

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1403  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2003; March 20, 2003, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Government Organization;  
1-4 May 2, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 2, 2003, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1403 By: Brimer

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to requiring the Texas State Library and Archives  
1-11 Commission and the Department of Information Resources to establish  
1-12 a searchable database for grants awarded by state agencies.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 441, Government Code, is  
1-15 amended by adding Section 441.010 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 441.010. ELECTRONICALLY SEARCHABLE CENTRAL GRANT  
1-17 DATABASE. (a) In this section:

1-18 (1) "Department" means the Department of Information  
1-19 Resources.

1-20 (2) "Grant" means a grant, contract, or other  
1-21 cooperative agreement under which a state agency awards financial  
1-22 assistance in the form of money, property, a loan, or another thing  
1-23 of value to a governmental or nongovernmental entity and the  
1-24 governmental or nongovernmental entity receiving the award is  
1-25 responsible for implementing a state or federal program in  
1-26 accordance with guidelines provided by the agency awarding the  
1-27 grant. The term does not include a contract to obtain a  
1-28 professional or consulting service subject to Chapter 2254.

1-29 (b) The commission, in cooperation with the department,  
1-30 shall establish an electronically searchable central database  
1-31 accessible through the commission's on-line access system that will  
1-32 allow a person to:

1-33 (1) use keyword searches to discover all available  
1-34 state agency grant opportunities;

1-35 (2) obtain basic information regarding each available  
1-36 state agency grant opportunity, including basic information about  
1-37 the program that the grant recipient will implement, the geographic  
1-38 area in which the grant recipient will implement the program, the  
1-39 eligibility requirements for obtaining the grant, and the grant  
1-40 application process; and

1-41 (3) electronically link to the portion of the granting  
1-42 agency's website at which the person may obtain more detailed  
1-43 information about each available state agency grant opportunity.

1-44 (c) The department shall provide a link on TexasOnline to  
1-45 the database established under Subsection (b). In this subsection,  
1-46 "TexasOnline" has the meaning assigned by Section 2054.003.

1-47 (d) Each state agency that will award a grant shall,  
1-48 concurrently with any other action the agency takes to inform the  
1-49 public or any person about the grant opportunity, report to the  
1-50 commission information related to the grant that the commission  
1-51 requires in a form prescribed by the commission so that the  
1-52 commission may include information about the grant in the  
1-53 electronically searchable central database established under  
1-54 Subsection (b).

1-55 (e) The governor shall appoint an advisory committee  
1-56 composed of nine representatives from the Electronic Grants  
1-57 Technical Assistance Workgroup to:

1-58 (1) gather input from public and other users of the  
1-59 database; and

1-60 (2) advise the commission regarding the development of  
1-61 the database and regarding the commission's exercise of its powers  
1-62 under Subsection (d).

1-63 (f) The advisory committee appointed under Subsection (e)

2-1 shall meet in Austin. A state agency that is represented on the  
2-2 committee by a person who is not based in the Austin area is  
2-3 responsible for any travel expenses incurred by its representative.

2-4 (g) The commission shall appoint an advisory committee  
2-5 composed of five public members to annually evaluate the operation  
2-6 of the electronically searchable central database.

2-7 (h) Chapter 2110 does not apply to an advisory committee  
2-8 formed under this section.

2-9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-13 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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