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H.B. No. 3750

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by this state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 322.007, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 322.007. ESTIMATES AND REPORTS. (a) Each institution, department, agency, officer, employee, or agent of the state shall submit to the board any estimate or report relating to appropriations requested by the board or under the board's direction.

(b) Each institution, department, and agency of this state that receives an appropriation shall submit to the board a zero-based budget plan that contains:

(1) a description of the discrete activities the entity is charged with conducting or performing together with a justification for each activity by reference to a statute or other legal authority;

(2) for each activity identified under Subdivision (1), a quantitative estimate of any adverse effects that reasonably may be expected to result if the activity were discontinued, together with a description of the methods by which the adverse effects were estimated;

(3) for each activity identified under Subdivision

1 (1), an itemized account of expenditures required to maintain the  
2 activity at the minimum level of service required by the statute or  
3 other legal authority, together with a concise statement of the  
4 quantity and quality of service required at that minimum level;

5 (4) for each activity identified under Subdivision  
6 (1), an itemized account of expenditures required to maintain the  
7 activity at the current level of service, together with a concise  
8 statement of the quantity and quality of service provided at that  
9 minimum level; and

10 (5) a ranking of activities identified under  
11 Subdivision (1) that illustrates the relative importance of each  
12 activity to the overall goals and purposes of the institution,  
13 department, or agency at current service levels.

14 (c) Each zero-based budget plan and each estimate or report  
15 shall be submitted at a time set by the board and in the manner and  
16 form prescribed by board rules.

17 (d) Each zero-based budget plan and each ~~[(c) An]~~ estimate  
18 or report required under this section is in addition to a budget  
19 plan or an estimate or report required by other law, including those  
20 estimates or reports relating to appropriations required by Chapter  
21 401.

22 SECTION 2. Section 322.008(a), Government Code, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 (a) Based on information provided under Section 322.007,  
25 the ~~[The]~~ director, under the direction of the board, shall prepare  
26 the general appropriations bill for introduction at each regular  
27 legislative session.

1           SECTION 3. Section 401.0445(a), Government Code, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3           (a) The governor shall compile the biennial appropriation  
4 budget using information:

5                 (1) submitted to the governor in the uniform budget  
6 estimate forms; ~~and~~

7                 (2) obtained at public hearings, from inspections, and  
8 from other sources; and

9                 (3) submitted to the Legislative Budget Board under  
10 Section 322.007.

11           SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only in  
12 regard to information for developing a biennial appropriation  
13 budget for a state fiscal biennium beginning on or after September  
14 1, 2011.

15           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.