By:  Shaheen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 2110

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hancock              X

Nichols              X

Campbell             X

Creighton                      X

Menéndez             X

Paxton               X

Schwertner           X

Whitmire                       X

Zaffirini            X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to state agency measurement and management of customer satisfaction.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 2114.002, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(b)  Each agency shall gather information from customers using surveys, [~~survey or~~] focus groups, mobile and web applications, or other appropriate methods approved by the Governor's Office of Budget and Policy [~~Planning~~] and the Legislative Budget Board regarding the quality of service delivered by that agency. The information requested shall be as specified by the Governor's Office of Budget and Policy [~~Planning~~] and the Legislative Budget Board and may include evaluations of an agency's:

(1)  facilities, including the customer's ability to access that agency, the office location, signs, and cleanliness;

(2)  staff, including employee courtesy, friendliness, and knowledgeability, and whether staff members adequately identify themselves to customers by name, including the use of name plates or tags for accountability;

(3)  communications, including toll-free telephone access, the average time a customer spends on hold, call transfers, access to a live person, letters, [~~and~~] electronic mail, and any applicable text messaging or mobile applications;

(4)  Internet site, including the ease of use of the site, mobile access to the site, information on the location of the site and the agency, and information accessible through the site such as a listing of services and programs and whom to contact for further information or to complain;

(5)  complaint handling process, including whether it is easy to file a complaint and whether responses are timely;

(6)  ability to timely serve its customers, including the amount of time a customer waits for service in person, by phone, by letter, or at a website; and

(7)  brochures or other printed information, including the accuracy of that information.

(c)  Not later than June 1 of each even-numbered year and on request of the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor's Office of Budget and Policy, an agency shall report on the information gathered under Subsection (b) to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office of Budget and Policy [~~Planning~~].

(d)  Each agency maintains ownership of the information gathered under this section.

SECTION 2.  Section 2114.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2114.003.  PERFORMANCE MEASURES. The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office of Budget and Policy shall jointly develop a standardized method [~~means~~] to measure customer service satisfaction and create standardized performance measures for state agencies in this area.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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