Amend **SB 255** (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____. Sections 2252.908(c) and (e), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), this section does not apply to:

(1) a sponsored research contract of an institution of higher education;

(2) an interagency contract of a state agency or an institution of higher education; [or]

(3) a contract related to health and human services if:

(A) the value of the contract cannot be determined at the time the contract is executed; and

(B) any qualified vendor is eligible for the contract;

(4) a contract with a publicly traded business entity, including a wholly owned subsidiary of the business entity;

(5) a contract with an electric utility, as that term is defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code; or

(6) a contract with a gas utility, as that term is defined by Section 121.001, Utilities Code.

(e) The disclosure of interested parties must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission that includes:

(1) a list of each interested party for the contract of which the contracting business entity is aware; and

(2) a written, unsworn declaration subscribed by [the signature of] the authorized agent of the contracting business entity as true[, acknowledging that the disclosure is made under oath and] under penalty of perjury that is in substantially the following form:

"My name is _____, my date of birth is _____, and my address is

_____, _____, _____, _____,
(Street)   (City)   (State)   (Zip Code)

_____. I declare under penalty of

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(Country)

perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on

the _____ day of _____, _____.

(Month)   (Year)

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Declarant".

SECTION _____. Section 2252.908, Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a contract entered into or amended on or after January 1, 2018.