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H.B. No. 1743

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1743:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of a credit or charge card by certain state agencies to make certain purchases.

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

SECTION 1. Section 403.023, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

(b-1) Except as provided by Subsection (b-2), if the comptroller adopts rules authorized under Subsection (b), the rules must:

(1) require a state agency in the executive branch of state government to use a credit or charge card to pay for all purchases unless the comptroller determines that another method of payment is more advantageous to the state; and

(2) prohibit an employee of a state agency in the executive branch of state government from using a personal credit or charge card to pay for the state agency's purchases.

(b-2) Subsection (b-1) does not apply to:

(1) an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code;

(2) the Health and Human Services Commission;

(3) a health and human services agency as defined by Section 531.001; or

(4) the office of the governor.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 531, Government Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 531.0175 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 531.0175. PAYMENT FOR TRAVEL SERVICES WITH CREDIT OR
3 CHARGE CARD. The executive commissioner by rule shall develop, and
4 the commission and each health and human services agency shall
5 implement, a policy that encourages participation in a program
6 administered by the comptroller relating to the use of a credit or
7 charge card to pay for travel expenses.

8 SECTION 3. Section 660.021, Government Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 Sec. 660.021. RULES. (a) The comptroller shall adopt rules
11 for the effective and efficient administration of this chapter and
12 the travel provisions of the General Appropriations Act.

13 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the rules adopted
14 by the comptroller under this section must require that if a state
15 agency in the executive branch of state government participates in
16 a program administered by the comptroller that allows the agency to
17 use a credit or charge card to pay for travel expenses:

18 (1) the agency shall use the credit or charge card to
19 pay for travel expenses required for agency travel, unless the
20 comptroller determines that another method of payment is more
21 advantageous to the state; and

22 (2) an employee of the agency may not use the
23 employee's personal credit or charge card to pay for travel
24 expenses required for agency travel.

25 (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to:

26 (1) an institution of higher education as defined by
27 Section 61.003, Education Code;

1 (2) the Health and Human Services Commission;

2 (3) a health and human services agency as defined by
3 Section 531.001; or

4 (4) the office of the governor.

5 SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 2171, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 2171.0521 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2171.0521. PAYMENT FOR TRAVEL SERVICES WITH CREDIT OR
8 CHARGE CARD. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), if a state
9 agency in the executive branch of state government participates in
10 a program administered by the comptroller that allows the agency to
11 use a credit or charge card to purchase travel services:

12 (1) the agency shall use the credit or charge card to
13 purchase travel services required for agency travel, unless the
14 comptroller determines that another method of purchase is more
15 advantageous to the state; and

16 (2) an employee of the agency may not use the
17 employee's personal credit or charge card to purchase travel
18 services required for agency travel.

19 (b) This section does not apply to:

20 (1) an institution of higher education as defined by
21 Section 61.003, Education Code;

22 (2) the Health and Human Services Commission;

23 (3) a health and human services agency as defined by
24 Section 531.001; or

25 (4) the office of the governor.

26 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.