

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current law, state agencies with fewer than 100 employees must perform most of the same complex administrative tasks as large agencies, but with fewer people who often must perform multiple functions. As proposed, S.B. 441 directs the State Council on Competitive Government to review the administrative functions of small state agencies to determine the cost-effectiveness of acquiring these services through group contracts.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 2162C, Government Code, by adding Section 2162.106, as follows:

Sec. 2162.106. SMALL STATE AGENCIES. Defines “small state agency” and “administrative functions.” Requires the State Council on Competitive Government (council) to review the administrative functions of small state agencies to determine the cost-effectiveness of acquiring these services through a group contract or an interagency agreement. Requires the council, if the council determines that a service may be acquired in a more cost-effective manner through a group contract or an interagency agreement, to take certain steps in procuring such a service. Requires the council to follow certain guidelines in performing its duties under this section.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 403B, Government code, by adding Section 403.0222, as follows:

Sec. 403.0222. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON SMALL STATE AGENCY REPORTING PROCEDURES. Defines “small state agency.” Creates an interagency task force composed of representatives of certain political units to provide advice on the simplification of small state agency reporting procedures. Provides that an appointed member of the task force serve at the will of the appointing authority. Provides that a representative of the comptroller’s officer serves as presiding officer. Authorizes the task force to elect from its members any other necessary officers. Requires the task force to meet at the call of the presiding officer. Prohibits a task force member from being entitled to additional compensation but provides that a member is entitled to reimbursement for the member’s travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660 and the General appropriations Act. Provides that the agency represented by a member is responsible for the payment of the expenses. Sets forth requirements concerning the duties of the task force.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.