

**6.F.b. ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTING SCHEDULE ~ PART B**

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES THAT SHOULD BE ABOLISHED/CONSOLIDATED

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS COMMITTEE**

**Reasons for Abolishing**

The agency recommends this committee be abolished. We know of no other state agency with statutory rulemaking authority that can adopt rules only if a committee appointed by the agency's executive director approves them in advance. It has always been difficult to fill seats on the committee and to secure quorums for meetings. Since the committee is no longer compensated for travel, these problems are magnified. Agency rules could be amended more frequently in response to changing needs if this committee is abolished. The committee was created to allay the fears of local governments concerning the Local Government Records Act of 1989. The agency has been very responsive to the needs of its local government clients since 1989 and believes procedures required of all agencies before a rule can be adopted afford local governments multiple and adequate ways to influence the content of rules affecting local government records.

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**TRAIL PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Reasons for Abolishing**

The TRAIL Public Advisory Committee was established to annually evaluate the operation of the electronically searchable central database of state-issued grants. SB 1002, passed by the 79th Legislature assigns a state grant tracking function to the Texas Online project, making the TRAIL grant searching feature and this advisory committee redundant.

There are no consequences of abolishing this committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES THAT SHOULD BE ABOLISHED/CONSOLIDATED

**TRAIL AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Reasons for Abolishing**

The TRAIL Agency Advisory Committee was established to gather input from public and other users of the database, advise the commission regarding the development of the database and regarding state agency reporting of grant opportunities. SB 1002, passed by the 79th Legislature assigns a state grant tracking function to the Texas Online project, making the TRAIL grant searching feature and this advisory committee redundant.

There are no consequences of abolishing this board.