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S.B. No. 195

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the maintenance by the Legislative Budget Board of a searchable database containing certain budget information.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 322, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 322.023 to read as follows:

Sec. 322.023. BUDGET DATABASE. (a) Subject to Subsection (e), the Legislative Budget Board shall post on an Internet site maintained by the board a database containing the information that the board uses to prepare the general appropriations bill as filed and as subsequently amended, substituted, engrossed, or enrolled in either house of the legislature.

(b) The board shall post information to the database as soon as practicable after receipt of the information.

(c) The information contained in the database must be raw data in open standard format that allows the public to search, extract, organize, and analyze the information.

(d) The board may not publish in the database information that is not subject to required disclosure under Chapter 552 or that is confidential.

(e) The board may post and update information under Subsection (a) only if the board:

(1) determines that, using existing resources, the board can post and update the information on the Internet site at no

1 additional cost to the state;

2 (2) enters into a contract advantageous to the state  
3 under which the contractor posts and updates the information on the  
4 Internet site at no additional cost to the state; or

5 (3) receives a gift or grant specifically for the  
6 purpose of posting and updating the information on the Internet  
7 site.

8 (f) The board may accept a gift or grant for the purpose of  
9 posting and updating the information described by Subsection (a) on  
10 an Internet site.

11 SECTION 2. Section 322.023, Government Code, as added by  
12 this Act, applies only to information received on or after October  
13 1, 2013.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.