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H.B. No. 3707

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to cloud computing services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2157.007, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2157.007. CONSIDERATION OF CLOUD [~~ADVANCED INTERNET-BASED~~] COMPUTING SERVICE PURCHASE. (a) "Cloud [~~Advanced Internet-based~~] computing service" has the meaning assigned by Special Publication 800-145 issued by the United States Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology, as the definition existed on January 1, 2015 [~~means a service that provides network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources on demand, including networks, servers, storage, applications, or related technology services, that may be rapidly provisioned and released by the service provider with minimal effort and interaction. The term does not include telecommunications service or the act of hosting computing resources dedicated to a single purchaser~~].

(b) A state agency may consider cloud [~~advanced Internet-based~~] computing service options, including any cost associated with purchasing those service options, when making purchases for a major information resources project under Section 2054.118.

(c) A state agency shall ensure that information resources

1 projects that use cloud [~~advanced Internet-based~~] computing  
2 service options meet or exceed required state standards for  
3 cybersecurity.

4 (d) Using existing resources, the department may review the  
5 process for the coordinated development, hosting, and management of  
6 computer software for state agencies that use cloud [~~advanced  
7 Internet-based~~] computing services.

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