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H.B. No. 1744

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing local governments to participate in statewide technology centers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2054.375, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.375. DEFINITIONS [~~DEFINITION~~]. In this subchapter:

(1) "Governmental entity" means a state agency or local government.

(2) "Statewide[~~, "statewide~~] technology center" means a statewide technology center established or operated under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Section 2054.376(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This subchapter applies to all information resources technologies, other than telecommunications services, that are:

(1) obtained by a state agency using state money; [~~or~~]

(2) used by a state agency; or

(3) used by a participating local government.

SECTION 3. Subchapter L, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2054.3771 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.3771. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. The department may establish or expand a statewide technology center to include

1 participation by a local government. The executive director and
2 the department have all the powers necessary or appropriate,
3 consistent with this chapter, to accomplish that purpose.

4 SECTION 4. Section 2054.378(a), Government Code, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (a) The department may operate statewide technology centers
7 to provide two or more governmental entities [~~state agencies~~], on a
8 cost-sharing basis, services relating to:

9 (1) information resources and information resources
10 technology; [~~and~~]

11 (2) the deployment and development of statewide
12 applications; and

13 (3) the deployment and development of local or
14 statewide applications for local governments.

15 SECTION 5. Section 2054.380(a), Government Code, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 (a) The department shall set and charge a fee to each
18 governmental entity [~~state agency~~] that receives a service from a
19 statewide technology center in an amount sufficient to cover the
20 direct and indirect cost of providing the service.

21 SECTION 6. Subchapter L, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is
22 amended by adding Section 2054.3851 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 2054.3851. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION AND
24 SELECTION. (a) A local government may submit a request to the
25 department to receive services or operations through a statewide
26 technology center. The local government shall identify its
27 particular requirements, operations costs, and requested service

1 levels.

2 (b) On receipt of the request, the department shall conduct
3 a cost and requirements analysis for the local government.

4 (c) If the department selects the local government for
5 participation in a statewide technology center, the department
6 shall provide notice to the local government that includes:

7 (1) the scope of the services to be provided to the
8 local government;

9 (2) a schedule of anticipated costs for the local
10 government; and

11 (3) the implementation schedule for the local
12 government.

13 (d) If selected to participate in a statewide technology
14 center, a local government may contract with the department to
15 receive the identified services and have the identified operations
16 performed through the statewide technology center.

17 SECTION 7. Section 2054.387, Government Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 2054.387. INTERAGENCY CONTRACT; COMPLIANCE WITH
20 SERVICE LEVELS. The department shall ensure compliance with
21 service levels agreed to in an interagency contract or
22 intergovernmental contract, as appropriate, executed under this
23 subchapter.

24 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.