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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Cloud computing is a service that provides network access to a shared pool of configurable data. Interested parties report that cloud computing requires minimal effort on the part of service providers, and may result in greater efficiencies and potential cost-savings to the state. H.B. 2422 seeks to implement this potential improvement in efficiency and cost-savings by requiring state agencies to consider cloud computing services when purchasing a service for major information resources projects.

H.B. 2422 amends current law relating to consideration of cloud computing services when a state agency purchases services for a major information resources project.

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 Subchapter A, Chapter 2157, Government Code, by adding Section 2157.007, as follows:

Sec. 2157.007. CONSIDERATION OF CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICE PURCHASE. (a) Defines "cloud computing service" to mean a service that provides network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources on demand, including networks, servers, storage, applications, or related technology services, that is authorized to be rapidly provisioned and released by the service provider with minimal effort and interaction. Provides that the term does not include telecommunications service or the act of hosting computing resources dedicated to a single purchaser.

(b) Requires a state agency to consider cloud computing service options when making purchases for a major information resources project under Section 2054.118 (Major Information Resources Project).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.