

House Bill 1912
Senate Amendments
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(5) encourage agencies to collect and post on the agencies' Internet websites information related to agency functions that is in an open file format and is machine-readable, exportable, and easily accessible by the public; and

(6) encourage the evaluation of open document formats for storing data and documents generated by state agencies.

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(d) This section expires September 1, 2021.

CONFERENCE

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SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive director of the Department of Information Resources shall employ a statewide data coordinator as required by Section 2054.0286, Government Code, as added by this Act.	SECTION 2. Same as House version.	
SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.	SECTION 3. Same as House version.	