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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 the
19 data sharing standards developed under Subchapter N; and

20 (10) [~~9~~] other planning components that the
21 department may prescribe.

22 SECTION 2. Section 2054.102(c), Government Code, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 (c) The department shall provide the Legislative Budget
25 Board with a list of agencies that have not complied with department
26 standards, including data sharing standards developed under
27 Subchapter N, with provisions of the state strategic plan, or with

1 corrective action plans. An agency identified on a list under this
2 subsection shall develop a corrective action plan approved by the
3 department that specifies the manner in which deficiencies will be
4 corrected before components of or amendments to the agency's
5 biennial operating plan may be approved by the Legislative Budget
6 Board.

7 SECTION 3. Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by
8 adding Subchapter N to read as follows:

9 SUBCHAPTER N. INTERAGENCY SHARING OF INFORMATION

10 Sec. 2054.501. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "committee"
11 means the Client Information Interchange Standards Committee.

12 Sec. 2054.502. DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION SHARING
13 STANDARDS; PUBLICATION. (a) The department shall develop
14 standards for sharing information electronically among state
15 agencies.

16 (b) The data sharing standards developed by the department
17 under this section must:

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

21 (2) ensure the protection of personally identifiable
22 information from inappropriate release; and

23 (3) include strategies for sharing information and
24 procedures for transferring information.

25 (c) The department shall publish the standards for data
26 sharing on the department's Internet website and shall notify the
27 presiding officer of each house of the legislature of the

1 publication of the data sharing standards.

2 (d) In developing the data sharing standards under this
3 section, the department shall consult with the committee.

4 Sec. 2054.503. SHARING INFORMATION AMONG STATE AGENCIES.

5 In developing, procuring, and maintaining electronic and
6 information resource systems, a state agency shall conform to
7 common client information interchange standards developed by the
8 department whenever possible to allow for the sharing of
9 information among state agencies to identify and coordinate the
10 provision of necessary services to individuals in the state.

11 Sec. 2054.504. CLIENT INFORMATION INTERCHANGE STANDARDS
12 COMMITTEE. (a) The Client Information Interchange Standards
13 Committee is composed of:

- 14 (1) the governor or the governor's designee;
15 (2) the comptroller or the comptroller's designee; and
16 (3) the administrative head of the following agencies
17 or that person's designee:

- 18 (A) the Department of Information Resources;
19 (B) the Health and Human Services Commission;
20 (C) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
21 (D) the Department of Public Safety of the State
22 of Texas;

- 23 (E) the Texas Workforce Commission;
24 (F) the Texas Education Agency; and
25 (G) any other state agency the committee
26 determines necessary.

27 (b) The representative of the Department of Information

1 Resources serves as the presiding officer of the committee.

2 (c) The committee shall meet at least quarterly at the call
3 of the presiding officer.

4 (d) Service on the committee by a state officer or employee
5 is an additional duty of the member's office or employment. A
6 member of the committee is not entitled to additional compensation
7 for service on the committee but is entitled to reimbursement of
8 travel expenses incurred by the member while conducting the
9 business of the committee, as provided by Chapter 660 and the
10 General Appropriations Act.

11 (e) The Department of Information Resources shall provide
12 the staff and administrative support necessary for the committee to
13 perform its duties.

14 (f) The committee shall:

15 (1) analyze and compare how state agencies with common
16 clients manage and exchange information relating to those clients;

17 (2) identify and rank in order of priority
18 opportunities to improve an individual's interaction with multiple
19 state agencies; and

20 (3) advise the Department of Information Resources on
21 the development of standards that facilitate data sharing without
22 requiring a state agency to make significant custom modifications
23 to the agency's information system or to incur significant expense.

24 (g) This section, Section 2054.501, and Section 2054.502(d)
25 expire September 1, 2013.

26 SECTION 4. The Department of Information Resources shall
27 publish the standards required by Section 2054.502, Government

1 Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2008.

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