

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 398
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 21, 2016; February 1, 2017,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
1-4 April 6, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; April 6, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	Kolkhorst	X		
1-9	Burton	X		
1-10	Huffines	X		
1-11	Hughes	X		
1-12	Nichols	X		
1-13	West	X		
1-14	Zaffirini	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a study conducted by the State Auditor's Office to
1-18 compare the projected cost estimate attached to certain bills and
1-19 resolutions to the actual cost to the state of the bills and
1-20 resolutions.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Government Code, is amended by
1-23 adding Section 321.0139 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 321.0139. STUDY ON ACTUAL COST OF BILLS AND
1-25 RESOLUTIONS. (a) The State Auditor shall conduct a study to
1-26 compare the probable cost estimate in fiscal notes prepared by the
1-27 Legislative Budget Board and attached to bills or resolutions in
1-28 accordance with Chapter 314 with the actual cost to the state of the
1-29 bills or resolutions.

1-30 (b) In conducting the study under this section, the State
1-31 Auditor shall:

1-32 (1) select for cost comparison a random sample set
1-33 consisting of 10 percent of fiscal notes prepared by the
1-34 Legislative Budget Board from the preceding five regular
1-35 legislative sessions that:

1-36 (A) projected a cost to the state; and

1-37 (B) were attached to bills or resolutions that
1-38 took effect; and

1-39 (2) develop a system to determine the actual cost to
1-40 the state associated with a bill or resolution that took effect.

1-41 (c) Not later than September 1, 2018, the State Auditor
1-42 shall deliver the results of the study conducted under this section
1-43 to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house
1-44 of representatives, the House Appropriations Committee, and the
1-45 Senate Finance Committee.

1-46 (d) This section expires December 31, 2018.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

1-52 * * * * *