

SUBJECT: Reporting requirements for a state agency undergoing Sunset review

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 10 ayes — Cook, Menendez, Craddick, Frullo, Harless, Huberty, Oliveira, Smithee, Solomons, Turner

0 nays

3 absent — Gallego, Geren, Hilderbran

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Marvin Brooke)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Edward Seidenberg, Texas State Library and Archives Commission)

BACKGROUND: Government Code, sec. 325.007 requires a state agency subject to a Sunset review, before September 1 of the odd-numbered year before the year in which the agency would be abolished, to provide the Sunset Commission with a report containing information relating to the agency's continuation.

DIGEST: HB 326 would require a state agency subject to a Sunset review, before September 1 of the odd-numbered year before the year in which the agency would be abolished, to provide the governor, the lieutenant governor, and members of the Legislature a list of reports the agency was required to prepare for the Sunset Advisory Commission and an evaluation regarding the continued need for those reports.

The bill would take effect immediately if it received two-thirds vote from both houses; otherwise, it would take effect on September 1, 2011.