

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1455  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 19, 2015, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;  
1-4 April 9, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 9, 2015,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1455 By: Watson

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to certain required reports, plans, and other documents  
1-22 prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 32.034(e), Education Code, is amended to  
1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (e) The board of directors shall:

1-27 (1) employ a director for the center; and

1-28 (2) establish priorities for the center's activities[+

1-29 and

1-30 [~~(3) report annually on the operation, projects, and  
1-31 fiscal affairs of the center to the State Board of Education and the  
1-32 membership of the center].~~

1-33 SECTION 2. Section 39.263(c), Education Code, is amended to  
1-34 read as follows:

1-35 (c) The commissioner shall select annually schools and  
1-36 districts qualified to receive successful school awards for their  
1-37 performance [~~and report the selections to the governor and the  
1-38 State Board of Education].~~

1-39 SECTION 3. Section 51.752(h), Education Code, is amended to  
1-40 read as follows:

1-41 (h) If the legislature fails to appropriate funds for the  
1-42 operation of the Educational Economic Policy Center, the  
1-43 Legislative Budget Board shall perform the duties of the committee  
1-44 under this subchapter. [~~The board shall make the annual reports  
1-45 required by Subsection (g) to the presiding officers of the  
1-46 standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives  
1-47 with primary jurisdiction over the public school system.]~~

1-48 SECTION 4. Section 61.0762(a), Education Code, is amended  
1-49 to read as follows:

1-50 (a) To [~~implement the college readiness and success  
1-51 strategic action plan adopted under Section 61.0761 and to~~] enhance  
1-52 the success of students at institutions of higher education, the  
1-53 board by rule shall:

1-54 (1) develop higher education bridge programs in the  
1-55 subject areas of mathematics, science, social science, or English  
1-56 language arts to increase student success by reducing the need for  
1-57 developmental education;

1-58 (2) develop incentive programs for institutions of  
1-59 higher education that implement research-based, innovative  
1-60 developmental education initiatives;

2-1 (3) develop a pilot program to award grants to  
 2-2 institutions of higher education for intensive programs designed to  
 2-3 address the needs of students at risk of dropping out of college;

2-4 (4) develop professional development programs for  
 2-5 faculty of institutions of higher education on college readiness  
 2-6 standards and the implications of such standards on instruction;  
 2-7 and

2-8 (5) develop other programs as determined by the board  
 2-9 that support the participation and success goals in "Closing the  
 2-10 Gaps," the state's master plan for higher education.

2-11 SECTION 5. Section 88.526(a), Education Code, is amended to  
 2-12 read as follows:

2-13 (a) The director shall prepare an annual report on equine  
 2-14 research funded under this subchapter. The director shall  
 2-15 distribute the report to [~~the Texas Racing Commission and~~] members  
 2-16 of the Texas horse racing industry. The director shall make copies  
 2-17 of the report available to interested parties.

2-18 SECTION 6. Section 72.084, Government Code, is amended to  
 2-19 read as follows:

2-20 Sec. 72.084. COURT OF APPEALS. Each month, a [A] court of  
 2-21 appeals shall [~~annually~~] report to the office:

2-22 (1) the number of cases filed with the court during the  
 2-23 reporting month [~~year~~];

2-24 (2) the number of cases disposed of by the court during  
 2-25 the reporting month [~~year~~];

2-26 (3) for active cases on the docket of the court on the  
 2-27 reporting date, the average number of days from the date of  
 2-28 submission of the case to the court until the reporting date; and

2-29 (4) for each case disposed of during the reporting  
 2-30 month [~~year~~] by the court, the number of days from the date of  
 2-31 submission of the case to the court until the date of disposition of  
 2-32 the case by the court.

2-33 SECTION 7. Section 531.02111(e), Government Code, is  
 2-34 amended to read as follows:

2-35 (e) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,  
 2-36 the commission shall submit the report to the governor, the  
 2-37 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
 2-38 the presiding officer of each standing committee of the senate and  
 2-39 house of representatives having jurisdiction over health and human  
 2-40 services issues, and the state auditor [~~, and the comptroller~~].

2-41 SECTION 8. Section 531.02112(c), Government Code, is  
 2-42 amended to read as follows:

2-43 (c) The commission shall submit the report to the governor,  
 2-44 legislature, and state auditor [~~, and comptroller~~].

2-45 SECTION 9. Section 531.055(a), Government Code, as amended  
 2-46 by S.B. 219, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is  
 2-47 amended to read as follows:

2-48 (a) Each health and human services agency, the Texas  
 2-49 Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental  
 2-50 Impairments, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas  
 2-51 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, [~~the Texas Education  
 2-52 Agency~~], the Texas Workforce Commission, and the Texas Juvenile  
 2-53 Justice Department shall enter into a joint memorandum of  
 2-54 understanding to promote a system of local-level interagency  
 2-55 staffing groups to coordinate services for persons needing  
 2-56 multiagency services.

2-57 SECTION 10. Section 614.072(f), Government Code, is amended  
 2-58 to read as follows:

2-59 (f) The director shall prepare an annual written report on  
 2-60 the activity, status, and effectiveness of the fund and shall  
 2-61 submit the report to the lieutenant governor and [~~7~~] the speaker of  
 2-62 the house of representatives [~~, and the comptroller~~] before  
 2-63 September 1 of each year.

2-64 SECTION 11. Section 772.009, Government Code, is amended by  
 2-65 amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsection (g-1) to read as  
 2-66 follows:

2-67 (g) Each state agency other than an institution of higher  
 2-68 education shall file an annual report with the grant writing team  
 2-69 concerning the agency's efforts to acquire [~~in acquiring~~] available

3-1 discretionary federal funds during the preceding state fiscal year.  
3-2 The grant writing team shall establish guidelines for information  
3-3 included in the annual report required by this subsection  
3-4 ~~[section]~~.

3-5 (g-1) The grant writing team shall:  
3-6 (1) evaluate the effectiveness of each agency in  
3-7 acquiring discretionary federal funds during the preceding state  
3-8 fiscal year;

3-9 (2) ~~[and shall]~~ report the findings of the evaluation  
3-10 to the governor and the Legislative Budget Board; and

3-11 (3) publish the report on the office of the governor's  
3-12 Internet website.

3-13 SECTION 12. Section 2056.002(d), Government Code, is  
3-14 amended to read as follows:

3-15 (d) A state agency shall send two copies of each plan to both  
3-16 the Legislative Reference Library and the state publications  
3-17 clearinghouse of the Texas State Library and one copy each to:

- 3-18 (1) the governor;
- 3-19 (2) the lieutenant governor;
- 3-20 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives;
- 3-21 (4) the Legislative Budget Board;
- 3-22 (5) the Sunset Advisory Commission;
- 3-23 (6) the state auditor; and
- 3-24 (7) ~~[the comptroller, and~~
- 3-25 ~~[(8)]~~ the Department of Information Resources.

3-26 SECTION 13. Section 2056.009(b), Government Code, is  
3-27 amended to read as follows:

3-28 (b) The state plan shall be sent to the governor, lieutenant  
3-29 governor, ~~[comptroller,~~ and each member of the legislature not  
3-30 later than the seventh working day of each regular session of the  
3-31 legislature.

3-32 SECTION 14. Section 2165.055, Government Code, as amended  
3-33 by Chapters 1153 (S.B. 211) and 1312 (S.B. 59), Acts of the 83rd  
3-34 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and amended to  
3-35 read as follows:

3-36 Sec. 2165.055. REPORT ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS. Not  
3-37 later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the commission  
3-38 ~~[on July 1 of each even-numbered year]~~ shall ~~[electronically submit~~  
3-39 ~~a]~~ report to the governor~~[, lieutenant governor, speaker of the~~  
3-40 ~~house of representatives, comptroller, and Legislative Budget~~  
3-41 ~~Board on]~~:

- 3-42 (1) all improvements and repairs that have been made,  
3-43 with an itemized account of receipts and expenditures; and
- 3-44 (2) the condition of all property under its control,  
3-45 with an estimate of needed improvements and repairs.

3-46 SECTION 15. Section 2165.1061(h), Government Code, is  
3-47 amended to read as follows:

3-48 (h) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (f), ~~[not~~  
3-49 ~~later than July 1 of each even-numbered year,~~] the commission shall  
3-50 complete a study on the amount of each state agency's  
3-51 administrative office space in Travis County to identify locations  
3-52 that exceed the space limitations prescribed by Section 2165.104(c)  
3-53 and include the findings of the study in the commission's master  
3-54 facilities plan required under Section 2166.102. The findings  
3-55 shall include:

- 3-56 (1) the location of office space that exceeds the  
3-57 space limitations prescribed by Section 2165.104(c);
- 3-58 (2) the amount of excess space;
- 3-59 (3) the cost of the excess space;
- 3-60 (4) the expiration dates of any leases covering the  
3-61 excess space;
- 3-62 (5) the amount of exempt and nonexempt space under  
3-63 Section 2165.104(c); and

3-64 (6) recommendations for the most cost-effective  
3-65 method by which a state agency could comply with the requirements of  
3-66 Section 2165.104(c), including recommendations that identify the  
3-67 amount and cost of office space that could be reduced or eliminated,  
3-68 state the moving costs and expenses associated with reductions in  
3-69 space, and state the earliest date by which the space reductions

4-1 could be feasibly achieved.

4-2 SECTION 16. Section 2166.101(d), Government Code, as  
4-3 amended by Chapters 1153 (S.B. 211) and 1312 (S.B. 59), Acts of the  
4-4 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and amended  
4-5 to read as follows:

4-6 (d) The commission shall summarize its findings on the  
4-7 status of state-owned buildings and current information on  
4-8 construction costs and include the summary in the commission's  
4-9 master facilities plan required under Section 2166.102 [~~in an~~  
4-10 ~~electronically submitted report to the governor, lieutenant~~  
4-11 ~~governor, speaker of the house of representatives, comptroller, and~~  
4-12 ~~Legislative Budget Board not later than July 1 of each~~  
4-13 ~~even-numbered year~~].

4-14 SECTION 17. Section 2166.102(b), Government Code, is  
4-15 amended to read as follows:

4-16 (b) The commission shall maintain a six-year capital  
4-17 planning cycle and shall electronically submit a master facilities  
4-18 plan with the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house  
4-19 of representatives, Legislative Budget Board, and comptroller not  
4-20 later than December 1 [~~before July 1~~] of each even-numbered year.

4-21 SECTION 18. Section 2166.103(b), Government Code, as  
4-22 amended by Chapters 1153 (S.B. 211) and 1312 (S.B. 59), Acts of the  
4-23 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and amended  
4-24 to read as follows:

4-25 (b) The [~~Not later than July 1 of each even-numbered year,~~  
4-26 commission shall identify [~~electronically submit to the governor,~~  
4-27 ~~the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of~~  
4-28 ~~representatives, the comptroller, and the Legislative Budget Board~~  
4-29 ~~a report identifying~~] counties in which more than 50,000 square  
4-30 feet of usable office space is needed and make recommendations for  
4-31 meeting that need. The commission may recommend leasing or  
4-32 purchasing and renovating one or more existing buildings or  
4-33 constructing one or more buildings. The commission shall include  
4-34 the commission's findings and recommendations in the commission's  
4-35 master facilities plan required under Section 2166.102.

4-36 SECTION 19. Section 2205.041, Government Code, is amended  
4-37 to read as follows:

4-38 Sec. 2205.041. AIRCRAFT USE FORM. (a) The Texas  
4-39 Department of Transportation [~~Legislative Budget Board, in~~  
4-40 ~~cooperation with the board,~~] shall prescribe:

4-41 (1) an annual aircraft use form for gathering  
4-42 information about the use of state-operated aircraft, including the  
4-43 extent to which and the methods by which the goal provided by  
4-44 Section 2205.031(b) is being met; and

4-45 (2) procedures for each state agency that operates an  
4-46 aircraft for sending the form to the department [~~board and the~~  
4-47 ~~Legislative Budget Board~~].

4-48 (b) The aircraft use form must request the following  
4-49 information about each aircraft a state agency operates:

4-50 (1) a description of the aircraft;  
4-51 (2) the date purchased or leased and the purchase  
4-52 price or lease cost;

4-53 (3) the number of annual hours flown;

4-54 (4) the annual operating costs;

4-55 (5) the number of flights and the destinations;

4-56 (6) the travel logs prepared under Section 2205.039;

4-57 and

4-58 (7) any other information the Texas Department of  
4-59 Transportation [~~Legislative Budget Board~~] requires to document the  
4-60 proper or cost-efficient use of the aircraft.

4-61 SECTION 20. The following provisions are repealed:

4-62 (1) Section 51.752(g), Education Code;

4-63 (2) Section 61.0761, Education Code;

4-64 (3) Section 109.75(c), Education Code;

4-65 (4) Section 761.005, Government Code;

4-66 (5) Section 2166.409, Government Code;

4-67 (6) Section 372.004, Health and Safety Code;

4-68 (7) Section 101.0252, Human Resources Code; and

4-69 (8) Section 162.501(c), Tax Code.

5-1 SECTION 21. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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