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H.B. No. 1784

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring an interagency memorandum of understanding
3 regarding the Public Assistance Reporting Information System and
4 the use of data from that system.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 531.0998 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.0998. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING
9 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REPORTING INFORMATION SYSTEM. (a) In this
10 section, "system" means the Public Assistance Reporting
11 Information System (PARIS) operated by the Administration for
12 Children and Families of the United States Department of Health and
13 Human Services.

14 (b) The commission, the Department of Aging and Disability
15 Services, the Texas Veterans Commission, and the Veterans' Land
16 Board shall enter into a memorandum of understanding for the
17 purposes of:

18 (1) coordinating and collecting information about the
19 use and analysis among state agencies of data received from the
20 system; and

21 (2) developing new strategies for state agencies to
22 use system data in ways that generate fiscal savings for the state.

23 (c) Not later than October 15, 2012, the commission, the
24 Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Texas Veterans

1 Commission, and the Veterans' Land Board collectively shall submit
2 to the governor and the Legislative Budget Board a report
3 describing:

4 (1) the frequency and success with which state
5 agencies have used the system;

6 (2) the costs to the state that were avoided as a
7 result of state agencies' use of the system; and

8 (3) recommendations for future use of the system by
9 state agencies.

10 (d) Subsection (c) and this subsection expire September 2,
11 2013.

12 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2011, the Health and
13 Human Services Commission, the Department of Aging and Disability
14 Services, the Texas Veterans Commission, and the Veterans' Land
15 Board shall enter into a memorandum of understanding as required by
16 Section 531.0998, Government Code, as added by this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.