

HOUSE BILL 1016
76th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 1999

AN ACT

1-1 relating to the manner in which state agency reports are made
1-2 available to members of the legislature.
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1-4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 2052, Government Code, is
1-6 amended by adding Section 2052.0021 to read as follows:

1-7 Sec. 2052.0021. DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTS TO LEGISLATORS. (a)
1-8 In this section, "state agency" has the meaning assigned by Section
1-9 2052.002.

1-10 (b) Notwithstanding other law, a state agency report
1-11 required by law may be made available to members of the legislature
1-12 only in accordance with this section.

1-13 (c) A state agency shall make each report required by law
1-14 available to members of the legislature in an electronic format
1-15 determined by the Texas Legislative Council. The agency shall
1-16 promptly send a suitable printed copy of the report to a member of
1-17 the legislature at the request of the member.

1-18 (d) At the time a report required by law is ready for
1-19 distribution outside the state agency, the agency shall send
1-20 written notice to each member of the legislature that the report is
1-21 available. The agency shall send the notice by mail or, if it is
1-22 acceptable to the member, electronically. The notice must briefly
1-23 describe the subject matter of the report and state:

1-24 (1) the manner in which the member may obtain the
2-1 report electronically; and

2-2 (2) that the agency will send a printed copy of the
2-3 report to the member at the request of the member.

2-4 (e) This section does not affect the duty of a state agency
2-5 to directly send a printed copy of a report to an officer or
2-6 committee of the legislature if other law specifically requires
2-7 that the report be sent to that officer or committee, and the
2-8 agency is not required to comply with this section before sending
2-9 the report to that officer or committee.

2-10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1999.

2-11 SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the
2-12 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
2-13 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
2-14 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
2-15 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1016 was passed by the House on April
8, 1999, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1016 was passed by the Senate on May
24, 1999, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor