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S.B. No. 1161

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain purchasing methods by state agencies and local governments.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2157.068, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (e-1) and (j) to read as follows:

(e-1) A state agency shall purchase an automated information system from the published list using competitive pricing requests for purchases of more than \$50,000 including when purchasing an item under Subsection (e).

(j) The department shall, in cooperation with state agencies, monitor and verify the purchase transaction reports submitted by vendors reflecting monthly sales made under Subsection (e) to ensure the accuracy of the reports.

SECTION 2. Section 2155.504(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A state agency or local government may purchase goods or services directly from a vendor under a contract listed on a schedule developed under this subchapter. ~~[A purchase authorized by this section satisfies any requirement of state law relating to competitive bids or proposals and satisfies any applicable requirements of Chapter 2157.]~~

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only in relation to a contract:

1 (1) for which a state agency first advertises or
2 otherwise solicits bids, proposals, offers, or qualifications on or
3 after the effective date of this Act;

4 (2) that is extended or modified on or after the
5 effective date of this Act; or

6 (3) for which a change order is submitted on or after
7 the effective date of this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.