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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of certain public works contracting requirements to a metropolitan rapid transit authority.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 451, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 451.1111 to read as follows:

Sec. 451.1111.  EXEMPTION FROM OTHER CONTRACTING LAW. Chapter 2269, Government Code, does not apply to an authority. An authority may adopt design-build procedures that do not materially conflict with  Subchapter H, Chapter 2269, Government Code.

SECTION 2.  Section 2269.353(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  A contract for a project under this subchapter may cover only a single integrated project.  A governmental entity may not enter into a contract for aggregated projects at multiple locations.  For purposes of this subsection,[~~:~~

[~~(1)  if a metropolitan transit authority created under Chapter 451, Transportation Code, enters into a contract for a project involving a linear transit project with multiple stops along the project route for boarding passengers, created under Chapter 451, Transportation Code, the linear transit project is a single integrated project; and~~

[~~(2)~~]  a water treatment plant, including a desalination plant, that includes treatment facilities, well fields, and pipelines is a single integrated project.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.