

By Senator Sebesta

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See HB 1669

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

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

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14           Section 1. As used in this act:

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

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

1           Section 2. The purpose of this act is to facilitate  
2 the purchase of goods and services by a public body by  
3 enabling a public body to engage in cooperative purchasing  
4 practices with other federal, state, and local governmental  
5 entities.

6           Section 3. A public body may purchase goods and  
7 services under the terms of a bid submitted to and accepted by  
8 any other federal, state, or local governmental entity and  
9 under the terms of a contract with such other governmental  
10 entity, provided that such bid or contract results from a  
11 publicly advertised competitive sealed bidding process.

12           Section 4. Any cooperative purchase made under the  
13 provisions of this act is exempt from the requirements for  
14 advertising for bids and for competitive sealed bidding  
15 otherwise applicable to such purchases, provided that the  
16 governmental entity that acts as a purchasing partner to a  
17 public body has complied with the requirements of a publicly  
18 advertised competitive sealed bidding process.

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

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

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