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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the proprietary purchases process for state agencies.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 4 SECTION 1. Sections 2155.067(b) and (f), Government Code,
- 5 are amended to read as follows:
- 6 (b) The agency head or the presiding officer of the agency's
- 7 governing body must sign the written justification <u>for the</u>
- 8 requesting state agency or designate another person to sign the
- 9 written justification for the agency.
- 10 (f) On receipt of the written justification and any other
- 11 documentation required by the comptroller and on approval of the
- 12 <u>purchase request, the</u> [The] comptroller shall <u>proceed with the</u>
- 13 purchase for the requesting state agency or delegate to the agency
- 14 the authority to purchase the product [issue an invitation to bid to
- 15 vendors not later than the 20th day after the date of receiving the
- 16 required written justification].
- 17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.