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H.B. No. 986

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a chief innovation officer position in the state auditor's office.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 321.0105 to read as follows:

Sec. 321.0105. CHIEF INNOVATION OFFICER. (a) The State Auditor shall appoint a chief innovation officer.

(b) The chief innovation officer shall:

(1) develop procedures and processes to improve internal state government efficiency and performance;

(2) develop methods to improve the experience of residents, businesses, and local governments in their interactions with state government;

(3) examine inefficiencies in state government procurement and improve procurement practices;

(4) in cooperation with the Department of Information Resources, increase the use of technology by state agencies to improve services provided by the agencies and to reduce state expenses and inefficiencies;

(5) provide state agency personnel with training in skills that support innovation;

(6) provide state agency managers with training to support innovation and encourage creative thinking; and

1 (7) develop and apply measures to document
2 improvements in state government innovation and in employee skills
3 that support innovation.

4 (c) In performing the duties required under Subsection (b),
5 the chief innovation officer must:

6 (1) use strategic innovation;

7 (2) promote open innovation;

8 (3) introduce and use group tools and processes that
9 encourage creative thinking; and

10 (4) conduct market research to determine the best
11 practices for increasing innovation and implement those best
12 practices.

13 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
14 of this Act, the state auditor shall appoint a chief innovation
15 officer as required by Section 321.0105, Government Code, as added
16 by this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.