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S.B. No. 328

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to entrepreneurs-in-residence at state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 651, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 651.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 651.010. ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE. (a) In this section, "state agency" means a board, commission, department, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state government created under the constitution or a statute of this state, including an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) From available funds, a state agency may hire an entrepreneur-in-residence or contract with an individual, chamber of commerce, or nonprofit entity to:

(1) improve outreach by state government to the private sector, including historically underutilized businesses;

(2) strengthen coordination and interaction between state government and the private sector;

(3) facilitate the understanding and use of technological advances to make state government more transparent and interactive; and

(4) implement the best private sector practices to make state government programs simpler, easier to access, more efficient, and more responsive to users.

1 (c) An individual hired or contracted with under this
2 section must be successful in the individual's field.

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