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S.B. No. 1435

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a prohibition on vendor contact with a member of the  
3 board of trustees of an independent school district during the  
4 procurement process.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 44, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 44.0353 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 44.0353. VENDOR CONTACT PROHIBITED. (a) After the  
9 board of trustees of an independent school district has issued a  
10 request for proposals or has advertised for bids on a contract, a  
11 trustee may not have direct communication outside a public meeting  
12 of the board of trustees with an actual or prospective bidder or  
13 offeror until after the board has awarded the contract that was the  
14 subject of the request for proposals or bids.

15 (b) If a trustee violates Subsection (a) by engaging in  
16 direct communication with a bidder or offeror, the board shall  
17 reject the bid or offer of the bidder or offeror.

18 SECTION 2. Section 44.0353, Education Code, as added by  
19 this Act, applies only to a contract for which the request for  
20 proposals or bids was issued on or after the effective date of this  
21 Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.