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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to obsolete or redundant reporting requirements
3 applicable to state agencies.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 2052, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER E. OBSOLETE OR REDUNDANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

8 Sec. 2052.401. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

9 (1) "Executive director" means the executive head of a
10 state agency. The term includes an executive director,
11 commissioner, or executive commissioner as appropriate for the
12 state agency.

13 (2) "State agency" means:

14 (A) a board, commission, department, office, or
15 other agency in the executive branch of state government that was
16 created by the constitution or a statute of the state, including an
17 institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003,
18 Education Code;

19 (B) the legislature or a legislative agency; and

20 (C) the supreme court, the court of criminal
21 appeals, a court of appeals, or a state judicial agency.

22 Sec. 2052.402. EXAMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. (a)
23 Not later than August 1, 2012, the executive director of each state
24 agency shall:

1 (1) examine the agency's reporting requirements
2 established by a state statute enacted before January 1, 2009, and
3 not amended since that date, and identify each reporting
4 requirement that the executive director determines:

5 (A) is not necessary to accomplish the objectives
6 of the statute that contains the reporting requirement;

7 (B) is redundant of other statutory reporting
8 requirements; or

9 (C) is required under statute to be provided at a
10 frequency for which data is not available; and

11 (2) provide to the governor, lieutenant governor,
12 speaker of the house of representatives, chair of the House
13 Committee on Government Efficiency and Reform, chair of the Senate
14 Committee on Government Organization, Texas State Library and
15 Archives Commission, and Legislative Budget Board an electronic
16 report that includes:

17 (A) each statutory reporting requirement for
18 which the executive director made a determination described by
19 Subdivision (1); and

20 (B) the justification for the executive
21 director's determination for each reporting requirement.

22 (b) The executive director may not include in the initial
23 report issued under Subsection (a)(2) a reporting requirement that
24 is required by federal law.

25 Sec. 2052.403. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires
26 September 1, 2014.

27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.