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H.B. No. 1128

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1128:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (d), each state agency that has 1,500 or more employees shall post on the agency's intranet website or generally accessible Internet website an electronic form or link allowing an employee of the agency to submit suggestions and ideas on how to make the agency more cost-efficient.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), each state agency shall post on the agency's generally accessible Internet website a link allowing members of the public to:

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

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

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

1 requirements of this section.

2 (e) The department shall adopt rules establishing
3 procedures and required formats for implementing this section. The
4 rules adopted under this subsection must require that submissions
5 under Subsection (b) and votes under Subsection (c) be moderated to
6 exclude overtly political or offensive material.

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