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H.B. No. 2523

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of goods and services by state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2155.0745 to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.0745. PROCUREMENT MANUAL. The comptroller shall publish and maintain a procurement manual that includes the purchasing requirements each state agency must comply with under this chapter or other law.

SECTION 2. Section 2155.078, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (o) to read as follows:

(o) The comptroller may suspend or revoke the certification of a certified purchaser for violation of this section or other law or of rules adopted by the comptroller.

SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2155.1325 to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.1325. APPROVAL OF CERTAIN SOLICITATIONS. (a) A state agency that solicits bids or proposals for a purchase of goods or services that will cost more than \$100,000 shall submit a copy of the solicitation to the comptroller not later than the 30th day before the date the agency makes the purchase.

(b) The comptroller may review, comment on, change, or recommend changes to the solicitation during the 30-day period before the purchase.

1 (c) The comptroller may adopt rules to administer this
2 section.

3 SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2011, the comptroller
4 shall adopt the rules necessary to implement the changes in law made
5 by this Act to Chapter 2155, Government Code.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.