

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1122
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2021; March 18, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; April 8, 2021,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 15, Nays 0;
 1-5 April 8, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Buckingham	X			
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Creighton	X			
1-13 Hancock	X			
1-14 Huffman	X			
1-15 Kolthorst	X			
1-16 Nichols	X			
1-17 Perry	X			
1-18 Schwertner	X			
1-19 Taylor	X			
1-20 West	X			
1-21 Whitmire	X			

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to participation in the comptroller's contracts for travel
 1-26 services.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Section 2171.055, Government Code, is amended by
 1-29 amending Subsections (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) and adding
 1-30 Subsection (k) to read as follows:

1-31 (e) A county officer or employee who is engaged in official
 1-32 county business may participate in the comptroller's contract for
 1-33 travel services for the purpose of obtaining reduced airline fares
 1-34 and reduced travel agent fees. A county sheriff or deputy sheriff
 1-35 or juvenile probation officer who is transporting a state prisoner
 1-36 under a felony warrant may participate in the comptroller's
 1-37 contract for travel services for purposes of obtaining reduced
 1-38 airline fares and reduced travel agent fees for the law enforcement
 1-39 or probation officer and the prisoner. ~~[The comptroller may charge~~
 1-40 ~~a participating county a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the~~
 1-41 ~~comptroller in providing services under this subsection. The~~
 1-42 ~~comptroller shall periodically review fees and shall adjust them as~~
 1-43 ~~needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in providing services~~
 1-44 ~~to counties under this subsection. The comptroller shall deposit~~
 1-45 ~~the fees collected under this subsection to the credit of the county~~
 1-46 ~~airline fares account. The county airline fares account is an~~
 1-47 ~~account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only~~
 1-48 ~~for the purposes of this chapter.]~~ The comptroller shall adopt
 1-49 rules and make or amend contracts as necessary to administer this
 1-50 subsection.

1-51 (f) An officer or employee of a public junior college, as
 1-52 defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, of an open-enrollment
 1-53 charter school established under Subchapter D, Chapter 12,
 1-54 Education Code, or of a school district who is engaged in official
 1-55 business may participate in the comptroller's contract for travel
 1-56 services. ~~[The comptroller may charge a participating public~~
 1-57 ~~junior college, open-enrollment charter school, or school district~~
 1-58 ~~a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the comptroller in~~
 1-59 ~~providing services under this subsection. The comptroller shall~~
 1-60 ~~periodically review fees and shall adjust them as needed to ensure~~
 1-61 ~~recovery of costs incurred in providing services to public junior~~

2-1 ~~colleges, open-enrollment charter schools, and school districts~~
 2-2 ~~under this subsection. The comptroller shall deposit the fees~~
 2-3 ~~collected under this subsection to the credit of the public~~
 2-4 ~~education travel account. The public education travel account is~~
 2-5 ~~an account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only~~
 2-6 ~~for the purposes of this chapter.] The comptroller shall adopt~~
 2-7 ~~rules and make or amend contracts as necessary to administer this~~
 2-8 ~~subsection.~~

2-9 (g) A municipal officer or employee who is engaged in
 2-10 official municipal business may participate in the comptroller's
 2-11 contract for travel services for the purpose of obtaining reduced
 2-12 airline fares and reduced travel agent fees. ~~[The comptroller may~~
 2-13 ~~charge a participating municipality a fee not to exceed the costs~~
 2-14 ~~incurred by the comptroller in providing services under this~~
 2-15 ~~subsection. The comptroller shall periodically review fees and~~
 2-16 ~~shall adjust them as needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in~~
 2-17 ~~providing services to municipalities under this subsection. The~~
 2-18 ~~comptroller shall deposit the fees collected under this subsection~~
 2-19 ~~to the credit of the municipality airline fares account. The~~
 2-20 ~~municipality airline fares account is an account in the general~~
 2-21 ~~revenue fund that may be appropriated only for the purposes of this~~
 2-22 ~~chapter.] The comptroller shall adopt rules and make or amend~~
 2-23 ~~contracts as necessary to administer this subsection.~~

2-24 (h) A board member or employee of a communication district
 2-25 or an emergency communication district established under Chapter
 2-26 772, Health and Safety Code, who is engaged in official district
 2-27 business may participate in the comptroller's contract for travel
 2-28 services for the purpose of obtaining reduced airline fares and
 2-29 reduced travel agent fees. ~~[The comptroller may charge a~~
 2-30 ~~participating district a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the~~
 2-31 ~~comptroller in providing services under this subsection. The~~
 2-32 ~~comptroller shall periodically review fees and shall adjust them as~~
 2-33 ~~needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in providing services~~
 2-34 ~~to districts under this subsection. The comptroller shall deposit~~
 2-35 ~~the fees collected under this subsection to the credit of the~~
 2-36 ~~emergency communication district airline fares account. The~~
 2-37 ~~emergency communication district airline fares account is an~~
 2-38 ~~account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only~~
 2-39 ~~for the purposes of this chapter.] The comptroller shall adopt~~
 2-40 ~~rules and make or amend contracts as necessary to administer this~~
 2-41 ~~subsection.~~

2-42 (i) An officer or employee of a transportation or transit
 2-43 authority, department, district, or system established under
 2-44 Subtitle K, Title 6, Transportation Code, who is engaged in
 2-45 official business of the authority, department, district, or system
 2-46 may participate in the comptroller's contracts for travel services.
 2-47 ~~[The comptroller may charge a participating authority, department,~~
 2-48 ~~district, or system a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the~~
 2-49 ~~comptroller in providing services under this subsection. The~~
 2-50 ~~comptroller shall periodically review fees and shall adjust them as~~
 2-51 ~~needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in providing services~~
 2-52 ~~to authorities, departments, districts, and systems under this~~
 2-53 ~~subsection.]~~

2-54 (j) An officer or employee of a hospital district created
 2-55 under general or special law who is engaged in official hospital
 2-56 district business may participate in the comptroller's contract for
 2-57 travel services for the purpose of obtaining reduced airline fares
 2-58 and reduced travel agent fees. ~~[The comptroller may charge a~~
 2-59 ~~participating hospital district a fee not to exceed the costs~~
 2-60 ~~incurred by the comptroller in providing services under this~~
 2-61 ~~subsection. The comptroller shall periodically review fees and~~
 2-62 ~~shall adjust them as needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in~~
 2-63 ~~providing services to hospital districts under this subsection.~~
 2-64 ~~The comptroller shall deposit the fees collected under this~~
 2-65 ~~subsection to the credit of the hospital district airline fares~~
 2-66 ~~account. The hospital district airline fares account is an account~~
 2-67 ~~in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only for the~~
 2-68 ~~purposes of this chapter.] The comptroller shall adopt rules and~~
 2-69 ~~make or amend contracts as necessary to administer this subsection.~~

3-1 (k) An officer or employee of a qualified cooperative entity
3-2 who is engaged in official business of the qualified cooperative
3-3 entity may participate in the comptroller's contracts for travel
3-4 services. The comptroller shall adopt rules and make or amend
3-5 contracts as necessary to administer this subsection. For purposes
3-6 of this subsection, a "qualified cooperative entity" includes:

3-7 (1) a local government, as defined by Section [271.081](#),
3-8 Local Government Code;

3-9 (2) a community center for mental health and mental
3-10 retardation services described by Section [2155.202](#)(1);

3-11 (3) an assistance organization, as defined by Section
3-12 [2175.001](#), that receives any state funds; and

3-13 (4) a political subdivision, as defined by Section
3-14 [791.003](#).

3-15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3-16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3-17 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3-18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3-19 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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