

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the Department of Information Resources' management of
3 certain electronic and telecommunications projects.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2054.003, Government Code, as amended by
6 Chapters 1272 and 1422, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular
7 Session, 2001, is amended by adding Subdivision (16) to read as
8 follows:

9 (16) "Quality assurance team" means the quality
10 assurance team established under Section 2054.158.

11 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 2054.091, Government
12 Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 (b) In preparing the state strategic plan, the executive
14 director shall assess and report on:

15 (1) practices of state agencies regarding information
16 resources management, including interagency and interbranch
17 communication and interagency resource sharing;

18 (2) current and future information resources
19 management technologies and practices and their potential
20 application to state government; ~~and~~

21 (3) return on investment guidelines established by the
22 department to help state agencies to implement major information
23 resources projects more effectively; and

24 (4) any issue the department determines is relevant to

1 the development of the state strategic plan.

2 SECTION 3. Section 2054.092, Government Code, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 Sec. 2054.092. CONTENT OF STATE STRATEGIC PLAN. (a) The
5 state strategic plan must be prepared in coordination with the
6 quality assurance team and state agency information resources
7 managers.

8 (b) The plan must:

9 (1) provide a strategic direction for information
10 resources management in state government for the five fiscal years
11 following adoption of the plan;

12 (2) outline a state information architecture that
13 contains a logically consistent set of principles, policies, and
14 standards to guide the engineering of state government's
15 information technology systems and infrastructure in a way that
16 ensures compatibility and alignment with state government's needs;

17 (3) designate and report on critical electronic
18 government projects to be directed by the department, including a
19 project for electronic purchasing;

20 (4) provide information about~~[, including providing~~
21 ~~a]~~ best practices [model] to assist state agencies in adopting
22 effective information management methods, including the design,
23 deployment, and management of information resources projects,
24 cost-benefit analyses, and staff reengineering methods to take full
25 advantage of technological advancements ~~[and obtaining effective~~
26 ~~information resources technologies];~~

27 (5) establish reporting guidelines for state agencies

1 to report in [~~(2) provide guidance to state agencies in the~~
2 ~~development of the~~] agency strategic plans;

3 (A) the outcomes and progress related to the
4 strategic direction of the state;

5 (B) information necessary to evaluate
6 opportunities for information technology consolidation;

7 (C) progress toward implementing electronic
8 government projects designated under Subdivision (3);

9 (D) the return on investment for projects and
10 cost-benefit models for the projects; and

11 (E) other provisions in this section;

12 (6) [~~(3) establish goals and objectives relating to~~
13 ~~information resources management,~~

14 [~~(4)] provide long-range policy guidelines for~~

15 information resources in state government, including the

16 implementation of national, [~~and~~] international, and department

17 standards for information resources technologies;

18 (7) [~~(5)] identify major issues faced by state~~

19 agencies related to the acquisition of computer hardware, computer

20 software, and information resources technology services and

21 develop a statewide approach to address the issues, including:

22 (A) developing performance measures for

23 purchasing and contracting; and

24 (B) identifying opportunities to reuse computer

25 software code purchased with public funds [~~relating to improved~~

26 ~~information resources management, including the identification of~~

27 ~~needed procurement policy initiatives to encourage competition~~

1 ~~between providers of information resources technologies~~]; and

2 (8) [(6)] identify priorities for:

3 (A) the implementation of information resources
4 technologies according to the relative economic and social impact
5 on the state; and

6 (B) return on investment and cost-benefit
7 analysis strategies.

8 SECTION 4. Subsections (c) and (d), Section 2054.095,
9 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

10 (c) The department shall [~~Legislative Budget Board may~~]
11 prescribe the format required for an agency strategic plan.

12 (d) The department shall [~~Legislative Budget Board may~~]
13 adopt instructions, consistent with Section 2054.096, that guide
14 state agencies in the preparation of their agency strategic plans.
15 [~~The instructions may include the general criteria under which the~~
16 ~~Legislative Budget Board will evaluate the plan.~~]

17 SECTION 5. Subsection (a), Section 2054.096, Government
18 Code, is amended to read as follows:

19 (a) Each agency strategic plan must be consistent with the
20 state strategic plan and include:

21 (1) a statement of the state agency's goals,
22 objectives, and programs as found in the agency's legislative
23 appropriations request;

24 (2) a description of the agency's major data bases and
25 their applications;

26 (3) a description of the agency's information
27 resources management organizations, policies, and practices;

1 (4) a description of interagency computer networks in
2 which the agency participates;

3 (5) a statement of the strategic objectives of the
4 agency relating to information resources management for the next
5 five fiscal years, beginning with the fiscal year during which the
6 plan is submitted, with a description of how those objectives help
7 achieve the agency's programs and goals, and a description of how
8 those objectives support and promote the goals and policies of the
9 state strategic plan; ~~and~~

10 (6) a description of any information resources
11 technology projects proposed by the agency, including:

12 (A) a statement of how the projects relate to
13 similar projects, as identified by the department, implemented or
14 proposed by other agencies; ~~and~~

15 (B) a description of any proposed plans for
16 coordinating the projects with other agencies;

17 (C) a statement of how projects proposed or
18 described under this subsection will provide a return on investment
19 according to guidelines developed by the department; and

20 (D) a detailed description of the past
21 performance of projects implemented under this subsection;

22 (7) the status of the agency's quality assurance
23 initiatives for:

24 (A) security; and

25 (B) major information resources projects;

26 (8) a description of measures taken by the agency to
27 comply with department rules and standards; and

1 (9) [~~7~~] other planning components that the
2 department [~~Legislative Budget Board~~] may prescribe.

3 SECTION 6. Section 2054.097, Government Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 2054.097. REVIEW OF AGENCY STRATEGIC PLAN. (a) A
6 state agency shall send its strategic plan to the quality assurance
7 team [~~Legislative Budget Board~~] and the department for review.

8 (b) The [~~Legislative Budget Board or the~~] department, in
9 coordination with the quality assurance team, shall [~~may~~] report to
10 the agency, and may report to the governor [~~, the state auditor,~~] and
11 the presiding officer of each house of the legislature, that an
12 agency strategic plan or plan amendment is not in compliance with
13 the state strategic plan or best suited to the state agency's
14 execution of its own duty.

15 SECTION 7. Subsections (a) and (b), Section 2054.100,
16 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

17 (a) Each state agency shall submit an operating plan to the
18 Legislative Budget Board, the department, the quality assurance
19 team, and the governor each state fiscal biennium in accordance
20 with the directions of the Legislative Budget Board.

21 (b) The plan must describe the agency's current and proposed
22 projects for the biennium, including how the projects will:

23 (1) benefit individuals in this state and benefit the
24 state as a whole;

25 (2) use, to the fullest extent, technology owned or
26 adapted by other state agencies;

27 (3) employ, to the fullest extent, the department's

1 information technology standards, including Internet-based
2 technology standards;

3 (4) expand, to the fullest extent, to serve residents
4 of this state or to serve other state agencies;

5 (5) develop on time and on budget;

6 (6) produce quantifiable returns on investment; and

7 (7) meet any other criteria developed by the
8 department or the quality assurance team.

9 SECTION 8. Section 2054.102, Government Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 2054.102. EVALUATION AND APPROVAL OF OPERATING PLANS.

12 (a) The Legislative Budget Board may specify procedures for the
13 submission, review, approval, and disapproval of biennial
14 operating plans and amendments, including procedures for review or
15 reconsideration of the Legislative Budget Board's disapproval of a
16 biennial operating plan or biennial operating plan amendment. The
17 Legislative Budget Board shall review and approve or disapprove the
18 biennial operating plan or biennial operating plan amendment not
19 later than the 60th day after the date the plan or amendment to the
20 plan is submitted. The plan or amendment to the plan is considered
21 to be approved on the 61st day after the date the plan or amendment
22 is submitted if the Legislative Budget Board does not disapprove
23 the plan or amendment before that date.

24 (b) The governing board of the department shall adopt rules
25 as necessary to establish department standards.

26 (c) The department shall provide the Legislative Budget
27 Board with a list of agencies that have not complied with department

1 standards, provisions of the state strategic plan, or corrective
2 action plans. An agency identified on a list under this subsection
3 shall develop a corrective action plan approved by the department
4 that specifies the manner in which deficiencies will be corrected
5 before components of or amendments to the agency's biennial
6 operating plan may be approved by the Legislative Budget Board.

7 SECTION 9. Section 2054.118, Government Code, is amended by
8 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read
9 as follows:

10 (a) A state agency may not spend appropriated funds for a
11 major information resources project unless the project has been
12 approved by:

13 (1) the Legislative Budget Board in the agency's
14 biennial operating plan; and

15 (2) the quality assurance team.

16 (b) The department shall develop rules or guidelines for its
17 review of major information resources projects, including
18 guidelines for software development and quality assurance. The
19 department shall also assist the Legislative Budget Board in
20 evaluating the determinations about comparative costs and benefits
21 that state agencies make under Subsection (c).

22 (d) Before a state agency may initially spend appropriated
23 funds for a major information resources project, the state agency
24 must quantitatively define the expected outcomes and outputs for
25 the project and provide that information to the quality assurance
26 team.

27 SECTION 10. Section 2054.1181, Government Code, is amended

1 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d) through (i)
2 to read as follows:

3 (a) The quality assurance team, in coordination with the
4 governor, may recommend major information resources projects to
5 [department shall create a division in] the department for
6 oversight [to oversee the implementation of major information
7 resources projects]. As part of this oversight, the department
8 shall provide risk management, quality assurance services,
9 independent project monitoring, and project management. A state
10 agency with a project selected for oversight shall pay for
11 oversight by the department and quality assurance team based on a
12 funding model developed by the department.

13 (d) The quality assurance team shall evaluate major
14 information resources projects to determine if the projects are
15 operating on time and within budget.

16 (e) If the quality assurance team determines that a major
17 information resources project is poorly managed or has excessive
18 cost overruns, the quality assurance team may:

19 (1) establish a corrective action plan, including
20 modifications to the design, deployment, or costs related to the
21 project; or

22 (2) discontinue the project, subject to Legislative
23 Budget Board approval.

24 (f) The quality assurance team may review and analyze a
25 project's risk to determine whether to approve a project for the
26 expenditure of funds under Section 2054.118(a). When conducting
27 this review, the quality assurance team shall comply with

1 department rules and guidelines. A state agency shall provide the
2 quality assurance team any information necessary for the quality
3 assurance team to determine the project's potential risk. The
4 quality assurance team may approve a project without the review.

5 (g) The quality assurance team may require a state agency to
6 provide information on:

7 (1) the status of a major information resources
8 project;

9 (2) the costs for a major information resources
10 project;

11 (3) the risk associated with a major information
12 resources project; and

13 (4) a major information resources project's general
14 potential for success.

15 (h) On request by the quality assurance team, the state
16 auditor shall audit and review major information resources projects
17 and the information provided by the state agencies under this
18 section.

19 (i) On request by the quality assurance team, the
20 comptroller shall provide assistance regarding:

21 (1) verifying the accuracy of information provided by
22 state agencies on project costs under this section; and

23 (2) determining a state agency's compliance with this
24 section.

25 SECTION 11. Subchapter F, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is
26 amended by adding Sections 2054.1182 and 2054.1183 to read as
27 follows:

1 Sec. 2054.1182. EVALUATION OF COMPLETED MAJOR INFORMATION
2 RESOURCES PROJECTS. (a) After a major information resources
3 project has been completed, the quality assurance team may require
4 a state agency to evaluate and report on whether the project met its
5 objectives or other expectations.

6 (b) The state auditor may:

7 (1) provide an independent evaluation of the completed
8 project to ensure the validity of the results reported under
9 Subsection (a); and

10 (2) send the evaluation to the legislative audit
11 committee.

12 Sec. 2054.1183. ANNUAL REPORT ON MAJOR INFORMATION
13 RESOURCES PROJECTS. Not later than December 1 of each year, the
14 quality assurance team shall report on the status of major
15 information resources projects to the:

16 (1) governor;

17 (2) lieutenant governor;

18 (3) speaker of the house of representatives;

19 (4) presiding officer of the committee in the house of
20 representatives with primary responsibility for appropriations;
21 and

22 (5) presiding officer of the committee in the senate
23 with primary responsibility for appropriations.

24 SECTION 12. The heading to Subchapter G, Chapter 2054,
25 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

26 SUBCHAPTER G. [~~INTERNAL~~] QUALITY ASSURANCE

27 SECTION 13. Subchapter G, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 2054.158 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 2054.158. QUALITY ASSURANCE TEAM. The state auditor,
3 Legislative Budget Board, and department shall:

4 (1) create a quality assurance team to perform the
5 duties specified in this chapter and other law; and

6 (2) specify in writing the responsibilities of the
7 state auditor, Legislative Budget Board, and department in
8 performing the duties.

9 SECTION 14. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 2054.2051,
10 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

11 (b) The telecommunications planning and oversight council
12 shall develop performance measures to establish cost-effective
13 [for the] operations and staffing [staff] of the consolidated
14 telecommunications system and the centralized capitol complex
15 telephone system.

16 (c) The telecommunications planning and oversight council
17 shall review [every three months] the status of all projects
18 related to and the financial performance of the consolidated
19 telecommunications system and the centralized capitol complex
20 telephone system, including:

21 (1) a comparison between actual performance and
22 projected goals at least once every three months; and

23 (2) any benefit of contracting with private vendors to
24 provide some or all of the systems at least once each year.

25 SECTION 15. Section 2055.001, Government Code, is amended
26 by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (5) to read as
27 follows:

1 (1) "Board," "department," "electronic government
2 project," "local government," "major information resources
3 project," "quality assurance team," and "TexasOnline" have the
4 meanings assigned by Section 2054.003.

5 (5) "Consortia project" means an electronic
6 government project involving multiple state agencies and designed
7 to establish common information resources infrastructure.

8 SECTION 16. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 2055,
9 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

10 SUBCHAPTER B. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES;

11 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE

12 SECTION 17. Section 2055.051, Government Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 . Sec. 2055.051. CREATION; OVERSIGHT. (a) The department
15 shall manage [~~create~~] an Electronic Government Program Management
16 Office within the department to direct and facilitate the
17 implementation of electronic government projects selected under
18 this chapter.

19 (b) The office is under the direct authority and oversight
20 of the department.

21 SECTION 18. Section 2055.052, Government Code, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 2055.052. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The department
24 [~~office~~] shall:

25 (1) establish and support standard business practices
26 for electronic government projects;

27 (2) coordinate and establish standards for

1 implementation of electronic government projects;

2 (3) identify and incorporate best practices for
3 electronic government projects in such areas as:

4 (A) the procurement of hardware, software, and
5 technology services;

6 (B) project support;

7 (C) implementation strategies;

8 (D) project planning and scheduling;

9 (E) quality assurance;

10 (F) overall team coordination;

11 (G) status reporting; and

12 (H) technical standards; and

13 (4) establish, direct, and provide risk management and
14 quality assurance services for electronic government projects,
15 including consortia projects.

16 SECTION 19. Section 2055.054, Government Code, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 2055.054. COORDINATION AMONG STATE AGENCIES; APPROVAL
19 OF SPENDING. (a) In coordination with the Legislative Budget
20 Board and the governor [~~comptroller~~], the department [~~office~~]
21 shall:

22 (1) identify the resources necessary for projects and
23 opportunities among multiple state agencies for the coordination of
24 electronic government projects; and

25 (2) approve spending of money for electronic
26 government projects by affected state agencies under Section
27 2055.101.

1 (b) The office, in coordination with state agency
2 information resources managers, shall create state agency
3 coordination teams, as appropriate, to reduce information
4 technology expenditures and eliminate unnecessary duplication.

5 SECTION 20. Subsection (c), Section 2055.055, Government
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 (c) The department, in consultation with the quality
8 assurance team, [~~office~~] shall establish standards for state
9 agencies to follow in implementing:

10 (1) selected electronic government projects to ensure
11 maximum savings through cooperation among agencies;

12 (2) major information resources projects; and

13 (3) consortia projects.

14 SECTION 21. Section 2055.057, Government Code, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 2055.057. FUNDING FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND
17 CERTAIN PROJECTS. (a) In coordination with the governor
18 [~~comptroller, Governor's Office of Budget and Planning, state~~
19 ~~auditor,~~] and the quality assurance team [~~Legislative Budget~~
20 ~~Board~~], the department [~~office~~] shall develop a model for funding
21. consortia projects and the office from a portion of the money
22 appropriated for projects selected under Section 2055.101,
23 including funding staff necessary for the office. The model must:

24 (1) describe how to provide the office with the
25 staffing and other resources necessary for the office to manage the
26 projects it selects; and

27 (2) establish savings, cost avoidance, and other

1 values that result from the consortia projects.

2 (b) The department, in coordination with the quality
3 assurance team, shall recommend to the Legislative Budget Board and
4 the governor [~~may include in its appropriations request~~] a proposal
5 for funding consortia projects selected under Section 2055.101.

6 SECTION 22. Subchapter B, Chapter 2055, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 2055.060 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 2055.060. PERFORMANCE MEASURES. The department shall
9 consult with the Legislative Budget Board to establish a
10 performance measure for the office to identify and measure the
11 value provided to projects selected under Section 2055.101,
12 including the amount of savings, cost avoidance, and other return
13 on investment criteria that the office achieves.

14 SECTION 23. Subchapter B, Chapter 2055, Government Code, is
15 amended by adding Section 2055.061 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 2055.061. STATE DATA CENTER. (a) In this section:

17 (1) "Center" means the State Data Center.

18 (2) "Best value" has the meaning assigned under
19 Section 2157.003.

20 (b) The department shall operate, or through cooperative
21 agreement, manage operations of the State Data Center on the campus
22 of Angelo State University. It is the intent of the legislature
23 that all state agencies and institutions of higher education
24 utilize the center for data center operations, testing disaster
25 recovery plans, and for disaster recovery services. None of the
26 funds appropriated by the legislature may be expended for entering
27 into or renewing contracts or issuing purchase orders for data

1 center operations, disaster recovery plan testing services, or
2 disaster recovery services from other state agencies or other
3 providers of these services without first obtaining a waiver from
4 the Legislative Budget Board certifying that the requested service
5 requirements cannot be provided at reasonable costs through the
6 center. Waiver requests will be evaluated by the Legislative
7 Budget Board, based on best value to the state, rather than best
8 value to the state agency or institution of higher education
9 requesting the waiver. Prior to requesting a waiver from the
10 Legislative Budget Board, agencies and institutions of higher
11 education must first provide the operational vendor of the center
12 with a comprehensive statement of work sufficient for the
13 operational vendor to provide an accurate cost estimate for cost
14 comparison purposes. Prior to initiating the waiver process, state
15 agencies and institutions of higher education must also coordinate
16 with the department regarding appropriate time frames for
17 preparation of the statement of work, pricing, cost comparison, and
18 transition. Agencies and institutions of higher education shall
19 use the State Auditor's Report 95-139 in evaluating cost
20 comparison. The Legislative Budget Board may request assistance
21 from the State Auditor's Office in validating cost evaluations.
22 Waivers may be granted for specific periods of time and any
23 contracts for services obtained under waiver may not extend beyond
24 the expiration date of the waiver. Once a waiver has been granted,
25 state agencies and institutions of higher education must provide a
26 comparison of actual costs versus the projected costs used to
27 obtain the waiver on an annual basis to the Legislative Budget

1 Board.

2 (c) State agencies and institutions of higher education
3 that use the center shall do so under contract with the department.
4 The department may collect fees for these services in amounts that
5 offset the direct and indirect costs of providing the services. The
6 department may request assistance from the State Auditor regarding
7 the billing system formula for offsetting service costs. In order
8 for the state to realize maximum cost savings and operational
9 efficiencies, the department, in consultation with the Legislative
10 Budget Board, the State Auditor's Office, and the center's
11 operational vendor, will develop a comprehensive information
12 technology consolidation plan and provide information relating to
13 the use of the center as a location for one of the state's
14 consolidated data centers. The department shall file a written
15 report of the plan with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and
16 the speaker of the house of representatives not later than May 31,
17 2004.

18 SECTION 24. Subsections (a) and (c), Section 2055.101,
19 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

20 (a) The department [~~office~~], in coordination with the
21 governor and the quality assurance team, [~~state auditor, and~~
22 ~~Legislative Budget Board,~~] shall develop selection criteria for the
23 type of electronic government projects that require direct
24 oversight by the office. The criteria must include:

25 (1) issues related to interagency cooperation and
26 implementation;

27 (2) costs, including reimbursement strategies;

1 (3) requirements for authentication and security
2 implications; and

3 (4) the state's strategic vision regarding electronic
4 government projects.

5 (c) Based on any selection criteria adopted under
6 Subsection (b) [~~and in coordination with the governor, state~~
7 ~~auditor, and Legislative Budget Board~~], the department [~~office~~] may
8 select proposed or existing electronic government projects,
9 including consortia projects.

10 SECTION 25. Subsection (a), Section 2055.153, Government
11 Code, is amended to read as follows:

12 (a) The department [~~In coordination with the quality~~
13 ~~assurance team of the Legislative Budget Board and the state~~
14 ~~auditor, the office~~] shall establish a state agency reporting
15 system that requires state agencies to report to the office on:

16 (1) electronic government projects selected under
17 Section 2055.101 so that the office may effectively monitor those
18 projects; and

19 (2) all other electronic government projects for that
20 agency.

21 SECTION 26. Subchapter D, Chapter 2055, Government Code, is
22 amended by adding Section 2055.154 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 2055.154. REPORT ON FUNDING MODEL AND PERFORMANCE
24 MEASURES. The office shall track its progress against the funding
25 model established under Section 2055.057 and the performance
26 measures established under Section 2055.060. The office shall
27 regularly report on the progress to:

- 1 (1) each state agency with a project selected under
2 Section 2055.101;
- 3 (2) the quality assurance team;
4 (3) the governor;
5 (4) the speaker of the house of representatives;
6 (5) the lieutenant governor; and
7 (6) the presiding officer of each committee in the
8 legislature with primary oversight over the department.

9 SECTION 27. Section 2157.005, Government Code, is amended
10 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

11 (d) This section does not apply to the purchase of a
12 wireless communications device to be used by peace officers,
13 firefighters, and other emergency response personnel to respond to
14 a public safety emergency.

15 SECTION 28. Subchapter A, Chapter 441, Government Code, is
16 amended by adding Section 441.010 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 441.010. ELECTRONICALLY SEARCHABLE CENTRAL GRANT
18 DATABASE. (a) In this section:

19 (1) "Department" means the Department of Information
20 Resources.

21 (2) "Grant" means a grant, contract, or other
22 cooperative agreement under which a state agency awards financial
23 assistance in the form of money, property, a loan, or another thing
24 of value to a governmental or nongovernmental entity and the
25 governmental or nongovernmental entity receiving the award is
26 responsible for implementing a state or federal program in
27 accordance with guidelines provided by the agency awarding the

1 grant. The term does not include a contract to obtain a
2 professional or consulting service subject to Chapter 2254.

3 (b) The commission, in cooperation with the department,
4 shall establish an electronically searchable central database
5 accessible through the commission's on-line access system that will
6 allow a person to:

7 (1) use keyword searches to discover all available
8 state agency grant opportunities;

9 (2) obtain basic information regarding each available
10 state agency grant opportunity, including basic information about
11 the program that the grant recipient will implement, the geographic
12 area in which the grant recipient will implement the program, the
13 eligibility requirements for obtaining the grant, and the grant
14 application process; and

15 (3) electronically link to the portion of the granting
16 agency's website at which the person may obtain more detailed
17 information about each available state agency grant opportunity.

18 (c) The department shall provide a link on TexasOnline to
19 the database established under Subsection (b). In this subsection,
20 "TexasOnline" has the meaning assigned by Section 2054.003.

21 (d) Each state agency that will award a grant shall,
22 concurrently with any other action the agency takes to inform the
23 public or any person about the grant opportunity, report to the
24 commission information related to the grant that the commission
25 requires in a form prescribed by the commission so that the
26 commission may include information about the grant in the
27 electronically searchable central database established under

1 Subsection (b).

2 (e) The governor shall appoint an advisory committee
3 composed of nine representatives from the Electronic Grants
4 Technical Assistance Workgroup to:

5 (1) gather input from public and other users of the
6 database; and

7 (2) advise the commission regarding the development of
8 the database and regarding the commission's exercise of its powers
9 under Subsection (d).

10 (f) The advisory committee appointed under Subsection (e)
11 shall meet in Austin. A state agency that is represented on the
12 committee by a person who is not based in the Austin area is
13 responsible for any travel expenses incurred by its representative.

14 (g) The commission shall appoint an advisory committee
15 composed of five public members to annually evaluate the operation
16 of the electronically searchable central database.

17 (h) Chapter 2110 does not apply to an advisory committee
18 formed under this section.

19 SECTION 29. Subsection (c), Section 2054.1181, and Section
20 2055.059, Government Code, are repealed.

21 SECTION 30. To allow state agencies to reduce design and
22 software licensing costs, the Department of Information Resources
23 shall coordinate with the governor to move information on the
24 GovernmentDomain.com Internet website to the department and to
25 promote the reuse of software purchased with public money.

26 SECTION 31. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Swisher
President of the Senate

Jim Cudde
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1701 passed the Senate on April 28, 2003, by a viva-voce vote; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 31, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1701 passed the House, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Nancy
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