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H.B. No. 2185

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to informing public school districts of available resources to reduce support costs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2305.038, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The comptroller, with the cooperation of the Texas Education Agency, shall develop information designed to promote awareness of the resources available under this section. The comptroller and the agency shall distribute the information annually to school district superintendents and energy management staff through:

(1) e-mail notifications;

(2) printed materials; and

(3) information posted on the Internet websites maintained by the comptroller and the agency.

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 271, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 271.1021 to read as follows:

Sec. 271.1021. COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM DATABASE.

(a) The comptroller shall establish and post on the comptroller's Internet website a database of cooperative purchasing programs available to a school district. The database must include:

(1) the membership requirements and membership fees of each program;

1 (2) a description of the broad commodity and service
2 categories offered by each program; and

3 (3) a link to each program's Internet website.

4 (b) The comptroller shall consult with each local
5 government participating in a cooperative purchasing program
6 before including the program's information on the database
7 established under Subsection (a).

8 (c) The comptroller and the Texas Education Agency shall,
9 through e-mail, annually notify school district superintendents
10 and purchasing staff of the database established under Subsection
11 (a).

12 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2010, the comptroller
13 of public accounts shall establish the database required by Section
14 271.1021, Local Government Code, as added by this Act.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.