

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1845
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;
1-4 April 20, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 20, 2015,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1845 By: Watson

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to employment of a statewide data coordinator in the
1-22 Department of Information Resources.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Section 2054.0286 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 2054.0286. STATEWIDE DATA COORDINATOR. (a) The
1-27 executive director, using existing department funds, shall employ a
1-28 statewide data coordinator to:

1-29 (1) improve the control and security of information
1-30 collected by state agencies;

1-31 (2) promote between state agencies the sharing of
1-32 information, including customer information; and

1-33 (3) reduce information collection costs incurred by
1-34 this state.

1-35 (b) The statewide data coordinator shall develop and
1-36 implement best practices among state agencies to:

1-37 (1) improve interagency information coordination;

1-38 (2) reduce duplicative information collection;

1-39 (3) increase accountability and ensure compliance
1-40 with statutes and rules requiring agencies to share information;

1-41 (4) improve information management and analysis to
1-42 increase information security, uncover fraud and waste, reduce
1-43 agency costs, improve agency operations, and verify compliance with
1-44 applicable laws; and

1-45 (5) encourage agencies to collect and post on the
1-46 agencies' Internet websites information related to agency
1-47 functions that is in an open source format and is machine-readable,
1-48 exportable, and easily accessible by the public.

1-49 (c) Each state agency shall cooperate with the statewide
1-50 data coordinator in fulfilling the requirements of this section.

1-51 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
1-52 of this Act, the executive director of the Department of
1-53 Information Resources shall employ a statewide data coordinator as
1-54 required by Section 2054.0286, Government Code, as added by this
1-55 Act.

1-56 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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