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H.B. No. 2695

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to allowing a county to consider health insurance benefits
3 provided by a bidder to its employees when awarding a purchasing
4 contract.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 262, Local Government
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 262.0271 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 262.0271. CONSIDERATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDED
9 BY BIDDER. (a) In this section, "comparable health insurance
10 coverage" means health insurance benefits provided by a bidder or a
11 subcontractor a bidder intends to use that are comparable to the
12 health insurance benefits provided for employees of the county.

13 (b) In purchasing items under this chapter through a
14 competitive bidding process, if a county receives one or more bids
15 from a bidder who provides comparable health insurance coverage to
16 its employees and requires a subcontractor the bidder intends to
17 use to provide comparable health insurance coverage to the
18 subcontractor's employees and whose bid is within five percent of
19 the lowest bid price received by the county from a bidder who does
20 not provide or require comparable health insurance coverage, the
21 commissioners court of the county may give preference to the bidder
22 who provides and requires comparable health insurance coverage.

23 (c) This section does not prohibit a county from rejecting
24 all bids.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2 to a contract awarded on or after the effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.