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H.B. No. 2894

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to participation in the comptroller's contracts for travel
3 services.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2171.055, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) and adding
7 Subsection (k) to read as follows:

8 (e) A county officer or employee who is engaged in official
9 county business may participate in the comptroller's contract for
10 travel services for the purpose of obtaining reduced airline fares
11 and reduced travel agent fees. A county sheriff or deputy sheriff
12 or juvenile probation officer who is transporting a state prisoner
13 under a felony warrant may participate in the comptroller's
14 contract for travel services for purposes of obtaining reduced
15 airline fares and reduced travel agent fees for the law enforcement
16 or probation officer and the prisoner. ~~[The comptroller may charge~~
17 ~~a participating county a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the~~
18 ~~comptroller in providing services under this subsection. The~~
19 ~~comptroller shall periodically review fees and shall adjust them as~~
20 ~~needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in providing services~~
21 ~~to counties under this subsection. The comptroller shall deposit~~
22 ~~the fees collected under this subsection to the credit of the county~~
23 ~~airline fares account. The county airline fares account is an~~
24 ~~account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only~~

1 ~~for the purposes of this chapter.]~~ The comptroller shall adopt
2 rules and make or amend contracts as necessary to administer this
3 subsection.

4 (f) An officer or employee of a public junior college, as
5 defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, of an open-enrollment
6 charter school established under Subchapter D, Chapter 12,
7 Education Code, or of a school district who is engaged in official
8 business may participate in the comptroller's contract for travel
9 services. ~~[The comptroller may charge a participating public
10 junior college, open-enrollment charter school, or school district
11 a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the comptroller in
12 providing services under this subsection. The comptroller shall
13 periodically review fees and shall adjust them as needed to ensure
14 recovery of costs incurred in providing services to public junior
15 colleges, open-enrollment charter schools, and school districts
16 under this subsection. The comptroller shall deposit the fees
17 collected under this subsection to the credit of the public
18 education travel account. The public education travel account is
19 an account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only
20 for the purposes of this chapter.]~~ The comptroller shall adopt
21 rules and make or amend contracts as necessary to administer this
22 subsection.

23 (g) A municipal officer or employee who is engaged in
24 official municipal business may participate in the comptroller's
25 contract for travel services for the purpose of obtaining reduced
26 airline fares and reduced travel agent fees. ~~[The comptroller may
27 charge a participating municipality a fee not to exceed the costs~~

1 ~~incurred by the comptroller in providing services under this~~
2 ~~subsection. The comptroller shall periodically review fees and~~
3 ~~shall adjust them as needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in~~
4 ~~providing services to municipalities under this subsection. The~~
5 ~~comptroller shall deposit the fees collected under this subsection~~
6 ~~to the credit of the municipality airline fares account. The~~
7 ~~municipality airline fares account is an account in the general~~
8 ~~revenue fund that may be appropriated only for the purposes of this~~
9 ~~chapter.]~~ The comptroller shall adopt rules and make or amend
10 contracts as necessary to administer this subsection.

11 (h) A board member or employee of a communication district
12 or an emergency communication district established under Chapter
13 772, Health and Safety Code, who is engaged in official district
14 business may participate in the comptroller's contract for travel
15 services for the purpose of obtaining reduced airline fares and
16 reduced travel agent fees. ~~[The comptroller may charge a~~
17 ~~participating district a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the~~
18 ~~comptroller in providing services under this subsection. The~~
19 ~~comptroller shall periodically review fees and shall adjust them as~~
20 ~~needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in providing services~~
21 ~~to districts under this subsection. The comptroller shall deposit~~
22 ~~the fees collected under this subsection to the credit of the~~
23 ~~emergency communication district airline fares account. The~~
24 ~~emergency communication district airline fares account is an~~
25 ~~account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only~~
26 ~~for the purposes of this chapter.]~~ The comptroller shall adopt
27 rules and make or amend contracts as necessary to administer this

1 subsection.

2 (i) An officer or employee of a transportation or transit
3 authority, department, district, or system established under
4 Subtitle K, Title 6, Transportation Code, who is engaged in
5 official business of the authority, department, district, or system
6 may participate in the comptroller's contracts for travel services.
7 ~~[The comptroller may charge a participating authority, department,~~
8 ~~district, or system a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the~~
9 ~~comptroller in providing services under this subsection. The~~
10 ~~comptroller shall periodically review fees and shall adjust them as~~
11 ~~needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in providing services~~
12 ~~to authorities, departments, districts, and systems under this~~
13 ~~subsection.]~~

14 (j) An officer or employee of a hospital district created
15 under general or special law who is engaged in official hospital
16 district business may participate in the comptroller's contract for
17 travel services for the purpose of obtaining reduced airline fares
18 and reduced travel agent fees. ~~[The comptroller may charge a~~
19 ~~participating hospital district a fee not to exceed the costs~~
20 ~~incurred by the comptroller in providing services under this~~
21 ~~subsection. The comptroller shall periodically review fees and~~
22 ~~shall adjust them as needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in~~
23 ~~providing services to hospital districts under this subsection.~~
24 ~~The comptroller shall deposit the fees collected under this~~
25 ~~subsection to the credit of the hospital district airline fares~~
26 ~~account. The hospital district airline fares account is an account~~
27 ~~in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only for the~~

1 ~~purposes of this chapter.]~~ The comptroller shall adopt rules and
2 make or amend contracts as necessary to administer this subsection.

3 (k) An officer or employee of a qualified cooperative entity
4 who is engaged in official business of the qualified cooperative
5 entity may participate in the comptroller's contracts for travel
6 services. The comptroller shall adopt rules and make or amend
7 contracts as necessary to administer this subsection. For purposes
8 of this subsection, a "qualified cooperative entity" includes:

9 (1) a local government, as defined by Section 271.081,
10 Local Government Code;

11 (2) a community center for mental health and mental
12 retardation services described by Section 2155.202(1);

13 (3) an assistance organization, as defined by Section
14 2175.001, that receives any state funds; and

15 (4) a political subdivision, as defined by Section
16 791.003.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.