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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Hillsborough County; providing  
 3           definitions; providing purpose; authorizing purchases of  
 4           goods and services by the county and other public bodies  
 5           operating in the county under bids submitted to other  
 6           federal, state, and local governmental entities; providing  
 7           conditions; providing an exemption; providing  
 8           construction; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. As used in this act:

13           (1) "Public body" means any entity created by the Florida  
 14 Constitution, by general or special law, or by ordinance and  
 15 operating within the geographic boundaries of Hillsborough  
 16 County.

17           (2) "Publicly advertised competitive sealed bidding  
 18 process" means a process of receiving two or more sealed bids or  
 19 proposals submitted by responsible vendors who respond to an  
 20 invitation to bid or request for proposals solicited in a manner  
 21 compliant with state law. The invitation to bid must include a  
 22 detailed description of the goods and services sought, the time  
 23 and date for the receipt of bids and of the public opening, and  
 24 the contractual terms and conditions applicable to the  
 25 procurement, including the criteria to be used in determining  
 26 acceptability of the bid. Solicitations for invitations to bid  
 27 or requests for proposals include solicitations that are  
 28 electronically posted as authorized under state law.

29           Section 2. The purpose of this act is to facilitate the

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30 purchase of goods and services by a public body by enabling a  
 31 public body to engage in cooperative purchasing practices with  
 32 other federal, state, and local governmental entities.

33 Section 3. A public body may purchase goods and services  
 34 under the terms of a bid submitted to and accepted by any other  
 35 federal, state, or local governmental entity and under the terms  
 36 of a contract with such other governmental entity, provided that  
 37 such bid or contract results from a publicly advertised  
 38 competitive sealed bidding process.

39 Section 4. Any cooperative purchase made under the  
 40 provisions of this act is exempt from the requirements for  
 41 advertising for bids and for competitive sealed bidding  
 42 otherwise applicable to such purchases, provided that the  
 43 governmental entity that acts as a purchasing partner to a  
 44 public body has complied with the requirements of a publicly  
 45 advertised competitive sealed bidding process.

46 Section 5. This act provides a supplemental, additional,  
 47 and alternative method of purchasing and is not in derogation of  
 48 any purchasing powers now existing, including the powers  
 49 provided for in chapter 69-1119, Laws of Florida.

50 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.