

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the General Services Commission has the authority to colocate state agencies with similar office space needs. Colocating offices provides benefits for state agencies because it reduces costs associated with leases, in addition to providing reduced rates for shared service providers. This bill sets forth provisions to assist state agencies to colocate office spaces.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2018 sets forth provisions to assist state agencies to colocate office spaces.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 2165C, Government Code, by adding Section 2165.1061, as follows:

Sec. 2165.1061. SPACE ALLOCATION PLANS; TRANSITION PLANS. Defines "administrative office space," and "state agency." Requires the General Services Commission (commission) to study the space requirements of state agencies that occupy administrative office space. Sets up provisions regarding the analysis on the use of office space by state agencies. Requires the commission to identify cost savings areas and evaluate the feasibility of colocating administrative office space within the same local labor market as defined by Section 2308.002. Sets forth provisions for plans by the commission to develop transition plans to implement the colocation of administrative office space. Requires the commission to study the potential for colocating the administrative office space of a state agency with the office space of a federal agency. Requires the commission to complete a study on the amount of each state agency's administrative office space limitations prescribed by Section 2165.104(c) and report the findings to certain persons, by July 1 of each even-numbered year. Sets forth the requirements of the report. Requires the comptroller to reduce funds appropriated to each affected state agency according to an established formula, based on the commission's report under Subsection (h), by October 1, 1998.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 2166.102, Government Code, by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (e), to require the commission to file a master facilities plan with certain entities, including the comptroller. Sets forth the requirements of the master facilities plan, including projections of the amount of administrative office space and client service space needed by state agencies and an examination of the amount of exempt and nonexempt office space under Section 2165.104(c). Defines "administrative office space." Makes a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.