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H.B. No. 265

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the lease of space by or for a state agency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2167.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2167.002. PREREQUISITES FOR LEASING SPACE. (a) The commission may lease space for a state agency in accordance with this chapter and the agency's specifications if:

(1) state-owned space is not otherwise available to the agency; and

(2) the agency has verified it has money available to pay for the lease.

(b) In making a determination under this section that state-owned space is not available to a state agency, the commission must consider all reasonably available state-owned space in this state, regardless of whether utilizing state-owned space would require the agency to move all or part of the agency's operations to a different geographic location in this state.

SECTION 2. Section 2167.005(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission may delegate to a state agency, including an institution of higher education, the authority to enter into lease contracts for space if the commission determines that state-owned space is not available as provided by Section 2167.002.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.