

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 588
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 13, 2007; February 26, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Government
1-4 Organization; April 3, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 3, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the authority of the comptroller of public accounts to
1-9 perform administrative, economic, fiscal, or policy research or
1-10 analysis regarding certain issues and to assist political
1-11 subdivisions with related research or analysis.

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

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 403.022 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 403.022. ADMINISTRATIVE, ECONOMIC, FISCAL, OR POLICY
1-16 RESEARCH OR ANALYSIS. (a) At the request of the governor,
1-17 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, or
1-18 chair of a standing committee of the legislature, or on the
1-19 comptroller's own initiative, the comptroller may:

1-20 (1) perform administrative, economic, fiscal, or
1-21 policy research or analysis regarding issues of concern to the
1-22 state or to political subdivisions of the state, including policy
1-23 issues, emerging issues, and issues related to:

1-24 (A) economic and financial impact forecasting;
1-25 (B) expenditure analysis and other data
1-26 analysis;

1-27 (C) interstate comparisons; and

1-28 (D) future trends and projections; or

1-29 (2) assist a political subdivision of the state with
1-30 administrative, economic, fiscal, or policy research or analysis
1-31 regarding an issue described by Subdivision (1).

1-32 (b) The comptroller may prepare and distribute reports on
1-33 any issue researched or analyzed under Subsection (a).

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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