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H.B. No. 1870

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1870:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1870

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to nonemergency medical transportation, shipping
3 logistics, and coordination services for state agencies.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 2172.007, Government
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2172.007. NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION,
8 SHIPPING LOGISTICS, AND COORDINATION SERVICES.

9 SECTION 2. Section 2172.007, Government Code, is amended by
10 amending Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) and adding Subsections
11 (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

12 (a) The comptroller shall ~~may~~ contract with a vendor to
13 oversee nonemergency medical transportation, shipping logistics,
14 and coordination services for all state agencies and shall pay the
15 contract from the anticipated cost savings realized under the
16 contract. The vendor shall arrange the transportation or shipment
17 of goods, parcels, and freight using the ~~shipping~~ company
18 selected by the state agency through competitive bidding that
19 provides the best value to the agency ~~[for the shipment]~~.

20 (b) A state agency shall ~~may~~ arrange all transportation or
21 shipments of goods, parcels, and freight under this section.

22 (c) The vendor under this section shall maintain a record of
23 each nonemergency medical transportation and other shipment
24 arranged for a state agency, as applicable, including the cost of

1 mileage for the nonemergency medical transportation, the cost of
2 the transportation or shipment, the type of goods, parcels, or
3 freight shipped, ~~and~~ the weight of the goods, parcels, or freight
4 shipped, and any software licensing support used to meet the
5 requirements of this section.

6 (d) In contracting for the oversight of nonemergency
7 medical transportation, shipping logistics, and coordination
8 services under this section, the comptroller shall ~~may~~ provide
9 contracting opportunities for vendors that employ veterans or other
10 persons with disabilities whose products and services are available
11 under Chapter 122, Human Resources Code.

12 (f) Purchases of nonemergency medical transportation
13 services under Section 2155.143, 2155.144, or 2155.1441 are subject
14 to this section.

15 (g) Not later than December 1, 2018, the comptroller shall
16 evaluate the nonemergency medical transportation, shipping
17 logistics, and coordination services under this section for not
18 more than a 90-day period to determine:

19 (1) the viability of contracting with a vendor to
20 oversee these services;

21 (2) the economic return on investment from contracting
22 with a vendor to oversee these services; and

23 (3) route efficiency and reasonableness.

24 (h) Subsection (g) and this subsection expire September 1,
25 2019.

26 SECTION 3. Section 2172.007, Government Code, as amended by
27 this Act, applies only to a contract entered into by the comptroller

1 and a vendor to which that section applies on or after the effective
2 date of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.