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H.B. No. 1007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an electronic database of grant assistance provided by
3 state agencies.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2055.202, Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 2055.202. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROJECT. The department
8 shall establish an electronic government project to develop an
9 Internet website accessible through TexasOnline that:

10 (1) provides a single location for state agencies to
11 post electronic summaries of state grant assistance opportunities
12 with the state agencies;

13 (2) enables a person to search for state grant
14 assistance programs provided by state agencies;

15 (3) allows, when feasible, electronic submission of
16 state grant assistance applications;

17 (4) improves the effectiveness and performance of
18 state grant assistance programs;

19 (5) streamlines and simplifies state grant assistance
20 application and reporting processes; ~~and~~

21 (6) improves the delivery of services to the public;
22 and

23 (7) enables the public to access information relating
24 to state grant assistance, including the name of each person

1 receiving state grant assistance, the type of state grant
2 assistance received by the person, the name of the state agency
3 providing the assistance, and documents relating to state grant
4 assistance.

5 SECTION 2. Section 2055.203, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) In establishing and operating the electronic government
9 project under this subchapter, the department, in coordination with
10 the office of the governor, shall direct, coordinate, and assist
11 state agencies in establishing and using:

12 (1) a common electronic application and reporting
13 system, including:

14 (A) a standard format for announcing state grant
15 assistance opportunities;

16 (B) standard data elements for use in creating
17 state grant assistance opportunity announcement summaries,
18 including existing electronic grants programs and search
19 functions; and

20 (C) a common application form for a person to use
21 in applying for state grant assistance from multiple state grant
22 assistance programs that serve similar purposes and are
23 administered by different state agencies; ~~and~~

24 (2) an interagency process for:

25 (A) improving interagency and intergovernmental
26 coordination of information collection and sharing of data between
27 persons responsible for delivering services relating to a state

1 grant assistance program; and

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

5 (3) a common electronic reporting system for the
6 information required under Section 2055.202(7).

7 (c) A state agency shall provide the department the
8 information required to implement Section 2055.202(7).

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect October 1, 2007.