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H.B. No. 2738

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Department of Information Resources regarding state agency technology efficiency.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER O. LEGACY SYSTEMS STUDY

Sec. 2054.551. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "legacy system" means a computer system or application program that is operated with obsolete or inefficient hardware or software technology.

Sec. 2054.552. STUDY. (a) The department shall conduct a study to identify legacy systems currently maintained by state agencies other than institutions of higher education. The study must include:

(1) an inventory of the systems maintained by state agencies;

(2) the annual cost and availability of resources to maintain the systems;

(3) the security risks related to use of the systems;

(4) if feasible, a cost estimate for updating the systems; and

(5) a plan for assessing and prioritizing

1 statewide modernization projects to update or replace the systems.

2 (b) The department may contract with a private vendor to
3 conduct the study.

4 (c) On request by the department, each state agency shall
5 provide to the department the information necessary for the study.
6 The department may require a state agency to clarify or validate
7 information provided by the agency or related to the study.

8 Sec. 2054.553. REPORT. Not later than October 1, 2014, the
9 department shall submit a report on its findings from the study
10 conducted under Section 2054.552 and recommendations for
11 modernization of legacy systems to:

- 12 (1) the governor;
- 13 (2) the lieutenant governor;
- 14 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives; and
- 15 (4) the House Technology Committee.

16 Sec. 2054.554. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires August
17 31, 2015.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.