

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties contend that state spending on major information resources projects lacks the appropriate oversight. H.B. 3275 seeks to provide such oversight by requiring the quality assurance team established under the Information Resources Management Act to monitor these projects and to provide additional information regarding the status and performance of the projects in the team's annual report.

H.B. 3275 amends current law relating to the monitoring of major information resources projects by the Department of Information Resources.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Department of Information Resources in SECTION 2 (Section 2054.159, Government Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2054.1183, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 2054.1183. ANNUAL REPORT ON MAJOR INFORMATION RESOURCES PROJECTS. (a) Creates this subsection from existing text and makes no further changes to this subsection.

(b) Requires that the annual report on the status of major information resources projects include the current status of each major information resources project (project) and information regarding performance indicators developed under Section 2054.159 for each project at each stage of the project's life cycle.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter G, Chapter 2054, Government Code, by adding Section 2054.159, as follows:

Sec. 2054.159. MAJOR INFORMATION RESOURCES PROJECT MONITORING. (a) Requires the quality assurance team (team), for the entire life cycle of each project, to monitor and report on performance indicators for each project, including schedule, cost, scope, and quality.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) by rule to develop the performance indicators the team is required to monitor under Subsection (a). Requires DIR, in adopting rules under this subsection, to consider applicable information technology industry standards.

(c) Requires the team, if the team determines that a project is not likely to achieve the performance objectives for the project, to place the project on a list for more intense monitoring by the team.

(d) Requires the team to closely monitor monthly reports for each project identified under Subsection (c) and, based on criteria developed by DIR,

determine whether to recommend to the executive director of DIR the need to initiate corrective action for the project.

(e) Requires DIR to create and maintain on DIR's Internet website a user-friendly data visualization tool that provides an analysis and visual representation of the performance indicators developed under Subsection (b) for each project.

SECTION 3. Requires DIR, not later than December 1, 2017, to adopt rules to implement Section 2054.159, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4. Effective date: January 1, 2018.