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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that a state agency publish a summary of the purpose of each form on the agency's Internet website.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2051, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2051.203 to read as follows:

Sec. 2051.203. PLAIN LANGUAGE FORMS ON AGENCY WEBSITES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Form" means any document created or adopted by a state agency for use by a member of the public to communicate with or provide information to the agency.

(2) "Plain language" means language the general public, including individuals with limited English proficiency, can readily understand because the language is concise and well-organized.

(3) "State agency" means a department, board, commission, council, office, authority, or other agency in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state government. The term includes an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) A state agency shall publish on the agency's Internet website a summary of the purpose of each form made available to the public on the website.

(c) The summary required under Subsection (b) must be

written in plain language in both English and Spanish in accordance with Section 2054.116.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.