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H.B. No. 921

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 921:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sharing of information among state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2054.096(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each agency strategic plan must be consistent with the state strategic plan and include:

(1) a statement of the state agency's goals, objectives, and programs as found in the agency's legislative appropriations request;

(2) a description of the agency's major data bases and their applications;

(3) a description of the agency's information resources management organizations, policies, and practices;

(4) a description of interagency computer networks in which the agency participates;

(5) a statement of the strategic objectives of the agency relating to information resources management for the next five fiscal years, beginning with the fiscal year during which the plan is submitted, with a description of how those objectives help achieve the agency's programs and goals, and a description of how those objectives support and promote the goals and policies of the state strategic plan;

(6) a description of any information resources

1 technology projects proposed by the agency, including:

2 (A) a statement of how the projects relate to
3 similar projects, as identified by the department, implemented or
4 proposed by other agencies;

5 (B) a description of any proposed plans for
6 coordinating the projects with other agencies;

7 (C) a statement of how projects proposed or
8 described under this subsection will provide a return on investment
9 according to guidelines developed by the department; and

10 (D) a detailed description of the past
11 performance of projects implemented under this subsection;

12 (7) the status of the agency's quality assurance
13 initiatives for:

14 (A) security; and

15 (B) major information resources projects;

16 (8) a description of measures taken by the agency to
17 comply with department rules and standards;

18 (9) a statement of how the agency has implemented any
19 applicable data sharing standards developed under Subchapter B,
20 Chapter 113, Health and Safety Code; and

21 (10) [~~9~~] other planning components that the
22 department may prescribe.

23 SECTION 2. Chapter 113, Health and Safety Code, as added by
24 Chapter 1016, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005,
25 is amended by designating Sections 113.001 through 113.014 as
26 Subchapter A and adding a heading for Subchapter A to read as
27 follows:

1 SUBCHAPTER A. TEXAS HEALTH CARE POLICY COUNCIL

2 SECTION 3. Chapter 113, Health and Safety Code, as added by
3 Chapter 1016, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005,
4 is amended by adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

5 SUBCHAPTER B. INTERAGENCY INFORMATION SHARING PILOT PROGRAM

6 Sec. 113.051. DEFINITION. In this subchapter,
7 "participating agency" means a state agency that provides social
8 services, mental health services, substance abuse services, or
9 health services.

10 Sec. 113.052. DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION SHARING
11 STANDARDS; PUBLICATION. (a) The council, in consultation with the
12 Department of Information Resources, shall develop standards for
13 sharing information electronically among participating agencies.

14 (b) The data sharing standards developed by the council
15 under this section must:

16 (1) require a participating agency to comply with any
17 federal or state law relating to confidentiality of the information
18 maintained or received by the agency;

19 (2) ensure the protection of personally identifiable
20 information from inappropriate release; and

21 (3) include strategies for sharing information and
22 procedures for transferring information.

23 (c) The Department of Information Resources shall publish
24 the standards for data sharing on the department's Internet website
25 and shall notify the presiding officer of each house of the
26 legislature of the publication of the data sharing standards.

27 (d) The presiding officer of the council may appoint work

1 groups consisting of council members and representatives of
2 participating agencies for any purpose consistent with the duties
3 of the council under this subchapter.

4 (e) The council shall identify other state agencies with
5 relevant expertise and related projects, and may appoint
6 representatives of those agencies to work groups as appropriate.

7 Sec. 113.053. SHARING INFORMATION AMONG PARTICIPATING
8 AGENCIES. In developing, procuring, and maintaining electronic and
9 information resource systems, a participating agency shall conform
10 to common client information interchange standards developed by the
11 council whenever possible and practicable to allow for the sharing
12 of information among participating agencies to identify and
13 coordinate the provision of necessary services to individuals in
14 the state.

15 Sec. 113.054. EVALUATION OF INTERAGENCY INFORMATION
16 SHARING. The council, in consultation with the Department of
17 Information Resources, shall:

18 (1) analyze and compare how participating agencies
19 with common clients manage and exchange information relating to
20 those clients;

21 (2) identify and rank in order of priority
22 opportunities to improve an individual's interaction with multiple
23 participating agencies; and

24 (3) emphasize the development of standards that
25 facilitate data sharing without requiring a participating agency to
26 make significant custom modifications to the agency's information
27 system or to incur significant expense.

1 Sec. 113.055. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires
2 September 1, 2013.

3 SECTION 4. The Texas Health Care Policy Council shall
4 publish the standards required by Section 113.052, Health and
5 Safety Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2008.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.