

By: Smith of Tarrant

H.B. No. 2899

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2899:

By: Smith of Harris

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the participation in state travel service contracts by
3 certain local governmental entities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2171.055, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

7 (i) An officer or employee of a transportation or transit
8 authority, department, district, or system established under
9 Subtitle K, Title 6, Transportation Code, who is engaged in
10 official business of the authority, department, district, or system
11 may participate in the comptroller's contracts for travel services.
12 The comptroller may charge a participating authority, department,
13 district, or system a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the
14 comptroller in providing services under this subsection. The
15 comptroller shall periodically review fees and shall adjust them as
16 needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in providing services
17 to authorities, departments, districts, and systems under this
18 subsection.

19 (j) An officer or employee of a hospital district created
20 under general or special law who is engaged in official hospital
21 district business may participate in the comptroller's contract for
22 travel services for the purpose of obtaining reduced airline fares
23 and reduced travel agent fees. The comptroller may charge a
24 participating hospital district a fee not to exceed the costs

1 incurred by the comptroller in providing services under this
2 subsection. The comptroller shall periodically review fees and
3 shall adjust them as needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in
4 providing services to hospital districts under this subsection.
5 The comptroller shall deposit the fees collected under this
6 subsection to the credit of the hospital district airline fares
7 account. The hospital district airline fares account is an account
8 in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only for the
9 purposes of this chapter. The comptroller shall adopt rules and
10 make or amend contracts as necessary to administer this subsection.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.