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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an open document format for electronic state documents
and the sharing of information electronically among state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2054.091, Government Code, is amended by
adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The state strategic plan for information resources
management must make obtaining information resources technology
that complies with open standards and open formats requirements a
goal of the state.

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 2054.133 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.133. OPEN DOCUMENT FORMAT. (a) The department,
in consultation with the Client Information Interchange Standards
Committee, shall:

(1) define open standards and open formats that meet
the needs of the state and share the definitions with the Client
Information Interchange Standards Committee not later than
September 1, 2010;

(2) issue a policy statement that identifies open
standards and open formats technology features specifically
desired by the state; and

(3) publish and make use of planning processes and
procurement processes for information resources technologies and

1 commodity items, as defined by Section 2157.068, that emphasize
2 open standards and open formats technology and share the
3 information with the public, state agencies, and the Client
4 Information Interchange Standards Committee not later than
5 September 1, 2010.

6 (b) This section expires September 1, 2011.

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, 2015.

26 SECTION 4. Section 2157.068, Government Code, is amended by
27 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

1 (j) In contracting for commodity items under this section,
2 the department shall give a preference to commodity items that
3 comply with open standards and open formats requirements.

4 SECTION 5. Section 2157.125, Government Code, is amended by
5 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

6 (e) In evaluating proposals for the purchase of an automated
7 information system, the department shall give a preference to a
8 system that complies with open standards and open formats
9 requirements.

10 SECTION 6. The Department of Information Resources shall
11 publish the standards required by Section 2054.502, Government
12 Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2010.

13 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.