

By: Harris of Williamson

H.B. No. 4937

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting on state contracts awarded to new businesses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2155.092 to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.092. REPORTING CONTRACTS WITH NEW BUSINESS. (a)

In this section, "new business" means a business that has been in operation for less than five years and has its principal place of business in this state.

(b) Not later than September 1 of each year, the comptroller shall file a report with the legislature that identifies:

(1) the number of state contracts awarded to new businesses during the previous year;

(2) the dollar value of all state contracts awarded to new businesses during the previous year;

(3) the number of state contracts awarded to new businesses that qualify as a historically underutilized business, as defined by Section 2161.001, during the previous year;

(4) the geographic area of the state, including the city and county, where each new business awarded a state contract in the previous year is located;

(5) the percentage of all state contracts awarded to new businesses during the previous year; and

(6) the percentage of the total dollar value of all

1 state contracts awarded to new businesses during the previous year.

2       (c) As part of the report required by Subsection (b) that  
3 must be filed before September 1, 2024, the comptroller, in  
4 conjunction with the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office  
5 within the office of the governor, shall make recommendations to  
6 improve access by new businesses to state contracting, including  
7 new businesses owned by statistically underrepresented demographic  
8 groups and in statistically underrepresented geographic areas of  
9 the state. This subsection expires January 1, 2025.

10       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.