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H.B. No. 1785

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring the comptroller to assess ways to expand the
3 provision of information about the federal earned income tax
4 credit.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) The comptroller of public accounts shall
7 conduct a study on promoting awareness of the federal earned income
8 tax credit. In conducting the study, the comptroller shall:

9 (1) determine the state agencies, offices, or
10 departments that are best suited to disseminate information
11 regarding the federal earned income tax credit to the public;

12 (2) develop:

13 (A) strategies for increasing the effectiveness
14 of programs currently in use to inform the public about the federal
15 earned income tax credit; and

16 (B) new programs to inform the public about the
17 federal earned income tax credit and the eligibility requirements
18 to claim the credit; and

19 (3) meet with and consider the suggestions of taxpayer
20 advocacy organizations regarding improving awareness of the
21 federal earned income tax credit.

22 (b) At the comptroller's request, a state agency shall
23 provide information for and assistance in conducting the study
24 under this section.

1 (c) Not later than April 1, 2012, the comptroller shall
2 provide a report containing the results of the study to the
3 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of
4 representatives. The report must specify at least three strategies
5 and programs that the comptroller has selected for implementation
6 to increase awareness of the federal earned income tax credit.

7 (d) Not later than September 1, 2012, the comptroller shall
8 implement the strategies and programs specified under Subsection
9 (c) of this section.

10 (e) This section expires January 1, 2013.

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