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S.B. No. 899

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

1 incurred by the commission in providing services under this
 2 subsection. The commission 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 commission 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 commission shall adopt rules and make
 10 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.