

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1403  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The program management office within the Department of Information Resources issued a report relating to the costs and benefits of establishing an electronic grants management system for a state grant program. Due to limited technical information, the agency was unable to issue a report that provided a detailed technical perspective on the costs and benefits associated with implementing an integrated electronic grants management system. C.S.S.B. 1403 directs the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the Department of Information Resources to establish an electronically searchable central database for all grants awarded by state agencies.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 441, Government Code, by adding Section 441.010, as follows:

Sec. 441.010. ELECTRONICALLY SEARCHABLE CENTRAL GRANT DATABASE.

(a) Defines "department" and "grant."

(b) Requires the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), in cooperation with the Department of Information Resources (DIR), to establish an electronically searchable central database accessible through TSLAC's on-line access system that will allow a person to access certain information.

(c) Requires DIR to provide a link on TexasOnline to the database established under Subsection (b). Provides that in this subsection, "TexasOnline" has the meaning assigned by Section 2054.003.

(d) Requires each state agency that will award a grant to report to TSLAC, concurrently with any other action the agency takes to inform the public or any person about the grant opportunity, information related to the grant that TSLAC requires in a form prescribed by TSLAC so that TSLAC may include information about the grant in the electronically searchable central database established under Subsection (b).

(e) Requires the governor to appoint an advisory committee composed of nine representatives from the Electronic Grants Technical Assistance Workgroup to perform certain tasks.

(f) Requires the advisory committee appointed under Subsection (e) to meet in Austin. Provides that a state agency that is represented on the committee by a person who is not based in the Austin area is responsible for any travel expenses incurred by its representative.

(g) Requires TSLAC to appoint an advisory committee composed of five public

members to annually evaluate the operation of the electronically searchable central database.

(h) Provides that Chapter 2110 does not apply to an advisory committee formed under this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.