1-1 By: Schwertner   S.B. No. 374
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed January 28, 2015; February 2, 2015,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;
1-4 May 5, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 2; May 5, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6   COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Eltife	X			
1-9	Creighton	X			
1-10	Ellis		X		
1-11	Huffines	X			
1-12	Schwertner	X			
1-13	Seliger			X	
1-14	Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-15	Watson		X		
1-16	Whitmire			X	

1-17   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18   AN ACT

1-19 relating to requiring state agencies to participate in the federal
1-20 electronic verification of employment authorization program, or
1-21 E-verify.
1-22   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-23   SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 6, Government Code, is amended
1-24 by adding Chapter 673 to read as follows:
1-25   CHAPTER 673. VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
1-26   Sec. 673.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
1-27   (1) "E-verify program" means the electronic
1-28 verification of employment authorization program of the federal
1-29 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996
1-30 (Pub. L. No. 104-208, reprinted in note, 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a),
1-31 operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, or a
1-32 successor employment authorization program designated by the
1-33 United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal
1-34 agency authorized to verify the employment authorization status of
1-35 newly hired employees under the federal Immigration Reform and
1-36 Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.).
1-37   (2) "State agency" has the meaning assigned by Section
1-38 659.101.
1-39   Sec. 673.002. VERIFICATION. A state agency shall register
1-40 and participate in the E-verify program to verify information of
1-41 all new employees.
1-42   Sec. 673.003. RULES. The Texas Workforce Commission shall
1-43 adopt rules and prescribe forms to implement this chapter.
1-44   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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