

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Prior to the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, the Legislative Budget Board recommended in its Staff Performance Report that a review of statutorily required reports be conducted and that reports be "sunsetting" if no longer needed. Based on this recommendation, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) conducted an internal review and identified reports required to be submitted to the OAG that are not used by the agency nor requested by the public.

As proposed, S.B. 1664 amends four statutory provisions and a special act of the legislature to eliminate reports required to be filed with the OAG. These reports were identified for elimination because they impose a responsibility on political subdivisions and state agencies to submit reports without also directing the OAG to use the reports for a particular purpose.

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 Section 143.056(h), Local Government Code, to delete existing text requiring a chief or head of a fire or police department (department head), if the department head intends to order an indefinite suspension [of a fire fighter or police officer] after the 180-day period (following the date of the discovery of conduct classified as a felony or certain misdemeanors), to file with the attorney general a statement describing the criminal investigation and its objectives within 180 days after the date the act complained of occurred.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 143.1017(h), Local Government Code, to delete existing text requiring a department head, if the department head intends to order an indefinite suspension [of a fire fighter or police officer] after the 180-day period (following the date of the discovery of conduct classified as a felony or a crime of moral turpitude), to file with the attorney general a statement describing the criminal investigation and its objectives within 180 days after the date the act complained of occurred.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 311.016(b), Tax Code, to delete existing text requiring a municipality to send a copy of the report on the financial status of a reinvestment zone to the attorney general.

SECTION 4. Repealer: Chapter 2111 (State Agency Reporting of Technological Innovations), Government Code.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 4.08(c), Chapter 427, Acts of the 44th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1935 (Article 8280-115, V.T.C.S.), to delete existing text requiring a copy of the annual audit report of the Nueces River Authority to be filed with the attorney general.

SECTION 6. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.