

House Bill No. 1669

An act relating to Hillsborough County; providing definitions; providing purpose; authorizing purchases of goods and services by the county and other public bodies operating in the county under bids submitted to other federal, state, and local governmental entities; providing conditions; providing an exemption; providing construction; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. As used in this act:

(1) “Public body” means any entity created by the State Constitution, by general or special law, or by ordinance and operating solely within the geographic boundaries of Hillsborough County, excluding agencies as defined in s. 287.012(1), Florida Statutes.

(2) “Bid” means a bid or proposal.

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

Section 3. A public body may make purchases of goods and services from contracts procured by any other federal, state, or local governmental entity under the terms of a bid submitted to such entity, provided that such contract is procured in compliance with the procuring entity’s laws, bylaws, rules, regulations, or ordinances regarding competitive solicitation, which must provide for full and open competition.

Section 4. Any purchase made in compliance with the provisions of this act is exempt from the competitive solicitation requirements of the public entity otherwise applicable to such purchase.

Section 5. This act provides a supplemental, additional, and alternative method of purchasing and is not in derogation of any purchasing powers now existing, including the powers provided for in chapter 69-1119, Laws of Florida. This act does not exempt public bodies subject to s. 287.055, Florida Statutes, from compliance with that section.

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

Approved by the Governor June 17, 2004.

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