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H.B. No. 931

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring minority impact statements for state agency grant applications.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 10, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 2060 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2060. MINORITY IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR STATE AGENCY GRANTS

Sec. 2060.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Disabled individual" means an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits at least one major life activity, who has a record of the impairment, or who is regarded as having or having had the impairment.

(2) "Major life activity" includes functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, or working.

(3) "Minority individual" includes a disabled individual and an individual who is a woman, African American, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, or Alaska Native.

(4) "State agency" means an office, board, commission, agency, or other entity in the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of state government.

Sec. 2060.002. MINORITY IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED. An applicant for a grant issued or administered by a state agency shall include with the grant application a minority impact statement on a

1 form created under Section 2060.003 that contains:

2 (1) information about any disproportionate or unique
3 impact on minority individuals in this state by proposed policies
4 or programs funded by the grant;

5 (2) a rationale for the existence of any policies or
6 programs described by Subdivision (1); and

7 (3) evidence of consultation with representatives of
8 minority individuals regarding a policy or program described by
9 Subdivision (1).

10 Sec. 2060.003. CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FORM. The
11 office of the governor shall create the minority impact statement
12 form, distribute the form to state agencies, and ensure that state
13 agencies include the form with other grant application forms.

14 Sec. 2060.004. COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL LAW. This chapter
15 applies to a grant applicant to the extent consistent with federal
16 law.

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 2060, Government Code, as added by this
18 Act, applies only to a grant application submitted to a state agency
19 on or after January 1, 2010.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.