

SENATE AMENDMENTS

2nd Printing

By: Harper-Brown

H.B. No. 1487

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the searchable state expenditure database maintained by the comptroller.

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

SECTION 1. Section 403.024, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c) To the extent possible, the comptroller shall present information in the database established under this section in a manner that is searchable and intuitive to users. The comptroller shall enhance and organize the presentation of the information through the use of graphical representations, such as pie charts, as the comptroller considers appropriate. At a minimum, the database must allow users to:

(1) search and aggregate state funding by any element of the information;

(2) ascertain through a single search the total amount of state funding awarded to a person by a state agency; ~~and~~

(3) download information yielded by a search of the database; and

(4) for a state expenditure in the form of a grant, ascertain the specific purposes for which the grant money was used.

(c-1) Subsection (c)(4) does not apply to information relating to a state expenditure in the form of a grant if the

1 comptroller determines that the state agency that awarded the grant
2 substantially complies with that provision by providing the
3 information to the public through:

4 (1) an electronic link on the agency's generally
5 accessible Internet website; or

6 (2) another agency program or database.

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

ADOPTED

MAY 17 2013

Leticia Spaul
Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 3

BY: *Jose Rodriguez*

1 Amend H.B. No. 1487 (senate committee printing) by striking
2 SECTION 1 of the bill and substituting the following:

3 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is
4 amended by adding Section 403.0245 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 403.0245. AVAILABILITY ON INTERNET OF CERTAIN
6 INFORMATION ON STATE GRANTS. (a) In this section, "state agency"
7 has the meaning assigned by Section 403.013.

8 (b) A state agency that awards a state grant in an amount
9 greater than \$25,000 shall make available to the public on the
10 agency's generally accessible Internet website the purposes for
11 which the grant was awarded. The agency shall provide to the
12 comptroller a link to the information in order for the comptroller
13 to maintain the information on the comptroller's Internet website
14 through a central Internet portal.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 21, 2013

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1487 by Harper-Brown (Relating to the searchable state expenditure database maintained by the comptroller.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a state agency that makes a grant in an amount greater than \$25,000 to make available to the public on the agency's Internet website information on the purposes for which the grant was awarded. The bill would require the agency to provide to the Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller) a link to the information and would require the Comptroller to maintain the information on the Comptroller's Internet website through a central portal.

The Commission on Environmental Quality, Commission on the Arts, and Department of Agriculture indicate that the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. The Comptroller estimates there would be a cost associated with implementing provisions of the bill. It is anticipated that the additional costs could be absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 551 Department of Agriculture, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 813 Commission on the Arts

LBB Staff: UP, KK, EP, LCO

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 30, 2013

TO: Honorable Tommy Williams, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1487 by Harper-Brown (Relating to the searchable state expenditure database maintained by the comptroller.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 403 of the Government Code to require that the searchable state expenditure database maintained by the Comptroller of Public Accounts allow users to ascertain, for grant expenditures, the specific purposes for which the grant money was used. The bill would exempt from the requirement grant expenditures made by a state agency if the Comptroller determines that the agency provides the information to the public through an electronic link on the agency's website or through another agency program or database. The Comptroller estimates there would be a cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill. It is anticipated that the additional costs could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 26, 2013

TO: Honorable Linda Harper-Brown, Chair, House Committee on Government Efficiency & Reform

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1487 by Harper-Brown (Relating to the searchable state expenditure database maintained by the comptroller), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 403 of the Government Code to require that the searchable state expenditure database maintained by the Comptroller of Public Accounts allow users to ascertain, for grant expenditures, the specific purposes for which the grant money was used. The bill would exempt from the requirement grant expenditures made by a state agency if the Comptroller determines that the agency provides the information to the public through an electronic link on the agency's website or through another agency program or database. The Comptroller estimates there would be a cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill. It is anticipated that the additional costs could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: UP, KJo, EP, LCO

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 10, 2013

TO: Honorable Linda Harper-brown, Chair, House Committee On Government Efficiency & Reform

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1487 by Harper-Brown (Relating to the searchable state expenditure database maintained by the comptroller.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 403 of the Government Code to require that the searchable state expenditure database maintained by the Comptroller of Public Accounts allow users to ascertain, for grant expenditures, the specific purposes for which the grant money was used. The agency estimates there would be a cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill. It is anticipated that the additional costs could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

LBB Staff: UP, KJo, EP, LCO