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H.B. No. 3021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the comptroller's electronic funds transfer system and the use of electronic paycards.

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

SECTION 1. Section 403.016, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

(b) The comptroller shall use the electronic funds transfer system to pay an employee's net state salary and travel expense reimbursements unless[+]

~~[(1)] the employee agrees instead to accept payment on an electronic paycard [does not hold a classified position under the state's position classification plan and the employee's gross state salary is less than the gross state salary for a position classified to group 8, step 1, of the state position classification plan; or~~

~~[(2) the employee holds a classified position under the state's position classification plan that is classified below group 8].~~

(c) The comptroller shall use the electronic funds transfer system to make:

(1) payments of more than \$100 to annuitants by the Employees Retirement System of Texas or the Teacher Retirement System of Texas under either system's administrative jurisdiction,

1 unless the annuitant agrees instead to accept payment on an
2 electronic paycard;

3 (2) recurring payments to municipalities, counties,
4 political subdivisions, special districts, and other governmental
5 entities of this state; and

6 (3) payments to vendors who choose to receive payment
7 through the electronic funds transfer system rather than by
8 warrant.

9 (k) The comptroller may make a payment to a state employee
10 under Subsection (b) or to an annuitant paid by the Employees
11 Retirement System of Texas or the Teacher Retirement System of
12 Texas under Subsection (c) on an electronic paycard if the employee
13 or annuitant agrees to accept payment by that method.

14 SECTION 2. Section 659.084, Government Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 659.084. ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER. Salaries for
17 state officers and employees paid once a month shall be paid through
18 electronic funds transfer under Section 403.016 unless paid on an
19 electronic paycard ~~[warrant]~~ as permitted under that section.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.