

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1701** by Wentworth (Relating to the Department of Information Resources' management of certain electronic and telecommunications projects.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill amends specific sections of Chapters 2054 and 2055 of the Government Code relating to the Department of Information Resources' (DIR) management of certain electronic and telecommunications projects. The Comptroller of Public Accounts reported that the bill would partially implement recommendation GG 18 from the Comptroller's *e-Texas* report "*Limited Government, Unlimited Opportunity*." Recommendation GG 18 envisioned that DIR's Project Management Office would meet its legislative responsibilities with additional positions to be funded out of existing funds provided by agencies participating in the consortia projects, however, the bill does not require such agency funding.

The bill requires the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, in cooperation with DIR, to establish an electronically-searchable central database allowing for keyword searches to discover state agency grant opportunities and for access to information regarding available state agency grant opportunities. Additionally, two advisory boards would be appointed regarding (1) the development of the database and (2) evaluation of the operation of the database.

The Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 308 State Auditor's Office, 313 Department of Information Resources

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