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S.B. No. 1844

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment and functions of the Interagency Data
Coordination and Transparency Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 10, Government Code, is
amended by adding Chapter 2060 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2060. INTERAGENCY DATA COORDINATION AND

TRANSPARENCY COMMISSION

Sec. 2060.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commission"
means the Interagency Data Coordination and Transparency
Commission.

Sec. 2060.002. COMMISSION CREATED. The commission is
created to study and review:

(1) the current public data structure,
classification, sharing, and reporting protocols for state
agencies; and

(2) the possibility of collecting and posting data
from state agencies online in an open source format easily
accessible by the public.

Sec. 2060.003. STUDY. The study conducted by the
commission must consider methods to:

(1) structure, classify, and share data among state
agencies;

(2) more efficiently gather and process data;

1 (3) collect and post data online in an open source
2 format easily accessible by the public;

3 (4) standardize data across state agencies;

4 (5) incorporate reporting practices by state agencies
5 into the open data systems of the state;

6 (6) improve coordination of interagency data;

7 (7) improve sharing of data between state agencies;

8 (8) reduce the costs of collecting data;

9 (9) reduce duplicative data and information;

10 (10) increase accountability and ensure state
11 agencies share and report the data collected by the state agencies;

12 (11) improve information management and analysis to:

13 (A) increase information security;

14 (B) uncover fraud and waste;

15 (C) reduce costs incurred by state agencies;

16 (D) improve operations performed by state
17 agencies; and

18 (E) verify compliance with applicable laws; and

19 (12) determine other data and transparency issues.

20 Sec. 2060.004. REPORT. (a) Not later than September 1,
21 2016, the commission shall provide to the governor, lieutenant
22 governor, and speaker of the house of representatives a final
23 report on data reporting practices by state agencies. The report
24 must include:

25 (1) recommendations for efficient and effective
26 solutions under the commission's charge under Section 2060.003, in
27 addition to solutions to other data and transparency issues

1 identified by the commission;

2 (2) proposals for legislation necessary to implement
3 the recommendations described by Subdivision (1);

4 (3) administrative recommendations; and

5 (4) a complete explanation of each of the commission's
6 recommendations.

7 (b) The commission shall provide any additional reports
8 requested by the governor, lieutenant governor, or speaker of the
9 house of representatives.

10 Sec. 2060.005. MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The
11 commission is composed of the following members:

12 (1) two representatives from the Department of
13 Information Resources, appointed by the executive director of the
14 department;

15 (2) a representative of the Texas Legislative Council,
16 appointed by the executive director of the council;

17 (3) a representative of the Legislative Budget Board,
18 appointed by the director of the board;

19 (4) a member or staff member of each committee of the
20 house of representatives and the senate with primary jurisdiction
21 over information resources, appointed by the chair of each
22 committee;

23 (5) the chair of the State Agency Coordinating
24 Committee established by the Department of Information Resources,
25 or a member of the committee appointed by the chair;

26 (6) a representative of the comptroller, appointed by
27 the comptroller;

1 (7) a representative appointed by the governor, who
2 serves as the presiding officer of the commission;

3 (8) a representative appointed by the lieutenant
4 governor; and

5 (9) a representative appointed by the speaker of the
6 house of representatives.

7 (b) A commission member is not entitled to reimbursement of
8 expenses or to compensation.

9 (c) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled as soon as
10 practicable in the same manner as the original appointment.

11 Sec. 2060.006. ASSISTANCE BY STATE AGENCIES. The
12 comptroller or a state agency with a representative on the
13 commission shall provide any assistance the commission requires to
14 perform the commission's duties.

15 SECTION 2. (a) Each appointing official shall appoint
16 members to the Interagency Data Coordination and Transparency
17 Commission not later than December 31, 2015.

18 (b) The Interagency Data Coordination and Transparency
19 Commission shall meet not later than the 30th day after the date the
20 final initial appointment is made under Section 2060.005,
21 Government Code, as added by this Act, and shall meet regularly as
22 necessary at the call of the presiding officer.

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