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S.B. No. 59

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to exempting the procurement of services for victims of family violence from competitive bidding requirements.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2155.1443 to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.1443. EXEMPTION FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY FAMILY VIOLENCE CENTER OR FAMILY VIOLENCE SPECIAL PROJECT. (a) The competitive bidding provisions of this chapter do not apply to a state purchase of services that meets the specifications for services prescribed by Section 51.005, Human Resources Code, and provided by:

(1) a family violence center, as that term is defined by Section 51.002, Human Resources Code; or

(2) a family violence special project, as that term is defined by Section 51.002, Human Resources Code.

(b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall procure services for victims of family violence as provided by Chapter 51, Human Resources Code, in consultation with a statewide family violence organization and in a manner consistent with the plan for delivering family violence services under Section 51.0021, Human Resources Code.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 51.004, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

1           Sec. 51.004.   CONTRACT ELIGIBILITY [~~BIDS~~].

2           SECTION 3.   Section 51.004(e), Human Resources Code, is  
3 repealed.

4           SECTION 4.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.