

AN ACT

relating to employment of a statewide data coordinator in the Department of Information Resources.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2054.0286 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.0286. STATEWIDE DATA COORDINATOR. (a) The executive director, using existing department funds, shall employ a statewide data coordinator to:

(1) improve the control and security of information collected by state agencies;

(2) promote between state agencies the sharing of information, including customer information; and

(3) reduce information collection costs incurred by this state.

(b) The statewide data coordinator shall develop and implement best practices among state agencies to:

(1) improve interagency information coordination;

(2) reduce duplicative information collection;

(3) increase accountability and ensure compliance with statutes and rules requiring agencies to share information;

(4) improve information management and analysis to increase information security, uncover fraud and waste, reduce agency costs, improve agency operations, and verify compliance with

1 applicable laws;

2 (5) encourage agencies to collect and post on the
3 agencies' Internet websites information related to agency
4 functions that is in an open file format and is machine-readable,
5 exportable, and easily accessible by the public; and

6 (6) encourage the evaluation of open document formats
7 for storing data and documents generated by state agencies.

8 (c) Each state agency shall cooperate with the statewide
9 data coordinator in fulfilling the requirements of this section.

10 (d) This section expires September 1, 2021.

11 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
12 of this Act, the executive director of the Department of
13 Information Resources shall employ a statewide data coordinator as
14 required by Section 2054.0286, Government Code, as added by this
15 Act.

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

H.B. No. 1912

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1912 was passed by the House on April 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1912 on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1912 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor