

SUBJECT: Requiring a state agency to post the results of certain audits on its website

COMMITTEE: Transparency in State Agency Operations, Select — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 5 ayes — Flynn, Larson, Martinez Fischer, Perry, Price
0 nays
3 absent — Alvarado, N. Gonzalez, Johnson

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Donnis Baggett, Texas Press Association)
Against — None
On — John Keel, Texas State Auditor's Office; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Tom Currah, Comptroller of Public Accounts)

BACKGROUND: Government Code, ch. 2102 establishes guidelines related to the internal audits of state agencies. In addition to internal audits, a state agency must review its functions, activities, and processes by conducting a formal risk assessment.

DIGEST: HB 16 would amend Government Code, ch. 2102 by adding the requirement for a state agency to post on its website an audit of the agency, including an internal audit and a risk assessment report. This would be done at the direction of the state auditor and also would apply to the state's higher education institutions.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2013.