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H.B. No. 4074

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to governmental entity commodity and telecommunications contracting and procurement.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2157.068(j), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(j) The following entities may purchase commodity items through the department, and be charged a reasonable administrative fee, as provided by this section:

(1) the Electric Reliability Council of Texas;

(2) the Lower Colorado River Authority;

(3) a private school, as defined by Section 5.001, Education Code;

(4) a private or independent institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code; ~~or~~

(5) a volunteer fire department, as defined by Section 152.001, Tax Code;

(6) a county, public hospital, or hospital district;

or

(7) a public safety entity, as defined by 47 U.S.C. Section 1401.

SECTION 2. Section 2170.004, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2170.004 CONTRACTS WITH ENTITIES OTHER THAN STATE

1 AGENCIES. The department may contract for use of the consolidated
2 telecommunications system with:

3 (1) each house of the legislature;

4 (2) a legislative agency;

5 (3) an agency that is not a state agency as defined by
6 Section 2151.002;

7 (4) a political subdivision, including a county,
8 municipality, or district;

9 (5) a private institution of higher education
10 accredited by a recognized accrediting agency, as defined by
11 Section 61.003, Education Code~~[, that:~~

12 ~~(A) engages in distance learning, as defined by~~
13 ~~Section 57.021, Utilities Code; and~~

14 ~~(B) receives federal funds for distance learning~~
15 ~~initiatives]; and~~

16 (6) an assistance organization, as defined by Section
17 2175.001;

18 (7) a governmental entity of another state; and

19 (8) a public safety entity, as defined by 47 U.S.C.
20 Section 1401.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.