

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Glenn Lewis, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1118** by Williams (Relating to competitive bidding procedures for certain purchases by a local government. ), **Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would authorize a county or a district governed by that county to conduct a pre-bid conference for the purpose of discussing contract requirements and answering questions of prospective bidders. Procedures for related notices for proposed contracts and prerequisites for a mandatory pre-bid conference are also covered by the provisions of the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2003 and would apply only to a proposed purchase or contract awarded by a competitive purchasing procedure for which a mandatory pre-bid conference is held on or after that date.

**Local Government Impact**

The pre-bid conference procedures addressed in the sections of the Local Government Code that would be amended by the bill currently apply only to a county with a population of 2.8 million or more (Harris County). The population bracket would be removed and, therefore, authorize all counties to utilize the pre-bid conference system, allowing additional flexibility in purchasing methods. Further, the requirements associated with the process are not expected to have a significant fiscal impact on units of local government.

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