

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Prior to the regular session of the 79th Legislature, the Legislative Budget Board recommended in its "staff performance report" that a review of statutorily required reports be conducted and that reports be "sunsetting" if no longer needed. Based on this recommendation, the Office of the Attorney General (office) conducted an internal review and identified reports required to be submitted to the office that are not used by the agency or requested by the public.

H.B. 1820 amends two statutory provisions and a special act of the legislature to eliminate reports required to be filed with the office. These reports were identified for elimination because they impose a responsibility on political subdivisions and state agencies to submit reports without also directing the office to use the reports for a particular purpose.

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 Section 2111.002, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 2111.002. REPORTING. Requires each state agency to report to the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives certain technological innovations developed by the agency, rather than to report such information to the attorney general not later than January 31 of each year. Deletes existing text authorizing the attorney general to prescribe a form for the report and makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 311.016(b), Tax Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 4.08(c), Chapter 427, Acts of the 44th Legislature, 1st called Session, 1935, as amended (Article 8280-115, V.T.C.S.), to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Provides that a state agency is not required to report a technological innovation to the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives under Section 2110.002(2)(B), Government Code, as amended by this Act, if the technological innovation was previously reported to the attorney general under Section 2111.002.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.