

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 631
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Technology
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the official website, or Internet portal, for the State of Texas is Texas.gov. Operated by the Department of Information Resources in partnership with a private vendor, Texas.gov replaced TexasOnline.com when that site was updated to reflect new website naming conventions. The purpose of S.B. 631 is to replace statutory references to "TexasOnline" with the generic term "state electronic Internet portal" so that those references will not have to be changed if the site is renamed.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 631 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure, Education Code, Government Code, Health and Safety Code, Transportation Code, and Utilities Code to replace statutory references to "TexasOnline" and "TexasOnline Internet website" with "state electronic Internet portal" and references to "TexasOnline Project" with "state electronic Internet portal project." The bill makes a nonsubstantive change.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.