

Amend CSHB 2233 by adding the following appropriately numbered Section to the bill and renumbering subsequent Sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 403.016, Government Code, subsection (k) is amended to add subsection (k) as follows:

(k) Notwithstanding other provisions of the law, the comptroller of public accounts is authorized to enter into an interagency agreement with the Health and Human Services Commission to implement a method of salary payment using electronic paycards for employees of health and human services agencies.

(1) The comptroller may solicit proposals to implement the electronic paycards with a private vendor.

(2) If cost effective, the comptroller may replace warrants with the electronic paycard.

(3) Employees may not be charged for the electronic paycard or the receipt of salary payment on the electronic paycard.

(4) The comptroller may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.