

- SUBJECT:** Requiring an annual report on unfunded state programs
- COMMITTEE:** Appropriations — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 25 ayes — Zerwas, Longoria, Ashby, G. Bonnen, Capriglione, Cospers, S. Davis, Dean, Giddings, Gonzales, González, Howard, Koop, Miller, Muñoz, Perez, Phelan, Raney, Roberts, J. Rodriguez, Rose, Sheffield, Simmons, VanDeaver, Walle
- 0 nays
- 2 absent — Dukes, Wu
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, May 4 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar
- WITNESSES:** No public hearing
- BACKGROUND:** Some have called for information to be provided to the Legislature about statutorily required state agency programs that do not receive appropriations, suggesting that such information would provide transparency on agency operations and could help reduce the size and scope of state government.
- DIGEST:** SB 1831 would require the comptroller to submit an annual report to the Legislature that identified for each state agency:
- each program the agency was statutorily required to implement for which no appropriation had been made for the preceding fiscal year, along with a citation to the law imposing the requirement; and
  - the amount and source of money the agency had spent, if any, to implement any portion of the applicable program during the preceding fiscal year.

A state agency, defined as an agency, department, board, commission, or other entity in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state government, would be required to provide information necessary for the

comptroller to prepare the report. The information would be due by September 30 of each year and the comptroller would be authorized to prescribe the form and content of the required information.

The comptroller's report would be due by December 31 of each year, with the initial report due by December 31, 2017.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.