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S.B. No. 1272

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements regarding certain purchasing and contracting guidelines for open-enrollment charter schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 12, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 12.10531 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.10531. REQUIREMENTS REGARDING CERTAIN PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING GUIDELINES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Historically underutilized business" has the meaning assigned by Section 2161.001, Government Code.

(2) "Minority business" and "women-owned business" have the meanings assigned by Section 381.004, Local Government Code.

(b) An open-enrollment charter school shall follow the purchasing and contracting guidelines adopted by the school district in which the charter school is located regarding the acquisition of goods and services through historically underutilized businesses, minority businesses, and women-owned businesses.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.