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

1-10 relating to creating a TexasOnline project concerning grant
1-11 assistance provided by state agencies.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subdivision (1), Section 2055.001, Government
1-14 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (1) "Board," "department," "electronic government
1-16 project," "executive director," "local government," "major
1-17 information resources project," "quality assurance team," and
1-18 "TexasOnline" have the meanings assigned by Section 2054.003.

1-19 SECTION 2. Chapter 2055, Government Code, is amended by
1-20 adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

1-21 SUBCHAPTER E. GRANTS ASSISTANCE PROJECT

1-22 Sec. 2055.201. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "state
1-23 grant assistance" means assistance provided by a state agency that
1-24 is available to a resident of this state, another state agency, a
1-25 local government, or a nonprofit or faith-based organization,
1-26 including a grant, contract, loan, loan guarantee, cooperative
1-27 agreement, or direct appropriation, property, or another method of
1-28 disbursement.

1-29 Sec. 2055.202. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROJECT. The department
1-30 shall establish an electronic government project to develop an
1-31 Internet website accessible through TexasOnline that:

1-32 (1) provides a single location for state agencies to
1-33 post electronic summaries of state grant assistance opportunities
1-34 with the state agencies;

1-35 (2) enables a person to search for state grant
1-36 assistance programs provided by state agencies;

1-37 (3) allows, when feasible, electronic submission of
1-38 state grant assistance applications;

1-39 (4) improves the effectiveness and performance of
1-40 state grant assistance programs;

1-41 (5) streamlines and simplifies state grant assistance
1-42 application and reporting processes; and

1-43 (6) improves the delivery of services to the public.

1-44 Sec. 2055.203. ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING PROJECT;
1-45 COORDINATION. (a) In establishing and operating the electronic
1-46 government project under this subchapter, the department, in
1-47 coordination with the office of the governor, shall direct,
1-48 coordinate, and assist state agencies in establishing and using:

1-49 (1) a common electronic application and reporting
1-50 system, including:

1-51 (A) a standard format for announcing state grant
1-52 assistance opportunities;

1-53 (B) standard data elements for use in creating
1-54 state grant assistance opportunity announcement summaries,
1-55 including existing electronic grants programs and search
1-56 functions; and

1-57 (C) a common application form for a person to use
1-58 in applying for state grant assistance from multiple state grant
1-59 assistance programs that serve similar purposes and are
1-60 administered by different state agencies; and

1-61 (2) an interagency process for:

1-62 (A) improving interagency and intergovernmental
1-63 coordination of information collection and sharing of data between

persons responsible for delivering services relating to a state grant assistance program; and

(B) improving the timeliness, completeness, and quality of information received by a state agency from a recipient of state grant assistance.

(b) A state agency shall provide the department and the office of the governor financial and functional information about any existing or potential systems that in any way provide the functions described in Section 2055.202.

Sec. 2055.204. USE OF ELECTRONIC GRANT SYSTEM. (a) A state agency may not expend appropriated money to implement or design a new system that provides the functions described in Section 2055.202 without obtaining prior approval from the executive director.

(b) The executive director shall determine whether to approve a state agency's continued operation of an existing system or to integrate the system into the project created under this subchapter. The executive director may provide conditional approval of ongoing expenditures while developing appropriate project plans and funding models for the project.

(c) A state agency shall incorporate common grant application forms developed under Section 2055.203 into the agency's grant application and review processes.

(d) If the department determines that money should be consolidated in the development of this project, the department shall provide a funding model to the Legislative Budget Board and the governor as required by Section 2055.057. A state agency with an existing system approved or conditionally approved under Subsection (b) is exempt from this subsection.

Sec. 2055.205. EXEMPT AGENCIES. (a) The executive director may exempt a state agency or state grant assistance program from the requirements of this subchapter if the executive director determines that the state agency does not have a sufficient number of state grant assistance programs.

(b) The governor, with the assistance of the department, shall make a list of exempted agencies and information about programs exempted from this subchapter available to the public through the office of the governor's Internet website.

SECTION 3. Subsection (b), Section 2055.204, Government Code, as added by this Act, does not apply to a state agency that operates an existing system until the project created under Subchapter E, Chapter 2055, Government Code, as added by this Act, is operational.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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