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S.B. No. 262

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain purchasing 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 Subsection (k) to read as follows:

(k) The department, in cooperation with state agencies, shall, with respect to the purchase of commodity items included in the list maintained under Subsection (e):

(1) periodically assess the risk to this state in the purchase of those commodity items; and

(2) based on that risk assessment and as the department considers necessary to ensure accuracy, monitor and verify the purchase transaction reports of the monthly sales of those commodity items submitted by vendors in accordance with department requirements.

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

(a) Except as provided by this subsection, 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 state agency or local government contracting for the purchase of an automated information system shall comply with Section 2157.068(e-1). A purchase authorized by this section

1 satisfies any requirement of state law relating to competitive bids
2 or proposals [~~and satisfies any applicable requirements of Chapter~~
3 [2157](#)].

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

6 (1) for which a state agency or local government first
7 advertises or otherwise solicits bids, proposals, offers, or
8 qualifications on or after the effective date of this Act;

9 (2) that is extended on or after the effective date of
10 this Act; or

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

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.