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S.B. No. 1455

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain required reports, plans, and other documents prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32.034(e), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The board of directors shall:

(1) employ a director for the center; and

(2) establish priorities for the center's activities[+

~~and~~

~~[(3) report annually on the operation, projects, and fiscal affairs of the center to the State Board of Education and the membership of the center].~~

SECTION 2. Section 39.263(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The commissioner shall select annually schools and districts qualified to receive successful school awards for their performance [~~and report the selections to the governor and the State Board of Education~~].

SECTION 3. Section 51.752(h), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) If the legislature fails to appropriate funds for the operation of the Educational Economic Policy Center, the Legislative Budget Board shall perform the duties of the committee

1 under this subchapter. [~~The board shall make the annual reports~~  
2 ~~required by Subsection (g) to the presiding officers of the~~  
3 ~~standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives~~  
4 ~~with primary jurisdiction over the public school system.]~~

5 SECTION 4. Section 61.0762(a), Education Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) To [~~implement the college readiness and success~~  
8 ~~strategic action plan adopted under Section 61.0761 and to~~] enhance  
9 the success of students at institutions of higher education, the  
10 board by rule shall:

11 (1) develop higher education bridge programs in the  
12 subject areas of mathematics, science, social science, or English  
13 language arts to increase student success by reducing the need for  
14 developmental education;

15 (2) develop incentive programs for institutions of  
16 higher education that implement research-based, innovative  
17 developmental education initiatives;

18 (3) develop a pilot program to award grants to  
19 institutions of higher education for intensive programs designed to  
20 address the needs of students at risk of dropping out of college;

21 (4) develop professional development programs for  
22 faculty of institutions of higher education on college readiness  
23 standards and the implications of such standards on instruction;  
24 and

25 (5) develop other programs as determined by the board  
26 that support the participation and success goals in "Closing the  
27 Gaps," the state's master plan for higher education.

1 SECTION 5. Section 88.526(a), Education Code, is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 (a) The director shall prepare an annual report on equine  
4 research funded under this subchapter. The director shall  
5 distribute the report to [~~the Texas Racing Commission and~~] members  
6 of the Texas horse racing industry. The director shall make copies  
7 of the report available to interested parties.

8 SECTION 6. Section 72.084, Government Code, is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 Sec. 72.084. COURT OF APPEALS. Each month, a [A] court of  
11 appeals shall [~~annually~~] report to the office:

12 (1) the number of cases filed with the court during the  
13 reporting month [~~year~~];

14 (2) the number of cases disposed of by the court during  
15 the reporting month [~~year~~];

16 (3) for active cases on the docket of the court on the  
17 reporting date, the average number of days from the date of  
18 submission of the case to the court until the reporting date; and

19 (4) for each case disposed of during the reporting  
20 month [~~year~~] by the court, the number of days from the date of  
21 submission of the case to the court until the date of disposition of  
22 the case by the court.

23 SECTION 7. Section 531.02111(e), Government Code, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (e) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,  
26 the commission shall submit the report to the governor, the  
27 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,

1 the presiding officer of each standing committee of the senate and  
2 house of representatives having jurisdiction over health and human  
3 services issues, and the state auditor [~~and the comptroller~~].

4 SECTION 8. Section 531.02112(c), Government Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (c) The commission shall submit the report to the governor,  
7 legislature, and state auditor [~~and comptroller~~].

8 SECTION 9. Section 531.055(a), Government Code, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 (a) Each health and human services agency, the Texas  
11 Correctional Office [~~Council~~] on Offenders with Medical or Mental  
12 Impairments, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas  
13 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, [~~the Texas Education~~  
14 ~~Agency,~~] the Texas Workforce Commission, and the Texas Juvenile  
15 Justice Department [~~Youth Commission~~] shall adopt a joint  
16 memorandum of understanding to promote a system of local-level  
17 interagency staffing groups to coordinate services for persons  
18 needing multiagency services.

19 SECTION 10. Section 614.072(f), Government Code, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 (f) The director shall prepare an annual written report on  
22 the activity, status, and effectiveness of the fund and shall  
23 submit the report to the lieutenant governor and [~~and~~] the speaker of  
24 the house of representatives [~~and the comptroller~~] before  
25 September 1 of each year.

26 SECTION 11. Section 772.009, Government Code, is amended by  
27 amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsection (g-1) to read as

1 follows:

2 (g) Each state agency other than an institution of higher  
3 education shall file an annual report with the grant writing team  
4 concerning the agency's efforts to acquire [~~in-acquiring~~] available  
5 discretionary federal funds during the preceding state fiscal  
6 year. The grant writing team shall establish guidelines for  
7 information included in the annual report required by this  
8 subsection [~~section~~].

9 (g-1) The grant writing team shall:

10 (1) evaluate the effectiveness of each agency in  
11 acquiring discretionary federal funds during the preceding state  
12 fiscal year;

13 (2) [~~and shall~~] report the findings of the evaluation  
14 to the governor and the Legislative Budget Board; and

15 (3) publish the report on the office of the governor's  
16 Internet website.

17 SECTION 12. Section 2056.002(d), Government Code, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (d) A state agency shall send two copies of each plan to both  
20 the Legislative Reference Library and the state publications  
21 clearinghouse of the Texas State Library and one copy each to:

22 (1) the governor;

23 (2) the lieutenant governor;

24 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives;

25 (4) the Legislative Budget Board;

26 (5) the Sunset Advisory Commission;

27 (6) the state auditor; and

1           (7) ~~[the comptroller, and~~  
2           ~~[(8)]~~ the Department of Information Resources.

3           SECTION 13. Section 2056.009(b), Government Code, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5           (b) The state plan shall be sent to the governor, lieutenant  
6 governor, ~~[comptroller,~~ and each member of the legislature not  
7 later than the seventh working day of each regular session of the  
8 legislature.

9           SECTION 14. Section 2165.055, Government Code, as amended  
10 by Chapters 1153 (S.B. 211) and 1312 (S.B. 59), Acts of the 83rd  
11 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and amended to  
12 read as follows:

13           Sec. 2165.055. REPORT ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS. Not  
14 later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the commission  
15 ~~[on July 1 of each even-numbered year]~~ shall ~~[electronically submit~~  
16 ~~a]~~ report to the governor~~[, lieutenant governor, speaker of the~~  
17 ~~house of representatives, comptroller, and Legislative Budget~~  
18 ~~Board on]:~~

19           (1) all improvements and repairs that have been made,  
20 with an itemized account of receipts and expenditures; and

21           (2) the condition of all property under its control,  
22 with an estimate of needed improvements and repairs.

23           SECTION 15. Section 2166.101(d), Government Code, as  
24 amended by Chapters 1153 (S.B. 211) and 1312 (S.B. 59), Acts of the  
25 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and amended  
26 to read as follows:

27           (d) The commission shall summarize its findings on the

1 status of state-owned buildings and current information on  
2 construction costs and include the summary in the commission's  
3 master facilities plan required under Section 2166.102 [~~in an~~  
4 ~~electronically submitted report to the governor, lieutenant~~  
5 ~~governor, speaker of the house of representatives, comptroller, and~~  
6 ~~Legislative Budget Board not later than July 1 of each~~  
7 ~~even-numbered year~~].

8 SECTION 16. Section 2166.103(b), Government Code, as  
9 amended by Chapters 1153 (S.B. 211) and 1312 (S.B. 59), Acts of the  
10 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 (b) The [~~Not later than July 1 of each even-numbered year,~~  
13 commission shall identify [~~electronically submit to the governor,~~  
14 ~~the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of~~  
15 ~~representatives, the comptroller, and the Legislative Budget Board~~  
16 ~~a report identifying~~] counties in which more than 50,000 square  
17 feet of usable office space is needed and make recommendations for  
18 meeting that need. The commission may recommend leasing or  
19 purchasing and renovating one or more existing buildings or  
20 constructing one or more buildings. The commission shall include  
21 the commission's findings and recommendations in the commission's  
22 master facilities plan required under Section 2166.102.

23 SECTION 17. Section 2205.041, Government Code, is amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 Sec. 2205.041. AIRCRAFT USE FORM. (a) The Texas Department  
26 of Transportation [~~Legislative Budget Board, in cooperation with~~  
27 ~~the board,~~] shall prescribe:

1 (1) an annual aircraft use form for gathering  
2 information about the use of state-operated aircraft, including the  
3 extent to which and the methods by which the goal provided by  
4 Section 2205.031(b) is being met; and

5 (2) procedures for each state agency that operates an  
6 aircraft for sending the form to the department [~~board and the~~  
7 ~~Legislative Budget Board~~].

8 (b) The aircraft use form must request the following  
9 information about each aircraft a state agency operates:

10 (1) a description of the aircraft;

11 (2) the date purchased or leased and the purchase  
12 price or lease cost;

13 (3) the number of annual hours flown;

14 (4) the annual operating costs;

15 (5) the number of flights and the destinations;

16 (6) the travel logs prepared under Section 2205.039;

17 and

18 (7) any other information the Texas Department of  
19 Transportation [~~Legislative Budget Board~~] requires to document the  
20 proper or cost-efficient use of the aircraft.

21 SECTION 18. The following provisions are repealed:

22 (1) Section 51.752(g), Education Code;

23 (2) Section 61.0761, Education Code;

24 (3) Section 109.75(c), Education Code;

25 (4) Section 761.005, Government Code;

26 (5) Section 2166.409, Government Code;

27 (6) Section 101.0252, Human Resources Code; and

1                   (7) Section [162.501\(c\)](#), Tax Code.

2                   SECTION 19. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.