

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

There is no provision under current law requiring state agencies to post on the Internet uniform information about the agency. The purpose of this bill is to provide the public with greater access to information about state agencies. H.B. 2835 would require a state agency with a budget exceeding \$175 million to post on its Internet website specified information regarding its expenditures, governing body, contracts, duties, and links to its rules and hearing procedures.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2835 sets forth the information that certain state agencies must post on the Internet.

### **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 2054F, Government Code, by adding Section 2054.121, as follows:

Sec. 2054.121. REQUIRED POSTING OF INFORMATION ON INTERNET. Requires each state agency, other than an institution of higher education, that receives an aggregate amount of appropriations in the General Appropriations Act for a state fiscal biennium that exceeds \$175 million to post certain information regarding the agency during the biennium on a generally accessible Internet site maintained by or for the agency.

SECTION 2. Effective date: October 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 2054.121, Government Code, to require each state agency, other than an institution of higher education, that receives an aggregate amount of appropriations that exceeds a certain amount to post on an Internet site information including a listing and description of all contracts with vendors that have a value exceeding \$100,000, rather than the proposed \$15,000, that the agency has entered into and that are currently being performed or for which the performance has not yet begun.