

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

24 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), each state agency

1 that posts a form or link as provided by Subsection (b) shall post  
2 on the agency's generally accessible Internet website a link  
3 allowing members of the public to:

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

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

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

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

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1128 was passed by the House on April 23, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 111, Nays 34, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1128 on May 24, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 103, Nays 41, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1128 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 8.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor