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H.B. No. 426

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the acceptance of employment applications through the  
3 online system for listing state agency employment openings  
4 maintained by the Texas Workforce Commission.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 656, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 656.002 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 656.002. ONLINE STATE AGENCY EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS.

9 (a) In this section, "state agency" does not include an institution  
10 of higher education or university system as defined by Section  
11 61.003, Education Code.

12 (b) The online system for listing state agency employment  
13 openings maintained by the Texas Workforce Commission must allow an  
14 applicant for employment to complete a single state application  
15 online and enter the application into an online database from which  
16 the applicant may electronically send the application to multiple  
17 state agencies.

18 (c) The Texas Workforce Commission shall:

19 (1) prescribe a standard electronic format for the  
20 online application described by Subsection (b); and

21 (2) ensure that the commission's online system allows  
22 an applicant to submit and a state agency to receive an online  
23 application for state agency employment.

24 (d) A state agency shall accept an application for an

1 employment opening from the online system maintained by the Texas  
2 Workforce Commission.

3 (e) This section does not prohibit a state agency from  
4 accepting an application for an employment opening in a manner  
5 other than the manner described by this section.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.