

Amendment to HB 598

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 2-5 with the following:

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3 2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
6 of representatives, all of whom shall be qualified by their experiences, with at least one
7 representative being a member of the minority party.

8 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

9 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
10 the duties of the committee.

11 3 Duties. The committee shall evaluate potential data to be made available to the public,
12 including the following:

13 I. Data currently made available to the public, from which departments, and in which
14 formats;

15 II. The potential for additional data to be made available to the public;

16 III. Potential data formats for standardizing data made available to the public; and

17 IV. Recommended legislation to require the various departments to produce what data in a
18 which format in what time-frame.

19 V. Protecting personal identifiable information.

20 VI. For the purposes of this committee:

21 (a) "Department" means any portion of the state government.

22 (b) "Data" is intended to include pre-existing spreadsheets, databases, third party
23 applications that compile data in standardized formats, and the like and to capture the compendia of
24 facts.

25 (c) The particular intent regarding looking for both "data" and "data output" is that the
26 goal of the committee is to research what data exists, what subset of that data might be exposed to
27 the public, and what parts of that could be satisfied by using already existing reports, exports, and
28 outputs.

29 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
30 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
31 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
32 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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1 5 Report. The committee shall report its preliminary findings in an interim report by November
2 1, 2025 and report its final findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker
3 of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the
4 governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.