

HB 1370 -- SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY

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This bill requires every school district and charter school to maintain an accountability portal for the public. By September 1, 2019 each public school district and charter school must develop, maintain, and make available all publicly available budget, income, expenditure, and disbursement information for the current fiscal year. The data on the portal must be updated quarterly and remain available for at least 10 years.

Additionally, the bill requires, by January 1, 2019, that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) create a template for voluntary use by any school district needing assistance in developing an accountability portal. In the event that a school district or charter school does not maintain a website, the information must be maintained through DESE.

This bill is similar to HB 263 (2017) and HB 1427 (2016).