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H.B. No. 3114

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the audit and review of regional mobility authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 370, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 370.263 to read as follows:

Sec. 370.263. AUDIT OF AUTHORITIES. (a) An authority is subject to an economy and efficiency audit by the state auditor's office.

(b) An audit under this section may include audits of the authority's contractors and subcontractors.

(c) The state auditor's participation under this section is subject to approval by the legislative audit committee for inclusion in the audit plan under Section 321.013(c), Government Code.

(d) An authority shall pay the cost incurred by the state auditor in conducting an audit of the authority under this section. The state auditor shall determine the cost, and the authority shall pay the amount promptly on receipt of a statement from the state auditor detailing the cost.

SECTION 2. Section 321.013(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The State Auditor shall conduct audits of all departments, including institutions of higher education, and of regional mobility authorities, as specified in the audit plan. At

1 the direction of the committee, the State Auditor shall conduct an
2 audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the
3 state.

4 SECTION 3. Chapter 321, Government Code, is amended by
5 adding Section 321.0139 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 321.0139. ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY AUDIT OF REGIONAL
7 MOBILITY AUTHORITIES. At a reasonable time in advance of an economy
8 and efficiency audit of a regional mobility authority, the state
9 auditor shall provide the board of directors of the authority with
10 written information relating to the procedures for and scope of the
11 audit. The state auditor shall include in the materials
12 information describing:

13 (1) how the appropriate representatives of the
14 authority may participate in the audit planning process; and

15 (2) how the authority may request information or
16 assistance in preparing for the audit from the state auditor.

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