

Amend HB 1113 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 1, strike lines 5-11.

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2155.0061 to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.0061. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN BIDS AND CONTRACTS RELATED TO PERSONS INVOLVED IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING. (a) A state agency may not accept a bid or award a contract, including a contract for which purchasing authority is delegated to a state agency, that includes proposed financial participation by a person who, during the five-year period preceding the date of the bid or award, has been convicted of any offense related to the direct support or promotion of human trafficking.

(b) A bid or award subject to the requirements of this section must include the following statement:

"Under Section 2155.0061, Government Code, the vendor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid or contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate."

(c) If a state agency determines that an individual or business entity holding a state contract was ineligible to have the bid accepted or contract awarded under this section, the state agency may immediately terminate the contract without further obligation to the vendor.

(d) This section does not create a cause of action to contest a bid or award of a state contract.

SECTION _____. Section 2155.077(a-1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1) The commission shall bar a vendor from participating in state contracts that are subject to this subtitle, including contracts for which purchasing authority is delegated to a state agency, if the vendor has been:

(1) convicted of violating a federal law in connection with a contract awarded by the federal government for relief, recovery, or reconstruction efforts as a result of Hurricane Rita,

as defined by Section 39.459, Utilities Code, Hurricane Katrina, or any other disaster occurring after September 24, 2005; ~~[or]~~

(2) assessed a penalty in a federal civil or administrative enforcement action in connection with a contract awarded by the federal government for relief, recovery, or reconstruction efforts as a result of Hurricane Rita, as defined by Section 39.459, Utilities Code, Hurricane Katrina, or any other disaster occurring after September 24, 2005; or

(3) convicted of any offense related to the direct support or promotion of human trafficking.

SECTION _____. Section 2155.0061, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only in relation to a state contract for which the request for bids or proposals or other applicable expressions of interest are made public on or after the effective date of this Act.

(3) On page 2, lines 1-2, strike "and the Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Unit established under Section 772.0062, Government Code".

(4) On page 2, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following appropriately lettered subsection:

(_____) The commission shall solicit and review applications from health-related institutions of higher education before designating an institution under this section.

(5) Strike page 2, line 27, through page 3, line 3 and substitute the following:

Sec. 50.0051. ESTABLISHMENT OF MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish a matching grant program to award to a municipality a grant in an amount equal to the amount committed by the municipality for the development of a sex trafficking prevention needs assessment. A municipality that is awarded a grant must develop the needs assessment in collaboration with a local institution of higher education and on completion submit a copy of the needs assessment to the commission.

(b) A sex trafficking prevention needs assessment developed under Subsection (a) must outline:

(1) the prevalence of sex trafficking crimes in the municipality;

(2) strategies for reducing the number of sex trafficking crimes in the municipality; and

(3) the municipality's need for additional funding for sex trafficking prevention programs and initiatives.

(6) On page 3, lines 6-7, strike "for the municipality's sex trafficking prevention program".

(7) On page 3, line 10, immediately following the underlined semicolon, insert "and".

(8) Strike page 3, lines 13-22, and substitute "of the awarded grant.".

(9) On page 4, line 17, strike "that awards grants to local law enforcement agencies".

(10) On page 4, strike lines 19-27 and substitute the following:

(b) The office of the governor may establish eligibility criteria for a grant applicant.

(c) A grant awarded under this section must include provisions under which the office of the governor is provided sufficient control to ensure the public purpose of sex trafficking prevention is accomplished and the state receives the return benefit.