

AN ACT

relating to high-value data sets of state agencies posted on the Internet.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2054.1265 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.1265. POSTING HIGH-VALUE DATA SETS ON INTERNET.

(a) In this section:

(1) "High-value data set" means information that can be used to increase state agency accountability and responsiveness, improve public knowledge of the agency and its operations, further the core mission of the agency, create economic opportunity, or respond to need and demand as identified through public consultation. The term does not include information that is confidential or protected from disclosure under state or federal law.

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

(b) Each state agency shall post on a generally accessible Internet website maintained by or for the agency each high-value data set created or maintained by the agency, if the agency:

1 (1) determines that, using existing resources, the
2 agency can post the data set on the Internet website at no
3 additional cost to the state;

4 (2) enters into a contract advantageous to the state
5 under which the contractor posts the data set on the Internet
6 website at no additional cost to the state; or

7 (3) receives a gift or grant specifically for the
8 purpose of posting one or more of the agency's high-value data sets
9 on the Internet website.

10 (c) A high-value data set posted by a state agency under
11 this section must be raw data in open standard format that allows
12 the public to search, extract, organize, and analyze the
13 information.

14 (d) The web page on which a state agency's high-value data
15 set is posted must:

16 (1) use the agency's Internet website home page
17 address and include the uniform resource locator suffix "data"; and

18 (2) have a conspicuously displayed link on either the
19 agency's Internet website home page or another intuitive location
20 accessible from the agency's Internet website home page.

21 (e) A state agency may accept a gift or grant for the purpose
22 of posting one or more of the agency's high-value data sets on an
23 Internet website.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 701 passed the Senate on April 6, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 701 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor