

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the General Services Commission (GSC) is not specifically permitted to use an online “reverse auction” to purchase goods and services in which the suppliers, rather than the buyers, bid for contracts to provide goods while prices start high and go lower as the bidding continues. As proposed, S.B. 221 gives the GSC the authority to conduct reverse auctions.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2155.062(a), Government Code, by authorizing the General Services Commission to use the reverse auction procedure in purchasing goods and services.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.