

1-1 By: Taylor of Collin S.B. No. 135
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 14, 2016; January 25, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
 1-4 March 6, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 14,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 6, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to the submission of a report by certain entities
 1-26 identifying spending reduction measures.
 1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-28 SECTION 1. Chapter 322, Government Code, is amended by
 1-29 adding Section 322.025 to read as follows:
 1-30 Sec. 322.025. REPORT ON SPENDING REDUCTION MEASURES.
 1-31 (a) Not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year, each
 1-32 entity that is required to submit a legislative appropriations
 1-33 request shall submit to the board a detailed report identifying
 1-34 measures by which the entity may reduce its expenditures from
 1-35 general revenue and general revenue-dedicated accounts by 1
 1-36 percent, 5 percent, and 10 percent in the next state fiscal
 1-37 biennium.
 1-38 (b) An entity described by Subsection (a) shall rank each of
 1-39 the 1 percent, 5 percent, and 10 percent spending reduction
 1-40 measures from highest to lowest priority. The entity shall assign
 1-41 higher priority to measures that:
 1-42 (1) have fewer consequences for the entity's programs
 1-43 and goals;
 1-44 (2) have less impact on populations served by the
 1-45 entity; or
 1-46 (3) eliminate redundancies and inefficiencies.
 1-47 (c) An entity described by Subsection (a) may not include in
 1-48 the report a spending reduction measure that would violate the
 1-49 state or federal constitution.
 1-50 (d) The board may exempt certain expenditures from
 1-51 consideration under this section.
 1-52 (e) The board may issue guidance regarding:
 1-53 (1) standards for reports required by this section,
 1-54 including format, content, and methods of submission; and
 1-55 (2) prioritizing spending reduction measures under
 1-56 Subsection (b).
 1-57 (f) The board may require an entity to submit the report
 1-58 under this section with the entity's legislative appropriations
 1-59 request.
 1-60 (g) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
 1-61 the board shall make reports received under this section available

2-1 to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
2-2 representatives, and members of the legislature.

2-3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-7 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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