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H.B. No. 3221

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to mandating a study by the state comptroller on  
3 procurement consolidation of all state agencies in state  
4 government.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 403.03057 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 403.03057. CENTRALIZED STATE PROCUREMENT STUDY. (a)  
9 The comptroller in cooperation with the Governor's Office of  
10 Budget, Planning, and Policy shall conduct a study examining the  
11 feasibility and practicability of streamlining and consolidating  
12 state purchasing and procurement into either fewer offices  
13 departments or agencies; or one office, department, or agency. The  
14 study must examine the extent to which cost savings to the state can  
15 be achieved through:

16 (1) the removal of certain offices and departments for  
17 each agency that currently possesses a dedicated department for  
18 purchasing and procurement; and

19 (2) the consolidation or reduction of the number of  
20 state vendors by which the state can leverage its purchasing power.

21 (b) The comptroller shall prepare and deliver to the  
22 governor, the lieutenant governor, and each member of the  
23 legislature a report of findings from this study that include:

24 (1) a detailed projection of expected savings or costs

1 to the state resulting in consolidation of state purchasing and  
2 procurement; and

3 (2) a report on the process by which the legislature or  
4 executive branch would need to undertake in order to implement  
5 consolidation of state purchasing and procurement;

6 (3) a listing of offices, departments, or agencies  
7 currently responsible for purchasing or procurement in every agency  
8 in this state; and

9 (4) the total cost to the state of each office,  
10 department, or agency that is currently responsible for purchasing  
11 or procurement in every agency in this state.

12 (5) The comptroller shall prepare, deliver, and post  
13 this report not later than December 31, 2017.

14 (c) This section expires January 1, 2018.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.