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S.B. No. 819

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to state agency electronic information and processes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2054.0286, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.0286. CHIEF DATA OFFICER [~~STATEWIDE DATA COORDINATOR~~]. (a) The executive director, using existing department funds, shall employ a chief data officer [~~statewide data coordinator~~] to:

(1) improve the control and security of information collected by state agencies;

(2) promote between state agencies the sharing of information, including customer information; [~~and~~]

(3) reduce information collection costs incurred by this state; and

(4) assist the department in the development and management of a data portal for use by state agencies.

(b) The chief data officer [~~statewide data coordinator~~] shall develop and implement best practices among state agencies to:

(1) improve interagency information coordination;

(2) reduce duplicative information collection;

(3) increase accountability and ensure compliance with statutes and rules requiring agencies to share information;

(4) improve information management and analysis to

1 increase information security, uncover fraud and waste, reduce  
2 agency costs, improve agency operations, and verify compliance with  
3 applicable laws;

4 (5) encourage agencies to collect and post on the  
5 agencies' Internet websites or the data portal managed by the  
6 department information related to an agency's ~~[agency]~~ functions or  
7 other data maintained by the agency that is in an open file format  
8 and is machine-readable, exportable, and easily accessible by the  
9 public; and

10 (6) encourage the evaluation of open document formats  
11 for storing data and documents generated by state agencies.

12 (c) Each state agency shall cooperate with the chief data  
13 officer ~~[statewide data coordinator]~~ in fulfilling the  
14 requirements of this section.

15 ~~[(d) This section expires September 1, 2021.]~~

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is  
17 amended by adding Sections 2054.069 and 2054.070 to read as  
18 follows:

19 Sec. 2054.069. DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION GUIDE. (a) The  
20 department shall establish a digital transformation guide to assist  
21 state agencies with:

22 (1) modernizing agency operations and services with  
23 respect to electronic data; and

24 (2) converting agency information into electronic  
25 data.

26 (b) The department may provide:

27 (1) mobile application development assistance;

1           (2) paper document and form inventory assistance;

2           (3) paperless or paper-on-request operational process  
3 planning and development; and

4           (4) electronic notification and digital communication  
5 between the agency and the public.

6           Sec. 2054.070. CENTRAL REPOSITORY FOR PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE  
7 ELECTRONIC DATA. (a) The department shall:

8           (1) establish a central repository of publicly  
9 accessible electronic data as the official open data Internet  
10 website for this state;

11           (2) designate the repository as the Texas Open Data  
12 Portal; and

13           (3) ensure that state agencies and political  
14 subdivisions of this state are granted shared access to the  
15 repository that allows the agencies and political subdivisions to  
16 easily post publicly accessible information to the repository.

17           (b) Each state agency shall prioritize using the central  
18 repository of electronic data established under Subsection (a) and  
19 actively collaborate with the department on publicly accessible  
20 data issues.

21           SECTION 3. Section [2054.071](#), Government Code, is amended to  
22 read as follows:

23           Sec. 2054.071. IDENTITY OF MANAGER; CONSOLIDATION.

24 (a) Each state agency shall designate an employee of the agency to  
25 ~~[The presiding officer of the governing body of a state agency, if~~  
26 ~~the agency is governed by one or more fully paid full-time state~~  
27 ~~officials, and otherwise the executive director of the agency, or~~

1 ~~the designated representative of the presiding officer or executive~~  
2 ~~director, shall]~~ serve as the agency's information resources  
3 manager.

4 (b) An employee [~~A representative~~] designated under  
5 Subsection (a) may be designated to serve as a joint information  
6 resources manager by two or more state agencies. The department  
7 must approve the joint designation.

8 SECTION 4. Section [2157.007](#)(b), Government Code, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 (b) A state agency shall consider:

11 (1) cloud computing service options, including any  
12 security benefits and cost savings associated with purchasing those  
13 service options from a cloud computing service provider and from a  
14 statewide technology center established by the department, when  
15 making purchases for a major information resources project under  
16 Section [2054.118](#); and

17 (2) cloud computing service options and compatibility  
18 with cloud computing services in the development of new information  
19 technology software applications.

20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.