

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1844  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;  
 1-4 April 20, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 20, 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. 1844 By: Huffines

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

1-21 relating to the establishment and functions of the Interagency Data  
 1-22 Transparency Commission.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 10, Government Code, is  
 1-25 amended by adding Chapter 2060 to read as follows:

1-26 CHAPTER 2060. INTERAGENCY DATA TRANSPARENCY COMMISSION

1-27 Sec. 2060.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commission"  
 1-28 means the Interagency Data Transparency Commission.

1-29 Sec. 2060.002. COMMISSION CREATED. The commission is  
 1-30 created to study and review:

1-31 (1) the current public data structure,  
 1-32 classification, sharing, and reporting protocols for state  
 1-33 agencies; and

1-34 (2) the possibility of collecting and posting data  
 1-35 from state agencies online in an open source format that is  
 1-36 machine-readable, exportable, and easily accessible by the public.

1-37 Sec. 2060.003. STUDY. The study conducted by the  
 1-38 commission must consider methods to:

1-39 (1) structure, classify, and share data among state  
 1-40 agencies;

1-41 (2) more efficiently gather and process data;

1-42 (3) collect and post data online in an open source  
 1-43 format that is machine-readable, exportable, and easily accessible  
 1-44 by the public;

1-45 (4) standardize data across state agencies;

1-46 (5) incorporate reporting practices by state agencies  
 1-47 into the open data systems of the state;

1-48 (6) improve coordination of interagency data;

1-49 (7) improve sharing of data between state agencies;

1-50 (8) reduce the costs of collecting data;

1-51 (9) reduce duplicative data and information;

1-52 (10) increase accountability and ensure state  
 1-53 agencies share and report the data collected by the state agencies;

1-54 (11) improve information management and analysis to:

1-55 (A) increase information security;

1-56 (B) uncover fraud and waste;

1-57 (C) reduce costs incurred by state agencies;

1-58 (D) improve operations performed by state  
 1-59 agencies; and

1-60 (E) verify compliance with applicable laws; and

2-1 (12) determine other data and transparency issues.  
2-2 Sec. 2060.004. REPORT. (a) Not later than September 1,  
2-3 2016, the commission shall provide to the governor, lieutenant  
2-4 governor, and speaker of the house of representatives a final  
2-5 report on data reporting practices by state agencies. The report  
2-6 must include:

2-7 (1) recommendations for efficient and effective  
2-8 solutions under the commission's charge under Section 2060.003, in  
2-9 addition to solutions to other data and transparency issues  
2-10 identified by the commission;

2-11 (2) proposals for legislation necessary to implement  
2-12 the recommendations described by Subdivision (1);

2-13 (3) administrative recommendations; and

2-14 (4) a complete explanation of each of the commission's  
2-15 recommendations.

2-16 (b) The commission shall provide any additional reports  
2-17 requested by the governor, lieutenant governor, or speaker of the  
2-18 house of representatives.

2-19 Sec. 2060.005. MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. (a) The  
2-20 commission is composed of the following members:

2-21 (1) two representatives from the Department of  
2-22 Information Resources, appointed by the executive director of the  
2-23 department;

2-24 (2) a representative of the Texas Legislative Council,  
2-25 appointed by the executive director of the council;

2-26 (3) a representative of the Legislative Budget Board,  
2-27 appointed by the director of the board;

2-28 (4) a member of each committee of the house of  
2-29 representatives and the senate with primary jurisdiction over  
2-30 information resources, appointed by the chair of each committee;

2-31 (5) the chair of the State Agency Coordinating  
2-32 Committee established by the Department of Information Resources,  
2-33 or a member of the committee appointed by the chair;

2-34 (6) a representative of the comptroller, appointed by  
2-35 the comptroller;

2-36 (7) a representative appointed by the governor, who  
2-37 serves as the presiding officer of the commission;

2-38 (8) a representative appointed by the lieutenant  
2-39 governor; and

2-40 (9) a representative appointed by the speaker of the  
2-41 house of representatives.

2-42 (b) A commission member is not entitled to reimbursement of  
2-43 expenses or to compensation.

2-44 (c) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled as soon as  
2-45 practicable in the same manner as the original appointment.

2-46 Sec. 2060.006. ASSISTANCE BY STATE AGENCIES. The  
2-47 comptroller or a state agency with a representative on the  
2-48 commission shall provide any assistance the commission requires to  
2-49 perform the commission's duties.

2-50 SECTION 2. (a) Each appointing official shall appoint  
2-51 members to the Interagency Data Transparency Commission not later  
2-52 than December 31, 2015.

2-53 (b) The Interagency Data Transparency Commission shall meet  
2-54 not later than the 30th day after the date the final initial  
2-55 appointment is made under Section 2060.005, Government Code, as  
2-56 added by this Act, and shall meet regularly as necessary at the call  
2-57 of the presiding officer.

2-58 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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