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H.B. No. 2300

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of metropolitan rapid transit authorities to enter into comprehensive development agreements.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 451, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 451.073 to read as follows:

Sec. 451.073. COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (a)

This section applies to:

(1) an authority:

(A) confirmed before July 1, 1985, in which the principal municipality has a population of less than 750,000; or

(B) in which the principal municipality has a population of more than 1.2 million; and

(2) a project with a proposed cost of more than \$50 million.

(b) An authority has the same powers as a regional mobility authority to enter into a comprehensive development agreement. The following provisions apply to an agreement under this section:

(1) Sections 370.305-370.310;

(2) Sections 370.311(a) and (b); and

(3) Sections 370.312-370.315.

SECTION 2. Section 451.110(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (c) and by Section

1 451.073, a board may not contract for the construction of an
2 improvement or the purchase of any property, except through
3 competitive bidding after notice of the contract proposal. The
4 notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in
5 the area in which the authority is located at least once each week
6 for two consecutive weeks before the date set for receiving the
7 bids. The first notice must be published at least 15 days before
8 the date set for receiving bids.

9 SECTION 3. Section 451.111(a), Transportation Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (a) Except as provided by Section 451.073, unless ~~[Unless]~~
12 the posting requirement in Subsection (b) is satisfied, a board may
13 not let a contract that is:

14 (1) for more than \$25,000; and

15 (2) for:

16 (A) the purchase of real property; or

17 (B) consulting or professional services.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.