

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

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**TO:** Honorable Dan Branch, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB857** by West (Relating to the purchasing and contracting practices of junior college districts; providing criminal penalties.), **As Engrossed**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would structure how certain large, urban community college districts procure goods and services, to include defining the criteria used to request and process bids/contracts, as well as the criteria used to review and approve (or reject) bids/contracts.

The bill would also note certain community college districts are subject to audit by the State Auditor's Office.

The bill would also require certain criminal penalties in the enforcement of contract solicitation procedures.

**Local Government Impact**

The bill's effect on local community college districts would depend on how similar or dissimilar each affected district's procurement process is from the procurement process required by the bill.

**Source Agencies:** 308 State Auditor's Office, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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