

By: Cook of Colorado

H.B. No. 3045

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the limitation on the allocation of office space to state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2165.104(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) To the extent possible without sacrificing critical public or client services, the commission may not allocate usable office space, as defined by the commission, to a state agency under Article I, II, V, VI, VII, or VIII of the General Appropriations Act or to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Education Agency, the State Board for Educator Certification, the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board, or the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System in an amount that exceeds an average of 135 ~~[153]~~ square feet per agency employee for each agency site. To the extent that any of those agencies allocates its own usable office space, as defined by the commission, the agency shall allocate the space to achieve the required ratio. This subsection does not apply to:

(1) an agency site at which there are so few employees that it is not practical to apply this subsection to that site, as determined by the commission ~~[fewer than 16 employees are located]~~; and

(2) an agency site at which it is not practical to

1 apply this subsection because of the site's type of space or use of  
2 space, as determined by the commission [~~warehouse space,~~  
3 ~~(3) laboratory space,~~  
4 ~~(4) storage space exceeding 1,000 gross square feet,~~  
5 ~~(5) library space,~~  
6 ~~(6) space for hearing rooms used to conduct hearings~~  
7 ~~required under the administrative procedure law, Chapter 2001, or~~  
8 ~~(7) another type of space specified by commission~~  
9 ~~rule, if the commission determines that it is not practical to apply~~  
10 ~~this subsection to that space].~~

11 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a lease for usable  
12 office space entered into or renewed on or after September 1, 2003.  
13 A lease entered into or renewed before September 1, 2003, shall be  
14 reviewed by the Texas Building and Procurement Commission as the  
15 lease comes up for renewal to determine whether it would be  
16 cost-effective to bring the lease into compliance with Section  
17 2165.104(c), Government Code, as amended by this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.