

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

There is no provision under current law requiring state agencies to post on the Internet uniform information about the agency. The purpose of this bill is to provide the public with greater access to information about state agencies. H.B. 2835 would require a state agency with a budget exceeding \$175 million to post on its Internet website specified information regarding its expenditures, governing body, contracts, duties, and links to its rules and hearing procedures.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2835 sets forth the information that certain state agencies must post on the Internet.

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 Chapter 2054F, Government Code, by adding Section 2054.121, as follows:

Sec. 2054.121. REQUIRED POSTING OF INFORMATION ON INTERNET. Requires each state agency that receives an aggregate amount of appropriations in the General Appropriations Act for a state fiscal biennium that exceeds \$175 million to post certain information regarding the agency during the biennium on a generally accessible Internet site maintained by or for the agency.

SECTION 2. Effective date: October 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.