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H.B. No. 18

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain agreements of the Texas Department of Transportation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.1055 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.1055. AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES.

Notwithstanding any other law, including Subchapter A, Chapter 2254, Government Code, Chapters 2165, 2166, and 2167, Government Code, and Sections 202.052, 202.053, 203.051, 203.052, and 223.001 of this code, the department and a private entity that offers the best value to the state may enter into an agreement that includes:

(1) both design and construction of a district office headquarters facility located in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more;

(2) a lease of department-owned real property in a district that includes a county with a population of 3.3 million or more to the private entity;

(3) a provision authorizing the private entity to construct and retain ownership of a building on property leased to the entity under Subdivision (2); and

(4) a provision under which the department agrees to enter into an agreement to lease with an option or options to purchase a building constructed on property leased to the entity

1 under Subdivision (2).

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect December 1, 2003.