

HB 2418 -- Employer Participation in a Federal Work Authorization Program

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This bill exempts a business entity which contracts with the state from the provision requiring participation in a federal work authorization program if the business entity was awarded a contract for \$50,000 or less for supplies or materials used in connection with an emergency. The term "emergency" is expanded to include situations that threaten life, personal safety, property, the environment, or vital public services or resources and certain natural or manmade disasters including fires, chemical or biological hazards or spills, power outages, and other major mechanical failures of public infrastructure.

Subcontractors, including subcontractors of business entities awarded state contracts or grants for more than \$5,000, are not required to enroll and participate in a federal work authorization program if the contract binding the subcontractor affirmatively states that the subcontractor is not knowingly in violation of the prohibition on hiring illegal aliens and the subcontractor provides a sworn affidavit under penalty of perjury attesting to the fact that the subcontractor's employees are lawfully present in the United States.