual financial reports; and

4           (2) submits the financial documents described by  
5 Subchapter G, Chapter 49, Water Code, to the comptroller.

6           (h) The comptroller shall post the documents submitted to  
7 the comptroller under Subsection (g) on the comptroller's Internet  
8 website. The comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
9 this subsection and Subsection (g).

10           SECTION 2. Section 271.047, Local Government Code, is  
11 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

12           (d) Except as provided by this subsection, the governing  
13 body of an issuer may not authorize a certificate to pay a  
14 contractual obligation to be incurred if a bond proposition to  
15 authorize the issuance of bonds for the same purpose was submitted  
16 to the voters during the preceding three years and failed to be  
17 approved. A governing body may authorize a certificate that the  
18 governing body is otherwise prohibited from authorizing under this  
19 subsection:

20           (1) in a case described by Sections 271.056(1)-(3);  
21 and

22           (2) to comply with a state or federal law, rule, or  
23 regulation if the political subdivision has been officially  
24 notified of noncompliance with the law, rule, or regulation.

25           SECTION 3. The requirements to compile and report  
26 information under Section 140.008, Local Government Code, as added  
27 by this Act, apply only to a fiscal year ending on or after the

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1 effective date of this Act.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.



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SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.008 to read as follows:  
Sec. 140.008. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT; DEBT INFORMATION.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Debt obligation" means *an issued public security, as defined by Section 1201.002, Government Code.*

(2) "Political subdivision" means a county, municipality, school district, junior college district, other special district, or other subdivision of state government.

(b) *Except as provided by Subsections (c), (d), and (d-1), a political subdivision shall prepare an annual financial report that includes:*

*(1) financial information for each fund subject to the authority of the governing body of the political subdivision during the fiscal year, including:*

*(A) the total receipts of the fund, itemized by source of revenue, including taxes, assessments, service charges, grants of state money, gifts, or other general sources from which funds are derived;*

*(B) the total disbursements of the fund, itemized by the nature of the expenditure;*

*(C) the balance in the fund as of the last day of the fiscal year; and*

*(D) any other information required by law to be included by the political subdivision in an annual financial report or comparable annual financial statement, exhibit, or report;*

(2) as of the last day of the preceding fiscal year, debt

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SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.008 to read as follows:  
Sec. 140.008. ANNUAL REPORT OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Debt obligation" means *debt secured by ad valorem taxation.*

(2) "Political subdivision" means a county, municipality, school district, junior college district, other special district, or other subdivision of state government.

(b) A political subdivision shall *annually compile and report the following financial information in the manner prescribed by this section:*

(1) as of the last day of the preceding fiscal year, debt

CONFERENCE

SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 140.008 to read as follows:  
Sec. 140.008. ANNUAL REPORT OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

(a) Same as House version.

(b) A political subdivision shall *annually compile and report the following financial information in the manner prescribed by this section:*

(1) as of the last day of the preceding fiscal year, debt

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obligation information for the political subdivision that must state:

- (A) the amount of all authorized debt obligations;
- (B) the principal of all outstanding debt obligations;
- (C) the principal of each outstanding debt obligation;
- (D) the combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations on time and in full;
- (E) the combined principal and interest required to pay each outstanding debt obligation on time and in full;
- (F) the amounts required by Paragraphs (A)-(E) limited to authorized and outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation, expressed as a total amount and, if the political subdivision is a municipality, county, or school district, as a per capita amount; and*
- (G) the following for each debt obligation:
  - (i) the issued and unissued amount;
  - (ii) the spent and unspent amount;
  - (iii) the maturity date; and
  - (iv) the stated purpose for which the debt obligation was authorized;

(3) any other information that the political subdivision considers relevant or necessary to explain the values required by Subdivisions (2)(A)-(F), including:

- (A) an amount required by Subdivision (2)(F) stated as a per capita amount if the political subdivision is not required to provide the amount under that paragraph;*
- (B) an explanation of the payment sources for the different types of debt; and*
- (C) a projected per capita amount of an amount required by*

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- (A) the amount of all authorized debt obligations;
- (B) the principal of all outstanding debt obligations;
- (C) the principal of each outstanding debt obligation;
- (D) the combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations on time and in full;
- (E) the combined principal and interest required to pay each outstanding debt obligation on time and in full;
- (F) if the political subdivision is a municipality, county, or school district, the amounts required by Paragraphs (A)-(E) expressed as a per capita amount; and*
- (G) the following for each debt obligation:
  - (i) the issued and unissued amount;
  - (ii) the spent and unspent amount;
  - (iii) the maturity date; and
  - (iv) the stated purpose for which the debt obligation was authorized;

*(2) the current credit rating given by any nationally recognized credit rating organization to debt obligations of the political subdivision; and*

(3) any other information that the political subdivision considers relevant or necessary to explain the values required by this subsection.

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obligation information for the political subdivision that must state:

- (A) the amount of all authorized debt obligations;
- (B) the principal of all outstanding debt obligations;
- (C) the principal of each outstanding debt obligation;
- (D) the combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations on time and in full;
- (E) the combined principal and interest required to pay each outstanding debt obligation on time and in full;
- (F) the amounts required by Paragraphs (A)-(E) limited to authorized and outstanding debt obligations secured by ad valorem taxation, expressed as a total amount and, if the political subdivision is a municipality, county, or school district, as a per capita amount; and*
- (G) the following for each debt obligation:
  - (i) the issued and unissued amount;
  - (ii) the spent and unspent amount;
  - (iii) the maturity date; and
  - (iv) the stated purpose for which the debt obligation was authorized;

*(2) the current credit rating given by any nationally recognized credit rating organization to debt obligations of the political subdivision; and*

(3) any other information that the political subdivision considers relevant or necessary to explain the values required by Subdivisions (1)(A)-(F), including:

- (A) an amount required by Subdivision (1)(F) stated as a per capita amount if the political subdivision is not required to provide the amount under that paragraph;*
- (B) an explanation of the payment sources for the different types of debt; and*
- (C) a projected per capita amount of an amount required by*

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Subdivision (2)(F), as of the last day of the maximum term of the most recent debt obligation issued by the political subdivision; and  
(4) the credit rating of any debt held by the political subdivision, if applicable.

(c) Instead of replicating in the annual *financial* report information required by Subsection (b) that is posted separately on the political subdivision's Internet website, or on a website as authorized by Subsection (g)(2), the political subdivision may provide in the report a direct link to, or a clear statement describing the location of, the separately posted information.

(d) As an alternative to preparing an annual financial report, a political subdivision *may provide* to the comptroller the information described by Subsection (b) and any other related information required by the comptroller in the form and in the manner prescribed by the comptroller.

The comptroller shall post the information on the comptroller's Internet website in the format that the comptroller determines is appropriate.

SENATE VERSION (CS)

*No equivalent provision.*

(c) Not later than the 90th day after the last day of each fiscal year, a political subdivision *shall electronically submit* to the comptroller the financial information described by Subsection (b) and any other related information required by the comptroller. The political subdivision must submit the information to the comptroller in the form and in the manner prescribed *by rule* by the comptroller.

(d) The comptroller shall *as soon as practicable* post the *financial* information submitted under Subsection (c) on the comptroller's Internet website and maintain the posting at all times. The comptroller shall update the information on the website when a political subdivision submits new information. The comptroller may post the information in the format that the comptroller determines appropriate, provided that the information for each political subdivision is easily located by searching the name of the political subdivision on the Internet.

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Subdivision (1)(F), as of the last day of the maximum term of the most recent debt obligation issued by the political subdivision.

(c) Instead of replicating in the annual report information required by Subsection (b) that is posted separately on the political subdivision's Internet website, the political subdivision may provide in the report a direct link to, or a clear statement describing the location of, the separately posted information.

(d) As an alternative to providing an annual report under Subsection (f), a political subdivision *may provide* to the comptroller the information described by Subsection (b) and any other related information required by the comptroller in the form and in the manner prescribed by the comptroller.

The comptroller shall post the information on the comptroller's Internet website. The comptroller may post the information in the format that the comptroller determines appropriate, provided that the information for each political subdivision is easily located by searching the name of the political subdivision on the Internet.

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The political subdivision shall *provide a link from the political subdivision's website, or a website as authorized by Subsection (g)(2)*, to the location on the comptroller's website where *the political subdivision's financial information* may be viewed. *The comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.*

(d-1) This subsection applies only to a municipality with a population of less than 15,000 or a county with a population of less than 35,000. As an alternative to *preparing an annual financial report*, a municipality or county may provide to the comptroller *a comparable financial report*. *For the purposes of this subsection, "comparable financial report" means the most recent financial statement, audit, exhibit, or other report that the municipality or county is required by other law to prepare.*

The comptroller shall post the information from the *comparable financial report* submitted under this subsection on the comptroller's Internet website on a web page that is easily located by searching the name of the municipality or county on the Internet. If the municipality or county maintains or causes to be maintained an Internet website, the municipality or county shall provide a link from the website to the web page on the comptroller's website where the information may be viewed. *The posting requirements of Subsection (g) do not apply to a comparable financial report submitted under this subsection.* The comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.

(e) Except as provided by Subsection (d) *or (d-1)*, the governing body of a political subdivision shall take action to ensure that:

SENATE VERSION (CS)

(e) *If a political subdivision maintains an Internet website*, the political subdivision shall *maintain at all times on the website a direct link* to the location on the comptroller's website where *the financial information submitted to the comptroller under Subsection (c)* may be viewed.

*No equivalent provision.*

*No equivalent provision.*

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*If the political subdivision maintains an Internet website*, the political subdivision shall *provide a link from the website* to the location on the comptroller's website where *the political subdivision's financial information* may be viewed. *The comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.*

(e) This subsection applies only to a municipality with a population of less than 15,000 or a county with a population of less than 35,000. As an alternative to *providing an annual report under Subsection (f)*, a municipality or county may provide to the comptroller, *in the form and in the manner prescribed by the comptroller, a document that includes the information described by Subsection (b).*

The comptroller shall post the information from the *document* submitted under this subsection on the comptroller's Internet website on a web page that is easily located by searching the name of the municipality or county on the Internet. If the municipality or county maintains or causes to be maintained an Internet website, the municipality or county shall provide a link from the website to the web page on the comptroller's website where the information may be viewed. The comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.

(f) Except as provided by Subsection (d) *or (e)*, the governing body of a political subdivision shall take action to ensure that:

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(1) the political subdivision's annual *financial* report is made available for inspection by any person and is posted continuously on the political subdivision's Internet website, *or on a website as authorized by Subsection (g)(2)*, until the political subdivision posts the next annual *financial* report; and  
(2) the contact information for the main office of the political subdivision is continuously posted on the website, including the physical address, the mailing address, the main telephone number, and an e-mail address.

(f) A political subdivision shall maintain or cause to be maintained an Internet website to comply with this section, other than a political subdivision to which Subsection (d-1) or (g) applies.

(g) This subsection does not apply to a county or municipality with a population of more than 2,000 or a school district or a junior college district. If a political subdivision did not maintain an Internet website or cause a website to be maintained on January 1, 2015, the political subdivision shall post the information required by this section on:

(1) the political subdivision's website, if the political subdivision chooses to maintain the website or cause the website to be maintained; or

(2) a website in which the political subdivision controls the content of the posting, including a social media site, provided that the information is easily found by searching the name of the political subdivision on the Internet.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a district, as defined by Section 49.001, Water Code, satisfies

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*No equivalent provision.*

*No equivalent provision.*

*No equivalent provision.*

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(1) the political subdivision's annual report is made available for inspection by any person and is posted continuously on the political subdivision's Internet website until the political subdivision posts the next annual report; and

(2) the contact information for the main office of the political subdivision is continuously posted on the website, including the physical address, the mailing address, the main telephone number, and an e-mail address.

Same as Senate version.

Same as Senate version.

(g) Same as House version.

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the requirements of this section if the district:

(1) complies with the requirements of Subchapter G, Chapter 49, Water Code, regarding audit reports, affidavits of financial dormancy, and annual financial reports; and

(2) submits the financial documents described by Subchapter G, Chapter 49, Water Code, to the comptroller.

(i) The comptroller shall post the documents submitted to the comptroller under Subsection (h) on the comptroller's Internet website. The comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection and Subsection (h).

SECTION 2. Section 271.047, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Except as provided by this subsection, the governing body of an issuer may not authorize a certificate to pay a contractual obligation to be incurred if a bond proposition to authorize the issuance of bonds for the same purpose was submitted to the voters during the preceding three years and failed to be approved. A governing body may authorize a certificate that the governing body is otherwise prohibited from authorizing under this subsection:

(1) in a case described by Sections 271.056(1)-(3); and

(2) to comply with a state or federal law, rule, or regulation if the political subdivision has been officially notified of noncompliance with the law, rule, or regulation.

SECTION 3. *Section 140.008, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an annual financial report for a fiscal year ending on or after the effective date of this Act. An annual financial report for a fiscal year ending before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in*

*No equivalent provision.*

*No equivalent provision.*

SECTION 2. *The requirements to compile and report information under Section 140.008, Local Government Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a fiscal year ending on or after the effective date of this Act.*

(h) Substantially the same as House version.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

SECTION 3. Same as Senate version.

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*effect when the fiscal year ended, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.*

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect *September 1, 2015*.

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SECTION 3. This Act takes effect *January 1, 2016*.

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SECTION 4. Same as Senate version.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 26, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate  
 Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1378** by Flynn (Relating to the fiscal transparency and accountability of political subdivisions.), **Conference Committee Report**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1378, Conference Committee Report: a negative impact of (\$486,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2016	(\$243,000)
2017	(\$243,000)
2018	(\$243,000)
2019	(\$243,000)
2020	(\$243,000)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2015
2016	(\$243,000)	3.0
2017	(\$243,000)	3.0
2018	(\$243,000)	3.0
2019	(\$243,000)	3.0
2020	(\$243,000)	3.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to require a political subdivision to compile and report certain debt information. The bill would permit a political subdivision to submit the financial information to the Comptroller, who would be required to post the debt obligation



information on the Comptroller's website. The bill would require a political subdivision to include on its website a link to the Comptroller's website where the debt information is located. The bill would permit certain counties or municipalities, as an alternative to the reporting requirements, to provide the Comptroller with the debt information and the Comptroller would be required to post the information on its website. Under the provisions of the bill, certain districts who comply with financial document requirements under Chapter 49, Water Code satisfy the requirements of the bill and must submit the documents to the Comptroller to be posted on the Comptroller's website.

The bill would prohibit, except under certain circumstances, a governing body of certain political subdivisions from authorizing a certificate to pay a contractual obligation if an issuance of bonds for the same purpose failed to be approved by voters within the preceding three years.

The bill would take effect January 1, 2016. The reporting requirements, as added by the bill, would apply only to a fiscal year ending on or after the effective date of the bill.

### **Methodology**

The Comptroller estimates they would need 3 additional FTEs and \$243,000 per fiscal year to implement the provisions of the bill.

This administrative cost estimate reflects the funds that would be necessary to hire three program specialists to analyze, confirm, and organize financial debt data received from approximately 4,500 local governmental entities. This bill also requires the Comptroller's office to post the data on a searchable website. The Texas Bond Review Board (BRB) currently performs this task over the course of the state's fiscal year. The Comptroller's office would be responsible for ensuring that the data has been received and is correct. The agency currently repurposes and publicizes debt data from the BRB for approximately 2,500 entities as part of the agency's transparency efforts. This is done on an annual basis and requires 6 FTEs. Adding debt data from local entities would require three additional FTE's.

### **Local Government Impact**

There could be costs to a political subdivision for implementing the bill depending on the resources of the political subdivision; costs could include employing additional personnel or modifying software to complete the report requirements.

There would be some administrative costs to local school districts to provide additional information; however, the costs are not anticipated to be significant.

Dallas Community College reported the report requirements are already available in the annual financial report. Ector County reported the report requirements are readily available. No significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

Odessa College, Cooke County, Northeast Texas Municipal Water District, Denco Area 911 District, the City of Baytown and Tom Green County reported no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

The Texas Municipal League reported there could be costs associated with smaller municipalities needing additional personnel to assist in assembling the required fiscal information; however, costs cannot be determined.

The Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals reported possible costs to districts

would be changes in accounting system software to meet the report requirements; however, costs cannot be determined.

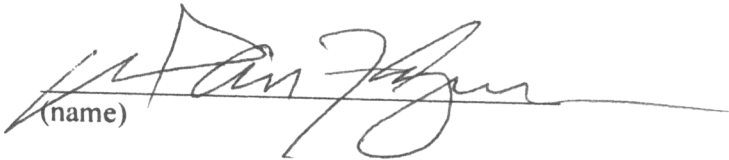
**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 352 Bond Review Board, 592 Soil and Water Conservation Board, 701 Central Education Agency

**LBB Staff:** UP, SD, KK, EK, JBi, ED, CL, LCO

**Certification of Compliance with  
Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure**

Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference to be furnished to each member of the committee in person or, if unable to deliver in person, by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under Rule 13, Section 10(a). The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), must contain a certificate that the requirement of Rule 13, Section 6(b), has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the copy of the report furnished to each member under Rule 13, Section 10(d). Failure to comply with this requirement is not a sustainable point of order under Rule 13.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on HB 1378 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before submission of the paper copies of the report to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), House Rules of Procedure.

  
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(date)