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S.B. No. 615

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 262.0271(b), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In purchasing items under this chapter through a competitive bidding process, if a county receives one or more bids from a bidder who provides reasonable ~~comparable~~ health insurance coverage to its employees and requires a subcontractor the bidder intends to use to provide reasonable ~~comparable~~ health insurance coverage to the subcontractor's employees and whose bid is within 10 ~~five~~ percent of the lowest bid price received by the county from a bidder who does not provide or require reasonable ~~comparable~~ health insurance coverage, the commissioners court of the county may give preference to the bidder who provides and requires reasonable ~~comparable~~ health insurance coverage.

SECTION 2. Section 262.0271(a), Local Government Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a contract awarded on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.