

Appendix A – Texas Administrative Code

Beginning in 2000, a portion of the *Accountability Manual* has been adopted as a commissioner rule by reference. With the publication of this *Manual*, the Texas Education Agency will file a Commissioner Rule amendment to 19 *Texas Administrative Code* §97.1002, *Adoption by Reference: Standard Procedures* with the Office of the Secretary of State. This rule will adopt the *2004 Accountability Manual, Sections I–VI and VIII* by reference, thus giving legal standing to the rating process and procedures.

Allowing for a 30 day comment period, final adoption should occur in October 2004. If any changes result from this rule adoption process, then educators will be notified as soon as possible.

The proposed rule is provided below:

Chapter 97. Planning and Accreditation

Subchapter AA. Accountability Ratings and Acknowledgments

§97.1002. Adoption by Reference: Standard Procedures.

(a) The standard procedures by which districts and campuses are rated and acknowledged for 2004 are described in the official Texas Education Agency (TEA) publication, *Sections I – VI and VIII* of the *2004 Accountability Manual*, dated July 2004, which is adopted by this reference as the Agency's official rule.

A copy of the *2004 Accountability Manual* is available for examination during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays, at the Texas Education Agency, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701. In addition, the publication can be accessed from the Texas Education Agency official website.

(b) The commissioner of education shall amend *Sections I – VI and VIII* of the *2004 Accountability Manual* and this section adopting it by reference, as needed.

