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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to state agency electronic information and processes.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Section 2054.0286, Government Code, is amended
 1-22 to read as follows:
 1-23 Sec. 2054.0286. CHIEF DATA OFFICER [~~STATEWIDE DATA~~
 1-24 ~~COORDINATOR~~]. (a) The executive director, using existing
 1-25 department funds, shall employ a chief data officer [~~statewide data~~
 1-26 ~~coordinator~~] to:
 1-27 (1) improve the control and security of information
 1-28 collected by state agencies;
 1-29 (2) promote between state agencies the sharing of
 1-30 information, including customer information; [~~and~~]
 1-31 (3) reduce information collection costs incurred by
 1-32 this state; and
 1-33 (4) assist the department in the development and
 1-34 management of a data portal for use by state agencies.
 1-35 (b) The chief data officer [~~statewide data coordinator~~]
 1-36 shall develop and 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;
 1-45 (5) encourage agencies to collect and post on the
 1-46 agencies' Internet websites or the data portal managed by the
 1-47 department information related to an agency's [~~agency~~] functions or
 1-48 other data maintained by the agency that is in an open file format
 1-49 and is machine-readable, exportable, and easily accessible by the
 1-50 public; and
 1-51 (6) encourage the evaluation of open document formats
 1-52 for storing data and documents generated by state agencies.
 1-53 (c) Each state agency shall cooperate with the chief data
 1-54 officer [~~statewide data coordinator~~] in fulfilling the
 1-55 requirements of this section.
 1-56 [~~(d) This section expires September 1, 2021.~~]
 1-57 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is
 1-58 amended by adding Sections 2054.069 and 2054.070 to read as
 1-59 follows:
 1-60 Sec. 2054.069. DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION GUIDE. (a) The
 1-61 department shall establish a digital transformation guide to assist

2-1 state agencies with:

2-2 (1) modernizing agency operations and services with
 2-3 respect to electronic data; and

2-4 (2) converting agency information into electronic
 2-5 data.

2-6 (b) The department may provide:

2-7 (1) mobile application development assistance;

2-8 (2) paper document and form inventory assistance;

2-9 (3) paperless or paper-on-request operational process
 2-10 planning and development; and

2-11 (4) electronic notification and digital communication
 2-12 between the agency and the public.

2-13 Sec. 2054.070. CENTRAL REPOSITORY FOR PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
 2-14 ELECTRONIC DATA. (a) The department shall:

2-15 (1) establish a central repository of publicly
 2-16 accessible electronic data as the official open data Internet
 2-17 website for this state;

2-18 (2) designate the repository as the Texas Open Data
 2-19 Portal; and

2-20 (3) ensure that state agencies and political
 2-21 subdivisions of this state are granted shared access to the
 2-22 repository that allows the agencies and political subdivisions to
 2-23 easily post publicly accessible information to the repository.

2-24 (b) Each state agency shall prioritize using the central
 2-25 repository of electronic data established under Subsection (a) and
 2-26 actively collaborate with the department on publicly accessible
 2-27 data issues.

2-28 SECTION 3. Section 2054.071, Government Code, is amended to
 2-29 read as follows:

2-30 Sec. 2054.071. IDENTITY OF MANAGER; CONSOLIDATION.

2-31 (a) Each state agency shall designate an employee of the agency to
 2-32 [The presiding officer of the governing body of a state agency, if
 2-33 the agency is governed by one or more fully paid full-time state
 2-34 officials, and otherwise the executive director of the agency, or
 2-35 the designated representative of the presiding officer or executive
 2-36 director, shall] serve as the agency's information resources
 2-37 manager.

2-38 (b) An employee [A representative] designated under
 2-39 Subsection (a) may be designated to serve as a joint information
 2-40 resources manager by two or more state agencies. The department
 2-41 must approve the joint designation.

2-42 SECTION 4. Section 2157.007(b), Government Code, is amended
 2-43 to read as follows:

2-44 (b) A state agency shall consider:

2-45 (1) cloud computing service options, including any
 2-46 security benefits and cost savings associated with purchasing those
 2-47 service options from a cloud computing service provider and from a
 2-48 statewide technology center established by the department, when
 2-49 making purchases for a major information resources project under
 2-50 Section 2054.118; and

2-51 (2) cloud computing service options and compatibility
 2-52 with cloud computing services in the development of new information
 2-53 technology software applications.

2-54 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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