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1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

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1-21 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1500 By: King

1-22 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-23 AN ACT

1-24 relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of
 1-25 Information Resources, including the composition of the governing
 1-26 body of the department and, in collaboration with the comptroller,
 1-27 the administration of state assistance opportunities.

1-28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-29 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 656, Government Code, is
 1-30 amended by adding Sections 656.0505 and 656.0506 to read as
 1-31 follows:

1-32 Sec. 656.0505. VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION COURSE ON
 1-33 PROCUREMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES TECHNOLOGIES. (a) In this
 1-34 section:

1-35 (1) "Department" means the Department of Information
 1-36 Resources.

1-37 (2) "Information resources technologies" has the
 1-38 meaning assigned by Section 2054.003.

1-39 (b) In coordination with the comptroller, the department
 1-40 shall develop and implement a certification course on the
 1-41 procurement of information resources technologies and make the
 1-42 course available to a person who:

1-43 (1) holds a purchasing certification issued under
 1-44 Section 656.051;

1-45 (2) holds a contract management certification issued
 1-46 under Section 656.052; or

1-47 (3) holds both certifications described by
 1-48 Subdivisions (1) and (2).

1-49 (c) The department shall provide the course at least
 1-50 quarterly and must provide the course in person.

1-51 (d) The department shall certify a state agency employee who
 1-52 successfully completes the course.

1-53 (e) Successful completion of the course may be credited
 1-54 toward any continuing education requirements for maintaining a
 1-55 certification under Section 656.051 or 656.052, or both.

1-56 Sec. 656.0506. TRAINING ON PURCHASES OF INFORMATION
 1-57 RESOURCES TECHNOLOGIES FOR CERTAIN STATE AGENCY OFFICERS AND
 1-58 EMPLOYEES. (a) In this section:

1-59 (1) "Department" means the Department of Information
 1-60 Resources.

2-1 (2) "Information resources technologies" has the
2-2 meaning assigned by Section 2054.003.

2-3 (b) The department shall develop and provide annual
2-4 training for persons who serve in upper management positions at
2-5 state agencies, including elected or appointed state officers and
2-6 executive heads of state agencies on best practices and
2-7 methodologies for purchasing information resources technologies.

2-8 (c) The department shall include in the training provided
2-9 under Subsection (b) information the department covers in the
2-10 certification programs established by Sections 656.051 and 656.052
2-11 that is related to the purchase of information resources
2-12 technologies. The department may include additional topics in the
2-13 training.

2-14 (d) The department may not require a person described by
2-15 Subsection (b) to participate in the training.

2-16 SECTION 2. Chapter 783, Government Code, is amended by
2-17 designating Sections 783.001 through 783.010, Government Code, as
2-18 Subchapter A and adding a subchapter heading to read as follows:

2-19 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

2-20 SECTION 3. Chapter 783, Government Code, is amended by
2-21 adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

2-22 SUBCHAPTER B. STATE ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

2-23 Sec. 783.051. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

2-24 (1) "Health and human services agency" means:

2-25 (A) the Department of Family and Protective
2-26 Services;

2-27 (B) the Department of State Health Services; and

2-28 (C) the Health and Human Services Commission.

2-29 (2) "Institution of higher education" and "university
2-30 system" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003, Education
2-31 Code.

2-32 (3) "State agency" has the meaning assigned by Section
2-33 2054.003, except that the term does not include:

2-34 (A) an institution of higher education or a
2-35 university system; or

2-36 (B) a health and human services agency.

2-37 (4) "State assistance" includes a grant, contract,
2-38 loan, loan guarantee, cooperative agreement, direct appropriation,
2-39 property, or another method of disbursement awarded by a state
2-40 agency.

2-41 Sec. 783.052. STATE ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY ADVERTISEMENT.

2-42 (a) The comptroller, in coordination with the Department of
2-43 Information Resources, shall develop an electronic advertising
2-44 system to post a state assistance opportunity on the electronic
2-45 state business daily in a manner that:

2-46 (1) provides a single location for all state agencies
2-47 to post electronic summaries of state assistance opportunities;

2-48 (2) provides a standard format for announcing a state
2-49 assistance opportunity; and

2-50 (3) enables a person to search for a state assistance
2-51 opportunity provided by a state agency.

2-52 (b) Subject to Chapter 2157, an institution of higher
2-53 education, a university system, or a health and human services
2-54 agency may elect to post state assistance opportunity
2-55 advertisements in the same manner as a state agency under this
2-56 section.

2-57 SECTION 4. Section 2155.083(c), Government Code, is amended
2-58 to read as follows:

2-59 (c) The comptroller shall operate the electronic state
2-60 business daily for state agencies and other eligible entities to
2-61 advertise pre-solicitation notices, solicitations, ~~and~~ contract
2-62 awards, and grants.

2-63 SECTION 5. Section 2054.003(13), Government Code, is
2-64 amended to read as follows:

2-65 (13) "State agency" means, except as otherwise
2-66 provided by this chapter, a department, commission, board, office,
2-67 council, authority, or other agency in the executive or judicial
2-68 branch of state government that is created by the constitution or a
2-69 statute of this state, including a university system or institution

3-1 of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.
3-2 SECTION 6. Section 2054.005, Government Code, is amended to
3-3 read as follows:

3-4 Sec. 2054.005. SUNSET PROVISION. [~~(a)~~] The Department of
3-5 Information Resources is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act).
3-6 Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the
3-7 department is abolished [~~and this chapter expires~~] September 1,
3-8 2037 [~~2025~~].

3-9 SECTION 7. Section 2054.021, Government Code, is amended by
3-10 amending Subsections (a), (c), (f), (g), and (h) and adding
3-11 Subsections (a-1), (c-1), (c-2), and (i) to read as follows:

3-12 (a) For purposes of this section, "state agency" has the
3-13 meaning assigned by Section 2054.003 but does not include:

3-14 (1) a department, commission, board, office, council,
3-15 authority, or other agency in the judicial branch of state
3-16 government; or

3-17 (2) an institution of higher education or a university
3-18 system, as those terms are defined by Section 61.003, Education
3-19 Code.

3-20 (a-1) The department is governed by a board composed of 11
3-21 members as follows:

3-22 (1) seven voting members appointed by the governor
3-23 with the advice and consent of the senate; and

3-24 (2) four nonvoting members as provided by Subsection
3-25 (c). [~~One member must be employed by an institution of higher~~
3-26 education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.]

3-27 (c) The governor shall appoint the four nonvoting members of
3-28 the board as follows:

3-29 (1) one member who is an employee of an institution of
3-30 higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code;

3-31 (2) two members who are employees of state agencies
3-32 that are on the list provided under Subsection (c-1); and

3-33 (3) one member who is an employee of a state agency
3-34 with fewer than 500 full-time employees.

3-35 (c-1) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
3-36 the department shall provide the governor a list of the 10 state
3-37 agencies that spent the most money on products and services of the
3-38 department during the previous state fiscal year.

3-39 (c-2) A nonvoting member of the board serves for a two-year
3-40 term that expires February 1 of each odd-numbered year. [~~Two groups~~
3-41 each composed of three ex officio members serve on the board on a
3-42 rotating basis. The ex officio members serve as nonvoting members
3-43 of the board. Only one group serves at a time. The first group is
3-44 composed of the commissioner of insurance, the executive
3-45 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, and the
3-46 executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.
3-47 Members of the first group serve for two-year terms that begin
3-48 February 1 of every other odd-numbered year and that expire on
3-49 February 1 of the next odd-numbered year. The second group is
3-50 composed of the commissioner of education, the executive director
3-51 of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the executive
3-52 director of the Parks and Wildlife Department. Members of the
3-53 second group serve for two-year terms that begin February 1 of the
3-54 odd-numbered years in which the terms of members of the first group
3-55 expire and that expire on February 1 of the next odd-numbered year.]

3-56 (f) A [~~To be eligible to take office or serve as a voting or~~
3-57 nonvoting member of the board, a] person who is appointed to and
3-58 qualifies for office as a member of the board may not vote,
3-59 deliberate, or be counted as a member in attendance at a meeting of
3-60 the board until the person:

3-61 (1) completes [~~appointed to or scheduled to serve as~~
3-62 an ex officio member of the board must complete at least one course
3-63 of] a training program that complies with Subsection (g); and

3-64 (2) signs and submits to the executive director a
3-65 statement acknowledging that the member completed the training
3-66 program and the training required under Section 656.053 [~~this~~
3-67 section]. [~~A voting or nonvoting board member must complete a~~
3-68 training program that complies with Subsection (g) not later than
3-69 the 180th day after the date on which the person takes office or

4-1 ~~begins serving as a member of the board.]~~
4-2 (g) The training program must provide the person with
4-3 information ~~[to the person]~~ regarding:
4-4 (1) the law governing department operations ~~[this~~
4-5 ~~chapter]~~ and the board to which the person is appointed to serve;
4-6 (2) the programs, functions, rules, and budget of
4-7 ~~[operated by]~~ the department;
4-8 (3) the scope of and limitations on the rulemaking
4-9 authority of the department ~~[the role and functions of the~~
4-10 ~~department];~~
4-11 (4) the results of the most recent formal audit of the
4-12 department ~~[rules of the department, with an emphasis on the rules~~
4-13 ~~that relate to disciplinary and investigatory authority];~~
4-14 (5) the requirements of:
4-15 (A) laws relating to open meetings, public
4-16 information, administrative procedure, and disclosing conflicts of
4-17 interest; and
4-18 (B) other laws applicable to members of a state
4-19 policy-making body in performing their duties ~~[current budget for~~
4-20 ~~the department];~~
4-21 (6) ~~[the results of the most recent formal audit of the~~
4-22 ~~department,~~
4-23 ~~[(7) the requirements of the:~~
4-24 ~~[(A) open meetings law, Chapter 551,~~
4-25 ~~[(B) open records law, Chapter 552; and~~
4-26 ~~[(C) administrative procedure law, Chapter 2001,~~
4-27 ~~[(8) the requirements of the conflict of interest laws~~
4-28 ~~and other laws relating to public officials,~~
4-29 ~~[(9)] any applicable ethics policies adopted by the~~
4-30 ~~department or the Texas Ethics Commission; and~~
4-31 (7) ~~[(10)]~~ contract management training.
4-32 (h) A person appointed to the board is entitled to
4-33 reimbursement, as provided by the General Appropriations Act, for
4-34 travel expenses incurred in attending the training program,
4-35 regardless of whether the attendance at the program occurs before
4-36 or after the person qualifies for office ~~[as provided by the General~~
4-37 ~~Appropriations Act and as if the person were a member of the board].~~
4-38 (i) The executive director shall create a training manual
4-39 that includes the information required by Subsection (g). The
4-40 executive director shall distribute a copy of the training manual
4-41 annually to each member of the board. Each member of the board
4-42 shall sign and submit to the executive director a statement
4-43 acknowledging that the member received and has reviewed the
4-44 training manual.
4-45 SECTION 8. Section 2054.024(c), Government Code, is amended
4-46 to read as follows:
4-47 (c) If the final result of an action brought in a court of
4-48 competent jurisdiction is that a board ~~[an ex officio or other]~~
4-49 ~~member [of the board]~~ may not serve on the board under the Texas
4-50 Constitution, the ~~[appropriate individual shall promptly submit a~~
4-51 ~~list to the]~~ governor shall appoint ~~[for the appointment of]~~ a
4-52 replacement who may serve.
4-53 SECTION 9. The heading to Section 2054.033, Government
4-54 Code, is amended to read as follows:
4-55 Sec. 2054.033. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES;
4-56 ADMINISTRATION AND REQUIREMENTS.
4-57 SECTION 10. Section 2054.033, Government Code, is amended
4-58 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e), (f), and (g)
4-59 to read as follows:
4-60 (a) The board and the executive director, if authorized by
4-61 the board, by rule may establish ~~[appoint]~~ advisory committees as
4-62 the department considers necessary to provide expertise to the
4-63 department.
4-64 (e) With respect to an advisory committee whose
4-65 jurisdiction covers a service provided by the department to state
4-66 agencies, in appointing members to the advisory committee the board
4-67 shall:
4-68 (1) to the extent practicable, ensure that the
4-69 advisory committee is composed of a cross-section of the

5-1 department's customers who use the service; and
 5-2 (2) appoint, in addition to the member required by
 5-3 Subsection (d), at least one member who is an employee of a state
 5-4 agency with 500 or fewer full-time employees.

5-5 (f) The board shall adopt rules to govern each advisory
 5-6 committee of the department. The rules must include:

5-7 (1) the purpose, role, goals, composition, and
 5-8 duration of the advisory committee;

5-9 (2) as to the advisory committee members:

5-10 (A) the appointment procedures, terms, and
 5-11 quorum requirements;

5-12 (B) conflict-of-interest policies; and

5-13 (C) as advisable, member qualifications or
 5-14 training requirements;

5-15 (3) as appropriate, a method the department must use
 5-16 to receive public input on issues considered by the advisory
 5-17 committee; and

5-18 (4) as appropriate, a method for sharing findings and
 5-19 information of the advisory committee with the public and the
 5-20 board.

5-21 (g) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, an
 5-22 advisory committee of the department is subject to Chapter 2110.

5-23 SECTION 11. Subchapter B, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is
 5-24 amended by adding Sections 2054.0333, 2054.0335, and 2054.0337 to
 5-25 read as follows:

5-26 Sec. 2054.0333. ADVISORY COMMITTEES ON DEPARTMENT
 5-27 FUNCTIONS REQUIRED. The board by rule shall establish advisory
 5-28 committees under Section 2054.033 that advise the board on
 5-29 governing the department and cover in subject matter the
 5-30 department's primary functions, including at least one advisory
 5-31 committee for each of the following subjects:

5-32 (1) procurement under Subchapter B, Chapter 2157;

5-33 (2) the development and implementation of information
 5-34 security programs; and

5-35 (3) the preparation of the state strategic plan
 5-36 required by Section 2054.091.

5-37 Sec. 2054.0335. STATEWIDE INFORMATION SECURITY ADVISORY
 5-38 COMMITTEE. (a) The board by rule shall establish an advisory
 5-39 committee under Section 2054.033 to make recommendations to the
 5-40 department on improving the effectiveness of the department's and
 5-41 this state's information security operations.

5-42 (b) The advisory committee must include members who are
 5-43 information security professionals employed by state agencies and
 5-44 local governments.

5-45 (c) The presiding officer of the advisory committee is the
 5-46 chief information security officer under Section 2054.510.

5-47 Sec. 2054.0337. CUSTOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The
 5-48 board by rule shall establish an advisory committee under Section
 5-49 2054.033 to report to and advise the board on improving the
 5-50 effectiveness and efficiency of services provided by the department
 5-51 to customers.

5-52 (b) The board shall appoint advisory committee members who
 5-53 are employees of state agencies that:

5-54 (1) use the department's services; and

5-55 (2) have 500 or fewer full-time employees, including
 5-56 at least three members who are employees of state agencies that have
 5-57 150 or fewer full-time employees.

5-58 SECTION 12. Section 2054.035(b), Government Code, is
 5-59 amended to read as follows:

5-60 (b) The department shall prepare information of public
 5-61 interest describing the functions of the department ~~and the~~
 5-62 ~~procedures by which complaints are filed with and resolved by the~~
 5-63 ~~department].~~ The department shall make the information available
 5-64 to the public and appropriate state agencies.

5-65 SECTION 13. Section 2054.036, Government Code, is amended
 5-66 to read as follows:

5-67 Sec. 2054.036. COMPLAINTS. (a) The department shall
 5-68 maintain a system to promptly and efficiently act on complaints
 5-69 filed with the department. The department shall maintain

6-1 information about parties to the complaint, the subject matter of
 6-2 the complaint, and a summary of the results of the review or
 6-3 investigation of the complaint, and its disposition. [keep a file
 6-4 about each written complaint filed with the department that the
 6-5 department has authority to resolve. The department shall provide
 6-6 to the person filing the complaint and the persons or entities
 6-7 complained about the department's policies and procedures
 6-8 pertaining to complaint investigation and resolution. The
 6-9 department, at least quarterly and until final disposition of the
 6-10 complaint, shall notify the person filing the complaint and the
 6-11 persons or entities complained about of the status of the complaint
 6-12 unless the notice would jeopardize an undercover investigation.]

6-13 (b) The department shall make information available
 6-14 describing its procedures for complaint investigation and
 6-15 resolution [keep information about each complaint filed with the
 6-16 department]. [The information shall include:

6-17 [1] the date the complaint is received;

6-18 [2] the name of the complainant;

6-19 [3] the subject matter of the complaint;

6-20 [4] a record of all persons contacted in relation to
 6-21 the complaint;

6-22 [5] a summary of the results of the review or
 6-23 investigation of the complaint; and

6-24 [6] for complaints for which the department took no
 6-25 action, an explanation of the reason the complaint was closed
 6-26 without action.]

6-27 (c) The department shall periodically notify the complaint
 6-28 parties of the status of the complaint until final disposition
 6-29 unless the notice would jeopardize an ongoing investigation.

6-30 SECTION 14. Sections 2054.055(b) and (b-2), Government
 6-31 Code, are amended to read as follows:

6-32 (b) The report must:

6-33 (1) assess the progress made toward meeting the goals
 6-34 and objectives of the state strategic plan for information
 6-35 resources management;

6-36 (2) describe major accomplishments of the state or a
 6-37 specific state agency in information resources management;

6-38 (3) describe major problems in information resources
 6-39 management confronting the state or a specific state agency;

6-40 (4) provide a summary of the total expenditures for
 6-41 information resources and information resources technologies by
 6-42 the state;

6-43 (5) make recommendations for improving the
 6-44 effectiveness and cost-efficiency of the state's use of information
 6-45 resources;

6-46 (6) describe the status, progress, benefits, and
 6-47 efficiency gains of the state electronic Internet portal project,
 6-48 including any significant issues regarding contract performance;

6-49 (7) provide a financial summary of the state
 6-50 electronic Internet portal project, including project costs and
 6-51 revenues;

6-52 (8) ~~provide a summary of the amount and use of~~
 6-53 ~~Internet-based training conducted by each state agency and~~
 6-54 ~~institution of higher education;~~

6-55 ~~provide a summary of agency and statewide~~
 6-56 ~~results in providing access to electronic and information resources~~
 6-57 ~~to individuals with disabilities as required by Subchapter M;~~

6-58 (9) ~~(10)~~ assess the progress made toward
 6-59 accomplishing the goals of the plan for a state telecommunications
 6-60 network and developing a system of telecommunications services as
 6-61 provided by Subchapter H; and

6-62 (10) ~~(11)~~ identify proposed major information
 6-63 resources projects for the next state fiscal biennium, including
 6-64 project costs through stages of the project and across state fiscal
 6-65 years from project initiation to implementation.

6-66 (b-2) The information required under Subsection (b)(10)
 6-67 ~~(b)(11)~~ must include:

6-68 (1) final total cost of ownership budget data for the
 6-69 entire life cycle of the major information resources project,

7-1 including capital and operational costs that itemize staffing
7-2 costs, contracted services, hardware purchased or leased, software
7-3 purchased or leased, travel, and training;

7-4 (2) the original project schedule and the final actual
7-5 project schedule;

7-6 (3) data on the progress toward meeting the original
7-7 goals and performance measures of the project, specifically those
7-8 related to operating budget savings;

7-9 (4) lessons learned on the project, performance
7-10 evaluations of any vendors used in the project, and reasons for
7-11 project delays or cost increases; and

7-12 (5) the benefits, cost avoidance, and cost savings
7-13 generated by major technology resources projects.

7-14 SECTION 15. Subchapter C, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is
7-15 amended by adding Section 2054.057 to read as follows:

7-16 Sec. 2054.057. PROCUREMENT SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM. (a) In
7-17 this section:

7-18 (1) "Participating state agency" means a state agency
7-19 that the department has approved to participate in the pilot
7-20 program.

7-21 (2) "Pilot program" means the procurement services
7-22 pilot program established under this section.

7-23 (3) "State agency" means a board, commission, office,
7-24 department, or other agency in the executive, judicial, or
7-25 legislative branch of state government. The term does not include
7-26 an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003,
7-27 Education Code.

7-28 (b) The department shall establish a pilot program under
7-29 which the department provides assistance in the procurement of
7-30 information resources technologies on request by a participating
7-31 state agency.

7-32 (c) A state agency may participate in the pilot program only
7-33 if the department approves of the participation in writing.

7-34 (d) The department may limit the:

7-35 (1) number of participating state agencies in the
7-36 pilot program; and

7-37 (2) types of information resources technologies for
7-38 which procurement assistance is provided under the pilot program.

7-39 (e) Services under the pilot program may include assistance
7-40 with:

7-41 (1) procurement planning;

7-42 (2) developing a cost estimate for an information
7-43 resources technologies project; and

7-44 (3) drafting and developing a solicitation.

7-45 (f) With respect to any procurement assistance provided by
7-46 the department under the pilot program, the department:

7-47 (1) may not control the procurement for which the
7-48 assistance is provided or the management of any resulting contract;
7-49 and

7-50 (2) is not civilly liable for damages resulting from
7-51 the provision of procurement assistance unless the damages result
7-52 from intentional conduct or gross negligence.

7-53 (g) Not later than December 1, 2028, the department shall
7-54 submit a report to the legislature that includes a summary of the
7-55 pilot program's activities and a recommendation of whether to
7-56 continue or expand the program.

7-57 (h) This section expires January 1, 2029.

7-58 SECTION 16. Section 2054.075(b), Government Code, is
7-59 amended to read as follows:

7-60 (b) Each state agency information resources manager is part
7-61 of the agency's executive management and reports directly to the
7-62 executive head or deputy executive head of the agency. Each state
7-63 agency shall report to the department the extent and results of its
7-64 compliance with this subsection and include with the report an
7-65 organizational chart showing the structure of the personnel in the
7-66 agency's executive management. ~~[The department shall report the~~
7-67 ~~extent and results of state agencies' compliance with this~~
7-68 ~~subsection to the legislature.]~~

7-69 SECTION 17. Section 2054.097, Government Code, is amended

8-1 by adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

8-2 (c) Once every two years, the department shall conduct a
8-3 limited evaluation of the information resources deployment review
8-4 of at least five state agencies to verify the accuracy of those
8-5 reviews. The department may limit the evaluation to review
8-6 responses on subjects that represent the highest risks or greatest
8-7 opportunities for improvement regarding the state agency's
8-8 software, hardware, compliance, and cybersecurity.

8-9 (d) The department is not required to conduct site visits as
8-10 part of the limited evaluation required by Subsection (c).

8-11 (e) The department shall use information received from the
8-12 limited evaluation required by Subsection (c) to:

8-13 (1) update trainings for and outreach to information
8-14 resources managers on accurately completing the information
8-15 resources deployment review; and

8-16 (2) recommend information resources technology
8-17 solutions to state agencies as needed.

8-18 SECTION 18. Section 2054.2606(c), Government Code, is
8-19 amended to read as follows:

8-20 (c) A licensing entity that establishes a profile system
8-21 under this section shall determine the information to be included
8-22 in the system and the manner for collecting and reporting the
8-23 information. At a minimum, the entity shall include the following
8-24 information in the profile system:

8-25 (1) the name of the license holder and the address and
8-26 telephone number of the license holder's primary practice location;

8-27 (2) whether the license holder's patient, client,
8-28 user, customer, or consumer service areas, as applicable, are
8-29 accessible to ~~[disabled]~~ persons with disabilities, as defined by
8-30 federal law;

8-31 (3) the type of language translating services,
8-32 including translating services for a person who is deaf or hard
8-33 ~~[with impairment]~~ of hearing, that the license holder provides for
8-34 patients, clients, users, customers, or consumers, as applicable;

8-35 (4) if applicable, insurance information, including
8-36 whether the license holder participates in the state child health
8-37 plan under Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code, or the Medicaid
8-38 program;

8-39 (5) the education and training received by the license
8-40 holder, as required by the licensing entity;

8-41 (6) any specialty certification held by the license
8-42 holder;

8-43 (7) the number of years the person has practiced as a
8-44 license holder; and

8-45 (8) if applicable, any hospital affiliation of the
8-46 license holder.

8-47 SECTION 19. Section 2054.376(b), Government Code, is
8-48 amended to read as follows:

8-49 (b) This subchapter applies ~~[does not apply]~~ to the
8-50 following only on the election of the state agency operating the
8-51 system, database, or network:

8-52 (1) the uniform statewide accounting system, as that
8-53 term is used in Subchapter C, Chapter 2101;

8-54 (2) the state treasury cash and treasury management
8-55 system;

8-56 (3) a database or network managed by the comptroller
8-57 to:

8-58 (A) collect and process multiple types of taxes
8-59 imposed by the state; or

8-60 (B) manage or administer fiscal, financial,
8-61 revenue, and expenditure activities of the state under Chapter 403
8-62 and Chapter 404; or

8-63 (4) a database or network managed by the Department of
8-64 Agriculture.

8-65 SECTION 20. Section 2054.456(a), Government Code, is
8-66 amended to read as follows:

8-67 (a) Each state agency shall, in developing, procuring,
8-68 maintaining, or using electronic and information resources, ensure
8-69 that state employees with disabilities have access to and the use of

9-1 those resources comparable to the access and use available to state
9-2 employees without disabilities, unless compliance with this
9-3 section imposes a significant difficulty or expense on the agency
9-4 under Section 2054.460. Subject to Section 2054.460, the agency
9-5 shall take reasonable steps to ensure that an [a disabled] employee
9-6 with a disability has reasonable access to perform the employee's
9-7 duties.

9-8 SECTION 21. The heading to Section 2054.515, Government
9-9 Code, is amended to read as follows:

9-10 Sec. 2054.515. AGENCY DATA GOVERNANCE [~~INFORMATION~~
9-11 ~~SECURITY~~] ASSESSMENT AND REPORT.

9-12 SECTION 22. Section 2054.515, Government Code, is amended
9-13 by amending Subsections (a), (c), and (d) and adding Subsection
9-14 (a-1) to read as follows:

9-15 (a) At least once every two years, each state agency shall
9-16 conduct an [~~information security~~] assessment of the agency's [~~+~~

9-17 [~~(1) information resources systems, network systems,~~
9-18 ~~digital data storage systems, digital data security measures, and~~
9-19 ~~information resources vulnerabilities; and~~

9-20 [~~(2)~~] data governance program with participation from
9-21 the agency's data management officer, if applicable, and in
9-22 accordance with requirements established by department rule.

9-23 (a-1) Not later than June 1 of each even-numbered year, each
9-24 state agency shall report the results of the assessment conducted
9-25 under Subsection (a) to:

9-26 (1) the department; and

9-27 (2) on request, the governor, the lieutenant governor,
9-28 and the speaker of the house of representatives.

9-29 (c) The department by rule shall establish the requirements
9-30 for the [~~information security~~] assessment and report required by
9-31 this section.

9-32 (d) The report and all documentation related to the
9-33 [~~information security~~] assessment and report are confidential and
9-34 not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552. The state agency or
9-35 department may redact or withhold the information as confidential
9-36 under Chapter 552 without requesting a decision from the attorney
9-37 general under Subchapter G, Chapter 552.

9-38 SECTION 23. Sections 2054.5191(a), (a-1), and (a-2),
9-39 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

9-40 (a) At least once each year, each employee of a [Each] state
9-41 agency [shall identify state employees who use a computer to
9-42 complete at least 25 percent of the employee's required duties. At
9-43 least once each year, an employee identified by the state agency]
9-44 and each elected or appointed officer of the agency shall complete a
9-45 cybersecurity training program certified under Section 2054.519.

9-46 (a-1) At least once each year, each employee and each
9-47 elected or appointed official of a local government shall [~~+~~

9-48 [~~(1) identify local government employees and elected~~
9-49 ~~and appointed officials who have access to a local government~~
9-50 ~~computer system or database and use a computer to perform at least~~
9-51 ~~25 percent of the employee's or official's required duties; and~~

9-52 [~~(2) require the employees and officials identified~~
9-53 ~~under Subdivision (1) to] complete a cybersecurity training program
9-54 certified under Section 2054.519.~~

9-55 (a-2) The governing body of a local government or the
9-56 governing body's designee may deny access to the local government's
9-57 computer system or database to an employee or official of the local
9-58 government [an individual described by Subsection (a-1)(1)] who the
9-59 governing body or the governing body's designee determines is
9-60 noncompliant with the requirements of Subsection (a-1) [~~(a-1)(2)~~].

9-61 SECTION 24. Subchapter N-1, Chapter 2054, Government Code,
9-62 is amended by adding Section 2054.5195 to read as follows:

9-63 Sec. 2054.5195. INFORMATION SECURITY ASSESSMENT AND
9-64 PENETRATION TEST REQUIRED. (a) This section does not apply to a
9-65 university system or institution of higher education as defined by
9-66 Section 61.003, Education Code.

9-67 (b) At least once every two years, the department shall
9-68 require each state agency to complete an information security
9-69 assessment and a penetration test to be performed by the department

10-1 or, at the department's discretion, a vendor selected by the
 10-2 department.

10-3 (c) The department shall establish rules as necessary to
 10-4 implement this section, including rules for the procurement of a
 10-5 vendor under Subsection (b).

10-6 SECTION 25. Section 2157.068(a), Government Code, is
 10-7 amended to read as follows:

10-8 (a) In this section:

10-9 (1) "Commodity~~[, "commodity]~~ items" means commercial
 10-10 software, hardware, or technology services, other than
 10-11 telecommunications services, that are generally available to
 10-12 businesses or the public and for which the department determines
 10-13 that a reasonable demand exists from an eligible entity listed in~~[,]~~
 10-14 ~~as defined by~~ Section 2054.0525 [2054.375,] that purchases the
 10-15 items through the department. The term includes seat management,
 10-16 through which an eligible entity transfers its personal computer
 10-17 equipment and service responsibilities to a private vendor to
 10-18 manage the personal computing needs for each desktop of the
 10-19 eligible entity, including all necessary hardware, software, and
 10-20 support services.

10-21 (2) "Technology services" means services, regardless
 10-22 of the method of charging fees for those services, that:

10-23 (A) relate to the development, configuration,
 10-24 review, assessment, acquisition, implementation, or maintenance of
 10-25 information technology hardware, software, or services; or

10-26 (B) consist of other routine technology services
 10-27 not described by Paragraph (A).

10-28 SECTION 26. Section 2170.005(c), Government Code, is
 10-29 amended to read as follows:

10-30 (c) Telephone directories published by the department under
 10-31 this section and Section 2170.059 must be revised regularly and
 10-32 must list state telephone numbers alphabetically by the subject
 10-33 matter of agency programs as well as alphabetically by agency. The
 10-34 subject matter listing of programs and telephone numbers in the
 10-35 telephone directories must be consistent with the categorization
 10-36 developed by the Records Management Interagency Coordinating
 10-37 Council under Section 441.203. The department may authorize, under
 10-38 procedures and rules considered appropriate by the department, a
 10-39 method ~~[yellow pages advertising section in the directories]~~
 10-40 to recover development, publication, and distribution costs of the
 10-41 directories.

10-42 SECTION 27. Section 2170.059(a), Government Code, is
 10-43 amended to read as follows:

10-44 (a) The department shall provide centralized telephone
 10-45 service for state agencies, each house of the legislature, and
 10-46 legislative agencies in the capitol complex. State agencies in the
 10-47 capitol complex may ~~[shall]~~ use the service. Each house of the
 10-48 legislature and each legislative agency may ~~[shall]~~ use the service
 10-49 at the discretion of the legislature. The department may provide
 10-50 the service to other state agencies that subscribe to it.

10-51 SECTION 28. The following provisions of the Government Code
 10-52 are repealed:

- 10-53 (1) Section 441.010;
- 10-54 (2) Section 2054.021(d);
- 10-55 (3) Section 2054.023(c);
- 10-56 (4) Section 2054.0331;
- 10-57 (5) Section 2054.091(d);
- 10-58 (6) Section 2054.0925(c);
- 10-59 (7) Section 2054.515(b), as amended by Chapter 567
 10-60 (S.B. 475), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021;
- 10-61 (8) Section 2054.515(b), as amended by Chapter 856
 10-62 (S.B. 800), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021;
- 10-63 (9) Chapter 2055;
- 10-64 (10) Section 2170.009;
- 10-65 (11) Section 2170.010; and
- 10-66 (12) Section 2170.059(c).

10-67 SECTION 29. (a) In this section, "institution of higher
 10-68 education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education
 10-69 Code.

11-1 (b) As soon as possible after the effective date of this
11-2 Act, as the terms of members of the governing board of the
11-3 Department of Information Resources expire or as vacancies occur,
11-4 the governor shall appoint members to the board so that the board is
11-5 composed in accordance with Section 2054.021, Government Code, as
11-6 amended by this Act, except that the term of the member of the board
11-7 serving on the board immediately before the effective date of this
11-8 Act who holds the position of the member who is employed by an
11-9 institution of higher education expires on that date. A member of
11-10 the governing board whose term expires under this subsection is
11-11 eligible for reappointment under Subsection (c) of this section.

11-12 (c) Not later than December 1, 2025, the governor shall
11-13 appoint the following members to the governing board of the
11-14 Department of Information Resources in accordance with Section
11-15 2054.021, Government Code, as amended by this Act:

11-16 (1) one voting member to serve a term that expires
11-17 February 1, 2031; and

11-18 (2) one nonvoting member to the position of the member
11-19 who is employed by an institution of higher education to serve a
11-20 term that expires February 1, 2027.

11-21 SECTION 30. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of
11-22 this section, Section 2054.021(f), Government Code, as amended by
11-23 this Act, applies to a member of the governing board of the
11-24 Department of Information Resources appointed before, on, or after
11-25 the effective date of this Act.

11-26 (b) A member of the governing board of the Department of
11-27 Information Resources who, before the effective date of this Act,
11-28 completed the training program required by Section 2054.021(f),
11-29 Government Code, and described in Section 2054.021(g), Government
11-30 Code, as that law existed before the effective date of this Act, is
11-31 only required to complete additional training on the subjects added
11-32 by this Act to the training program described by Section
11-33 2054.021(g), Government Code. A member described by this
11-34 subsection may not vote, deliberate, or be counted as a member in
11-35 attendance at a meeting of the board held on or after December 1,
11-36 2025, until the member completes the additional training.

11-37 SECTION 31. If any provision of this Act conflicts with a
11-38 provision of another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session,
11-39 2025, relating to the establishment of the Texas Cyber Command as a
11-40 component institution of The University of Texas System and the
11-41 transfer to it of certain powers and duties of the Department of
11-42 Information Resources, the provision of the other Act prevails to
11-43 the extent of the conflict, regardless of the relative dates of
11-44 enactment.

11-45 SECTION 32. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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