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H.B. No. 347

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to government transparency and operations.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 559, Government Code, is amended by adding new section 559.006:

Section 559.006. COMMISSIONS FOR EFFECTIVE RESOURCE ALLOCATION.

(1) To facilitate organization, operation, powers, regulation, and management of state departments, agencies, and institutions the commissions for effective resource allocation is hereby established.

SECTION 2. Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by adding new section:

Section 403.500. EFFICIENCY.

(1) To help eliminate inefficiencies in the provision of state services the comptroller shall implement new systems as necessary.

SECTION 3. Chapter 552, Government Code, is amended by adding new section 552.400:

Section 552.400. OPEN GOVERNMENT RULES.

(1) New rules for open government, including open records and open meetings shall be adopted by the ethics commission.

SECTION 4. Chapter 2111, Government Code, is amended by

1 adding new section 2111.003:

2 Section 2111.003. ADVANCEMENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

3 (1) State agencies, including institutions of higher
4 education, shall take advantage of advances in science and
5 technology, including telecommunications, electronic technology,
6 and automated data processing.

7 SECTION 5. Chapter 2111, Government Code, is amended by
8 adding new section 2111.004:

9 Section 2111.004. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

10 (1) The advisory committee for the promotion within
11 the state of an advance as described by Section (4) is hereby
12 established.

13 SECTION 6. Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by
14 adding new section 403.501:

15 Section 403.501. RESOURCE ALLOCATION.

16 (1) The comptroller and the commissioner of effective
17 resource allocation shall adopt rules to assure cooperation between
18 the state and local government entities and between the
19 scientific/technology community, private businesses and
20 institutions of higher education including federal government
21 laboratories. And; for cybersecurity.

22 SECTION 7. Chapter 490, Government Code, is amended by
23 adding new section 490.200:

24 Section 490.200. SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION RULES.

25 (1) Sunset Advisory Commission shall adopt rules to
26 achieve the objectives herein.

27 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.