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S.B. No. 699

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting regarding state fees by the comptroller and in the general appropriations bill.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 403.0145 to read as follows:

Sec. 403.0145. PUBLICATION OF FEES SCHEDULE. As soon as practicable after the end of each regular or special legislative session, the comptroller shall publish a schedule of all revenue to the state from fees authorized by statute, including statutes adopted during that legislative session. For each fee, the schedule must specify:

(1) the purpose for which the fee revenue is to be used;

(2) if the fee has been increased during that legislative session, the amount of the increase;

(3) into which fund the fee revenue will be deposited;
and

(4) the amount of the fee revenue that will be used for budget certification.

SECTION 2. Section 322.008, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) For each state fee the amount of which is proposed to be increased by a provision of the general appropriations bill, the

1 general appropriations bill must set out in a separate section of
2 the bill:

3 (1) the statutory authority for the fee;

4 (2) the amount of the fee increase;

5 (3) the purpose for which the fee revenue is to be
6 used; and

7 (4) into which fund the fee revenue will be deposited.

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