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S.B. No. 700

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the maintenance by the Legislative Budget Board of a
3 searchable database containing certain budget information.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 322, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 322.021 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 322.021. BUDGET DATABASE. (a) The Legislative Budget
8 Board shall post on an Internet site maintained by the board a
9 database containing the information that the board uses to prepare
10 the general appropriations bill as filed and as subsequently
11 amended, substituted, engrossed, or enrolled in either house of the
12 legislature.

13 (b) The board shall post information to the database as soon
14 as practicable after receipt of the information.

15 (c) The information contained in the database must be raw
16 data in open standard format that allows the public to search,
17 extract, organize, and analyze the information.

18 (d) The board may not publish in the database information
19 that is not subject to required disclosure under Chapter 552 or that
20 is confidential.

21 SECTION 2. Section 322.021, Government Code, as added by
22 this Act, applies only to information received on or after October
23 1, 2011.

24 SECTION 3. Not later than October 1, 2011, the Legislative

1 Budget Board shall establish the database as required by Section
2 322.021, Government Code, as added by this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.