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H.B. No. 2300

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of metropolitan rapid transit authorities
3 to enter into comprehensive development agreements.

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

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

7 Sec. 451.073. COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (a)

8 This section applies to:

9 (1) an authority in which the principal municipality
10 has a population of more than 1.2 million; and

11 (2) a project with a proposed cost of more than \$100
12 million.

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

16 (1) Sections 370.305-370.310;

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

18 (3) Sections 370.312-370.315.

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

21 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c) and by Section
22 451.073, a board may not contract for the construction of an
23 improvement or the purchase of any property, except through
24 competitive bidding after notice of the contract proposal. The

1 notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in
2 the area in which the authority is located at least once each week
3 for two consecutive weeks before the date set for receiving the
4 bids. The first notice must be published at least 15 days before
5 the date set for receiving bids.

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

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

- 11 (1) for more than \$25,000; and
- 12 (2) for:
 - 13 (A) the purchase of real property; or
 - 14 (B) consulting or professional services.

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