

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The comptroller's Texas Performance Review recently reported that the collection of delinquent obligations to this state needs to be improved and recommended that the comptroller and the attorney general should study the state's receivables and report the results to the 76th Legislature. This bill would require the comptroller and the attorney general to study the state's delinquent accounts and report to the legislature. This bill also allows the comptroller to hire a private debt collector.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2600 sets forth provisions regarding the collection of delinquent obligations to the state.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2107.003, Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c), to authorize the comptroller to employ, retain, or contract with a person other than a full-time state employee to collect certain obligations which are not collected via other normal collection methods. Requires a proposed contract under this subsection to be reviewed by the attorney general and may include a collection fee computed on the amounts collected under the contract. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 2107.004, Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Sets forth provisions requiring the comptroller and the attorney general to conduct a joint study of the collection of delinquent obligations to the state.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.