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S.B. No. 1531

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring a contractor or subcontractor to provide
3 health insurance to its employees to participate in certain state
4 contracts.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 2155.0771 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 2155.0771. HEALTH BENEFITS COVERAGE REQUIRED. (a) A
9 vendor may not be awarded a state contract for goods or services
10 that is subject to this subtitle or participate in the contract as a
11 subcontractor, including a contract for which purchasing authority
12 is delegated to a state agency, unless the vendor provides health
13 benefits coverage at least equivalent to a standard health benefit
14 plan offered in accordance with Article 3.80, Article 20A.09N, or
15 Chapter 1507, Insurance Code, to each full-time employee and the
16 employee's dependents.

17 (b) The vendor must pay 50 percent of the health insurance
18 premiums for each full-time employee who participates in the
19 insurance program.

20 SECTION 2. Section 2155.0771, Government Code, as added by
21 this Act, applies only to a contract for the procurement of goods
22 and services for which the solicitation of bids or proposals or
23 similar expressions of interest is published on or after September
24 1, 2005.

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