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H.B. No. 1487

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the searchable state expenditure database maintained by
3 the comptroller.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 403.024, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (c) To the extent possible, the comptroller shall present
9 information in the database established under this section in a
10 manner that is searchable and intuitive to users. The comptroller
11 shall enhance and organize the presentation of the information
12 through the use of graphical representations, such as pie charts,
13 as the comptroller considers appropriate. At a minimum, the
14 database must allow users to:

15 (1) search and aggregate state funding by any element
16 of the information;

17 (2) ascertain through a single search the total amount
18 of state funding awarded to a person by a state agency; ~~and~~

19 (3) download information yielded by a search of the
20 database; and

21 (4) for a state expenditure in the form of a grant,
22 ascertain the specific purposes for which the grant money was used.

23 (c-1) Subsection (c)(4) does not apply to information
24 relating to a state expenditure in the form of a grant if the

1 comptroller determines that the state agency that awarded the grant
2 substantially complies with that provision by providing the
3 information to the public through:

4 (1) an electronic link on the agency's generally
5 accessible Internet website; or

6 (2) another agency program or database.

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