

1-1 By: Herrero, Cortez, Alvarado H.B. No. 1128
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Garcia)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2013;
 1-4 April 29, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Government Organization; May 16, 2013, reported adversely, with
 1-6 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5,
 1-7 Nays 0; May 16, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12			X	
1-13	X			
1-14			X	
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1128 By: Garcia

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on
 1-21 certain state agency websites.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Section 2054.1264 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 2054.1264. POSTING OF COST-EFFICIENCY SUGGESTIONS AND
 1-26 IDEAS ON STATE AGENCY WEBSITE. (a) In this section, "state
 1-27 agency" does not include an institution of higher education, as
 1-28 defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

1-29 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (d) and to the extent
 1-30 possible using available resources, each state agency that has
 1-31 1,500 or more employees shall post on the agency's intranet website
 1-32 or generally accessible Internet website an electronic form or link
 1-33 allowing an employee of the agency to submit suggestions and ideas
 1-34 on how to make the agency more cost-efficient. The system for
 1-35 submitting suggestions and ideas must allow an employee to elect to
 1-36 submit a suggestion or idea that includes the employee's name or to
 1-37 submit an anonymous suggestion or idea. If an employee elects to
 1-38 submit anonymously, the suggestion or idea may not be traceable to
 1-39 the employee and the system for anonymous submission may not record
 1-40 data linking the suggestion or idea to the computer used for the
 1-41 submission.

1-42 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), each state agency
 1-43 that posts a form or link as provided by Subsection (b) shall post
 1-44 on the agency's generally accessible Internet website a link
 1-45 allowing members of the public to:

1-46 (1) monitor, in real time or on a weekly, monthly, or
 1-47 quarterly basis, submissions made under Subsection (b); and

1-48 (2) vote for the public's favorite submission.

1-49 (d) The department may exclude from the requirements of this
 1-50 section a state agency if the agency has a preexisting program or
 1-51 link that the department determines substantially meets the
 1-52 requirements of this section.

1-53 (e) The department shall adopt rules establishing
 1-54 procedures and required formats for implementing this section. The
 1-55 rules adopted under this subsection must require that submissions
 1-56 under Subsection (b) and votes under Subsection (c) be moderated to
 1-57 exclude overtly political or offensive material.

1-58 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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