

Appendix C—Statutory References

Texas Administrative Code (TAC)

Select chapters of the accountability manual are adopted as part of the Texas Administrative Code. With the publication of this manual, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) filed a Commissioner’s Rule amendment to 19 TAC §97.1001, Accountability Rating System. This rule adopts Chapters 1–12 of the *Accountability Rating System Manual* for 2026 ratings giving legal standing to the state rating processes and procedures. 19 TAC §97.1002, Accountability Rating Appeals Process and Timeline, adopted in rule the accountability ratings appeals process and timeline.

Following a 30-day public comment period, the final adoption took effect in June 2025. Once effective, the rules are made available online at <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/texas-administrative-code/19-tac-chapter-97>.

Texas Education Code (TEC)

Statutory authority for the 2026 accountability system is Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 39. Public School System Accountability. The full text of Chapter 39 is available at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.39.htm>. Statutory authority for the Results Driven Accountability framework is in TEC, Chapter 7. The full text of Chapter 7 is available at <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.7.htm>.