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H.B. No. 2914

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the study of efficiency, productivity, and
3 cost-effectiveness in state agency operations.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

6 (1) "Executive head of a state agency" has the meaning
7 assigned by Section 572.002, Government Code.

8 (2) "State agency" means an agency, department,
9 office, or other entity in the executive, legislative, or judicial
10 branch of state government. The term includes an institution of
11 higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

12 (b) Not later than October 1, 2011, the executive head of
13 each state agency shall establish a work group consisting of five
14 members within the agency to study and make recommendations
15 regarding improving the efficiency, productivity, and
16 cost-effectiveness of the agency's operations.

17 (c) Each work group shall, at a minimum, consider reducing
18 expenses and improving efficiency by:

19 (1) consolidating any reports or publications the
20 agency is required to make and filing or delivering any of those
21 reports or publications exclusively by electronic means;

22 (2) extending the effective period of any license,
23 permit, or registration the agency grants or administers;

24 (3) entering into a contract with another governmental

1 entity or with a private vendor to carry out any of the agency's
2 duties;

3 (4) adopting additional eligibility requirements for
4 persons who receive benefits under any law the agency administers
5 to ensure that those benefits are received by the most deserving
6 persons consistent with the purposes for which the benefits are
7 provided;

8 (5) providing that any communication between the
9 agency and another person and any document required to be delivered
10 to or by the agency, including any application, notice, billing
11 statement, receipt, or certificate, may be made or delivered by
12 e-mail or through the Internet; and

13 (6) adopting and collecting reasonable fees or charges
14 to cover any costs the agency incurs in performing its lawful
15 functions.

16 (d) Not later than April 1, 2012, each work group shall
17 provide its report to the executive head of the state agency that
18 commissioned the report.

19 (e) The executive head of each state agency shall review the
20 findings in the report and may implement all or part of the
21 recommendations in the report.

22 (f) This section expires September 1, 2013.

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