

Amend CSHB 1779 as follows:

(1) On page 8, line 17, strike "contested proceeding before" and substitute "contested proceeding hearing before".

(2) On page 8, line 18, insert after the period:

This subsection does not affect the ability of an entity to hire or contract for other persons to provide services, including professional services, to the entity in relation to a contested proceeding, including a hearing related to a contested proceeding.