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H.B. No. 3688

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of computer equipment by the Department of Information Resources.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2157, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2157.069 to read as follows:

Sec. 2157.069. PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT. (a) In this section:

(1) "Computer equipment" has the meaning assigned by Section 361.952, Health and Safety Code.

(2) "EPEAT" means the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool operated by the Green Electronics Council.

(b) The department shall ensure that:

(1) 75 percent of all computer equipment purchased on or after September 1, 2014, meets standards at least as stringent as those necessary to achieve a bronze registration under EPEAT;

(2) 85 percent of all computer equipment purchased on or after September 1, 2015, meets standards at least as stringent as those necessary to achieve a silver registration under EPEAT; and

(3) 95 percent of all computer equipment purchased on or after September 1, 2016, meets standards at least as stringent as those necessary to achieve a gold registration under EPEAT.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.