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S.B. No. 1264

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the participation of certain transportation entities  
3 and hospital districts in the comptroller of public accounts'  
4 travel services contracts.

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

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

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

20 (j) An officer or employee of a hospital district created  
21 under general or special law who is engaged in official hospital  
22 district business may participate in the commission's contract for  
23 travel services for the purpose of obtaining reduced airline fares  
24 and reduced travel agent fees. The commission may charge a

1 participating hospital district a fee not to exceed the costs  
2 incurred by the commission in providing services under this  
3 subsection. The commission shall periodically review fees and  
4 shall adjust them as needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in  
5 providing services to hospital districts under this subsection.  
6 The commission shall deposit the fees collected under this  
7 subsection to the credit of the hospital district airline fares  
8 account. The hospital district airline fares account is an account  
9 in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only for the  
10 purposes of this chapter. The commission shall adopt rules and make  
11 or amend contracts as necessary to administer this subsection.

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