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H.B. No. 2977

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2977:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2977

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to counties and certain other political subdivisions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1001.201, Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is amended by adding Subdivisions (4) and (5) to read as follows:

(4) "School district employee" means a principal, assistant principal, educator, teacher's aide, counselor, nurse, or school bus driver employed by a school district.

(5) "School resource officer" has the meaning assigned by Section 1701.601, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Sections 1001.203(a) and (c), Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, are amended to read as follows:

(a) To the extent funds are appropriated to the department for that purpose, the department shall make grants to local mental health authorities to provide an approved mental health first aid training program, administered by mental health first aid trainers, at no cost to school district employees and school resource officers ~~educators~~.

(c) Subject to the limit provided by Subsection (b), out of the funds appropriated to the department for making grants under this section, the department shall grant \$100 to a local mental

1 health authority for each school district employee or school  
2 resource officer [~~educator~~] who successfully completes a mental  
3 health first aid training program provided by the authority under  
4 this section.

5 SECTION 3. Section 1001.205, Health and Safety Code, as  
6 added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,  
7 Regular Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1001.205. REPORTS. (a) Not later than August 31  
9 [~~July 1~~] of each year, a local mental health authority shall provide  
10 to the department the number of:

11 (1) employees and contractors of the authority who  
12 were trained as mental health first aid trainers under Section  
13 1001.202 during the preceding calendar year;

14 (2) educators, school district employees other than  
15 educators, and school resource officers who completed a mental  
16 health first aid training program offered by the authority under  
17 Section 1001.203 during the preceding calendar year; and

18 (3) individuals who are not school district employees  
19 or school resource officers [~~educators~~] who completed a mental  
20 health first aid training program offered by the authority during  
21 the preceding calendar year.

22 (b) Not later than September 30 [~~August 1~~] of each year, the  
23 department shall compile the information submitted by local mental  
24 health authorities as required by Subsection (a) and submit a  
25 report to the legislature containing the number of:

26 (1) authority employees and contractors trained as  
27 mental health first aid trainers during the preceding calendar

1 year;

2 (2) educators, school district employees other than  
3 educators, and school resource officers who completed a mental  
4 health first aid training program provided by an authority during  
5 the preceding calendar year; and

6 (3) individuals who are not school district employees  
7 or school resource officers [~~educators~~] who completed a mental  
8 health first aid training program provided by an authority during  
9 the preceding calendar year.

10 SECTION 4. Section 263.152, Local Government Code, is  
11 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

12 (c) Disposal under Subsection (a)(3) may be accomplished  
13 through a recycling program under which the property is collected,  
14 separated, or processed and returned to use in the form of raw  
15 materials in the production of new products.

16 SECTION 5. The heading to Section 271.9051, Local  
17 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

18 Sec. 271.9051. CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION OF BIDDER'S  
19 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES.

20 SECTION 6. Sections 271.9051(a), (b), and (c), Local  
21 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

22 (a) This section applies only to a municipality or county  
23 that is authorized under this title to purchase real property or  
24 personal property that is not affixed to real property.

25 (b) In purchasing under this title any real property,  
26 personal property that is not affixed to real property, or  
27 services, if a municipality or county receives one or more

1 competitive sealed bids from a bidder whose principal place of  
2 business is in the municipality or county and whose bid is within  
3 five percent of the lowest bid price received by the municipality or  
4 county from a bidder who is not a resident of the municipality or  
5 county, the municipality or county may enter into a contract for  
6 construction services in an amount of less than \$100,000 or a  
7 contract for other purchases in an amount of less than \$500,000  
8 with:

9 (1) the lowest bidder; or

10 (2) the bidder whose principal place of business is in  
11 the municipality or county if the governing body of the  
12 municipality or county determines, in writing, that the local  
13 bidder offers the municipality or county the best combination of  
14 contract price and additional economic development opportunities  
15 for the municipality or county created by the contract award,  
16 including the employment of residents of the municipality or county  
17 and increased tax revenues to the municipality or county.

18 (c) This section does not prohibit a municipality or county  
19 from rejecting all bids.

20 SECTION 7. Section [271.9051](#), Local Government Code, as  
21 amended by this Act, applies only to a contract for which the  
22 initial notice soliciting bids is given on or after the effective  
23 date of this Act. A contract for which the initial notice soliciting  
24 bids is given before the effective date of this Act is governed by  
25 the law in effect when the initial notice is given, and the former  
26 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

27 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.