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S.B. No. 1845

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to employment of a statewide data coordinator in the Department of Information Resources.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2054.0286 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.0286. STATEWIDE DATA COORDINATOR. (a) The board, using existing funds, shall employ a statewide data coordinator to:

(1) improve the control and security of information collected by state agencies;

(2) promote between state agencies the sharing of information, including customer information; and

(3) reduce information collection costs incurred by this state.

(b) The statewide data coordinator shall develop and implement best practices among state agencies to:

(1) improve interagency information coordination;

(2) reduce duplicative information collection;

(3) increase accountability and ensure compliance with statutes and rules requiring agencies to share information; and

(4) improve information management and analysis to increase information security, uncover fraud and waste, reduce agency costs, improve agency operations, and verify compliance with

1 applicable laws.

2 (c) Each state agency shall cooperate with the statewide
3 data coordinator in fulfilling the requirements of this section.

4 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the board at its
5 discretion may eliminate the position of statewide data coordinator
6 if the board determines that having an employee in that position no
7 longer serves the purposes of this section.

8 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
9 of this Act, the governing board of the Department of Information
10 Resources shall employ a statewide data coordinator as required by
11 Section 2054.0286, Government Code, as added by this Act.

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