

Amend CSHB 18 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 1 of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of that ARTICLE accordingly:

SECTION 1.____. Subchapter F, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2054.1184 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.1184. ASSESSMENT OF MAJOR INFORMATION RESOURCES PROJECT. (a) A state agency proposing to spend appropriated funds for a major information resources project must first conduct an execution capability assessment to:

(1) determine the agency's capability for implementing the project;

(2) reduce the agency's financial risk in implementing the project; and

(3) increase the probability of the agency's successful implementation of the project.

(b) A state agency shall submit to the department, the quality assurance team established under Section 2054.158, and the Legislative Budget Board a detailed report that identifies the agency's organizational strengths and any weaknesses that will be addressed before the agency initially spends appropriated funds for a major information resources project.

(c) A state agency may contract with an independent third party to conduct the assessment under Subsection (a) and prepare the report described by Subsection (b).