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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on state agency digital data storage and records
3 management practices and associated state costs.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "state agency" means a
6 board, commission, office, department, council, authority, or
7 other agency in the executive or judicial branch of state
8 government that is created by the constitution or a statute of this
9 state. The term does not include a university system or institution
10 of higher education as those terms are defined by Section 61.003,
11 Education Code.

12 (b) The Department of Information Resources and the Texas
13 State Library and Archives Commission shall conduct a study on
14 state agency digital data storage and records management practices
15 and the associated costs to this state.

16 (c) The study required under this section must examine:

17 (1) the current digital data storage practices of
18 state agencies in this state;

19 (2) the costs associated with those digital data
20 storage practices;

21 (3) the digital records management and data
22 classification policies of state agencies and whether the state
23 agencies are consistently complying with the established policies;

24 (4) whether the state agencies are storing digital

1 data that exceeds established retention requirements and the cost
2 of that unnecessary storage;

3 (5) the adequacy of storage systems used by state
4 agencies to securely maintain confidential digital records; and

5 (6) possible solutions and improvements recommended
6 by the state agencies for reducing state costs and increasing
7 security for digital data storage and records management.

8 (d) Each state agency shall participate in the study
9 required by this section and provide appropriate assistance and
10 information to the Department of Information Resources and the
11 Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

12 (e) Not later than December 1, 2018, the Department of
13 Information Resources and the Texas State Library and Archives
14 Commission shall issue a report on the study required under this
15 section and recommendations for reducing state costs and for
16 improving efficiency in digital data storage and records management
17 to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
18 representatives, and the appropriate standing committees of the
19 house of representatives and the senate.

20 (f) This section expires September 1, 2019.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.