

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, governmental entities that contract for the professional services of registered nurses or advanced practice nurses must bid competitively for their services. The Professional Services Procurement Act, Chapter 2254, Government Code, governs the procurement of professional services by state agencies and other governmental entities. This Act awards contracts to professionals on the basis of demonstrated competency and qualifications to perform their services at a fair and reasonable price. This Act covers occupations such as physicians, optometrists, and accountants, but not registered nurses. S.B. 1133 would include professional nursing or a registered nurse in the definition of professional services for the purpose of the Professional Services Procurement Act.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1133 includes professional nursing and a registered nurse to the Professional Services Procurement Act.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2254.002(2), Government Code, to redefine "professional services."

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.