

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3274
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Government Transparency & Operation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that the designation of a chief innovation and technology officer within the Department of Information Resources would help the state better adapt to pressures of reduced budgets and economic development and save the state money and time through initiatives developed by such an officer. C.S.H.B. 3274 provides for the designation and duties of such an officer.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3274 amends the Government Code to require the executive director of the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to designate a DIR employee as the chief innovation and technology officer for DIR. The bill sets out the officer's duties and requires the officer to work to establish Texas as a new frontier for innovation and technology.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3274 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED

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

SUBCHAPTER N. CHIEF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

Sec. 2054.481. APPOINTMENT. (a) The

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governor and lieutenant governor shall jointly appoint a chief innovation and technology officer for the office of the governor.

(b) The chief innovation and technology officer shall work to establish this state as a new frontier for innovation and technology.

Sec. 2054.482. DUTIES. The chief innovation and technology officer shall:

(1) exchange information with other state governments, the federal government, and businesses regarding improvements to the use and performance of information resources;

(2) develop methods to improve the experience of residents, businesses, and local governments in online interactions with state agencies;

(3) ensure the strategic use of information resources by state agencies to serve residents in a convenient, efficient, effective, and economical manner;

(4) improve the quality, speed, cost-effectiveness, and accessibility of services offered by state agencies by streamlining and expanding services available over the Internet;

(5) examine inefficiencies and waste in information resources procurement and project development and management by state agencies to identify areas for improvement;

(6) develop procedures and performance measures to improve efficiency and performance in the use of information resources by state agencies;

(7) coordinate an effort by chief innovation officers of state agencies to improve the performance of major information resources projects;

(8) receive necessary information from chief innovation officers of state agencies showing the comprehensive performance status of the agencies' major information resources projects; and

(9) proactively monitor state agencies to meet the requirements described by this section.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the governor and lieutenant governor shall appoint a chief innovation and technology officer as required by Section 2054.481, Government Code, as added by this Act.

executive director shall designate an employee of the department as the chief innovation and technology officer for the department.

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SECTION 3. This Act takes effect
September 1, 2017.

SECTION 3. Same as introduced version.