

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the construction provisions governing projects of the General Services Commission only require an advertisement in newspapers, the Texas Register and other paper based locations. C.S.S.B. 1416 would cross-reference the use of electronic means for sharing bid notices and opportunities with the public in order to provide consistency across all procurement statutes.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1416 regulates procedures for requesting and receiving bids on certain state construction projects.

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 Sections 2166.253(a) and (b), Government Code, to require the General Services Commission (commission), after final approval of a project's working plans and specifications and their acceptance by a using agency, to advertise in an electronic format as required by Section 2155.083 for bids or proposals for the construction of and related work on the project. Requires the commission to allow bidders not less than 30 days after the date the commission issues the bid documents to respond to an invitation to bid, except as provided by Subsections (c) and (d).

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

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