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H.B. No. 1128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on  
3 certain state agency websites.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 2054.1264 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2054.1264. POSTING OF COST-EFFICIENCY SUGGESTIONS AND  
8 IDEAS ON STATE AGENCY WEBSITE. (a) In this section, "state  
9 agency" does not include an institution of higher education, as  
10 defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

11 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (d), each state agency  
12 that has 1,500 or more employees shall post on the agency's intranet  
13 website or generally accessible Internet website an electronic form  
14 or link allowing an employee of the agency to submit suggestions and  
15 ideas on how to make the agency more cost-efficient. The system for  
16 submitting suggestions and ideas must allow an employee to elect to  
17 submit a suggestion or idea that includes the employee's name or to  
18 submit an anonymous suggestion or idea. If an employee elects to  
19 submit anonymously, the suggestion or idea may not be traceable to  
20 the employee and the system for anonymous submission may not record  
21 data linking the suggestion or idea to the computer used for the  
22 submission.

23 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), each state agency  
24 shall post on the agency's generally accessible Internet website a

1 link allowing members of the public to:

2 (1) monitor, in real time or on a weekly or monthly  
3 basis, submissions made under Subsection (b); and

4 (2) vote for the public's favorite submission.

5 (d) The department may exclude from the requirements of this  
6 section a state agency if the agency has a preexisting program or  
7 link that the department determines substantially meets the  
8 requirements of this section.

9 (e) The department shall adopt rules establishing  
10 procedures and required formats for implementing this section. The  
11 rules adopted under this subsection must require that submissions  
12 under Subsection (b) and votes under Subsection (c) be moderated to  
13 exclude overtly political or offensive material.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.