

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 279  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, state agencies are required to post high-value data sets on a generally accessible agency website.

SB 279 furthers online transparency by requiring state agencies and institutions of higher education to provide the Department of Information Resources (DIR) with a description and link to data that is currently available online and requires DIR to post the description and link on the state electronic Internet portal.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

SB 279 amends the Government Code to require a state agency that posts a high-value data set on the Internet website maintained by or for the agency to provide the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) with a brief description of the data set and a link to the data set. It requires DIR to post the description and link on the state electronic Internet portal.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2013.