

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 59  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2014; January 26, 2015,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;  
 1-4 March 23, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; March 23, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to exempting the procurement of services for victims of  
 1-20 family violence from competitive bidding requirements.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Section 2155.1443 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 2155.1443. EXEMPTION FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY FAMILY  
 1-25 VIOLENCE CENTER OR FAMILY VIOLENCE SPECIAL PROJECT. (a) The  
 1-26 competitive bidding provisions of this chapter do not apply to a  
 1-27 state purchase of services that meets the specifications for  
 1-28 services prescribed by Section 51.005, Human Resources Code, and  
 1-29 provided by:

1-30 (1) a family violence center, as that term is defined  
 1-31 by Section 51.002, Human Resources Code; or

1-32 (2) a family violence special project, as that term is  
 1-33 defined by Section 51.002, Human Resources Code.

1-34 (b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall procure  
 1-35 services for victims of family violence as provided by Chapter 51,  
 1-36 Human Resources Code, in consultation with a statewide family  
 1-37 violence organization and in a manner consistent with the plan for  
 1-38 delivering family violence services under Section 51.0021, Human  
 1-39 Resources Code.

1-40 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 51.004, Human Resources  
 1-41 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-42 Sec. 51.004. CONTRACT ELIGIBILITY [BIDS].

1-43 SECTION 3. Section 51.004(e), Human Resources Code, is  
 1-44 repealed.

1-45 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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