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H.B. No. 598

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to publishing notice of certain agreements with state
3 agencies in the Texas Register.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 2252, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 2252.904 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2252.904. PUBLICATION IN TEXAS REGISTER BEFORE
8 ENTERING INTO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS. (a) In this section, "state
9 agency" means a department, institution, commission, or other
10 agency of the executive branch of state government, including an
11 institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003,
12 Education Code.

13 (b) Not later than the 30th day before the date a state
14 agency, without using a public competitive procurement process,
15 enters into an agreement with any private entity under which the
16 private entity will market or further develop a product developed
17 in whole or in part using state-funded research or development,
18 including an agreement in which the state provides something of
19 value to the private entity and receives money or other
20 consideration in return, the state agency shall file with the
21 secretary of state for publication in the Texas Register notice of
22 the agency's intention to enter into the agreement.

23 (c) Notice must include all information necessary for a
24 person to make an offer in relation to the subject of the proposed

1 agreement.

2 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
3 a contract or agreement entered into on or after October 1, 2007. A
4 contract or agreement entered into before that date is governed by
5 the law in effect at the time the contract or agreement was entered
6 into, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.