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H.B. No. 1965

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the state contracting duties of the quality assurance
3 team and Contract Advisory Team.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2054.158, Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 2054.158. QUALITY ASSURANCE TEAM; DUTIES. (a) The
8 state auditor, Legislative Budget Board, and department shall:

9 (1) create a quality assurance team to perform the
10 duties specified in this chapter and other law; and

11 (2) specify in writing the responsibilities of the
12 state auditor, Legislative Budget Board, and department in
13 performing the duties.

14 (b) The quality assurance team shall:

15 (1) develop and recommend policies and procedures to
16 improve state agency contract management practices;

17 (2) develop and recommend procedures to improve
18 value-based decision making in state agency contracting practices;
19 and

20 (3) monitor state agencies to determine whether the
21 agencies are meeting the needs of the persons to whom the agencies
22 provide services.

23 SECTION 2. Section 2262.101, Government Code, is amended to
24 read as follows:

1 Sec. 2262.101. CREATION; DUTIES. The Contract Advisory Team
2 is created to assist state agencies in improving contract
3 management practices by:

4 (1) reviewing the solicitation of major contracts by
5 state agencies;

6 (2) reviewing any findings or recommendations made by
7 the state auditor, including those made under Section 2262.052(b),
8 regarding a state agency's compliance with the contract management
9 guide; ~~and~~

10 (3) providing recommendations to the commission
11 regarding:

12 (A) the development of the contract management
13 guide; and

14 (B) the training under Section 2262.053;

15 (4) developing and recommending policies and
16 procedures to improve state agency contract management practices;

17 (5) developing and recommending procedures to improve
18 value-based decision making in state agency contracting practices;
19 and

20 (6) monitoring state agencies to determine whether the
21 agencies are meeting the needs of the persons to whom the agencies
22 provide services.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.