

HB 2603 -- GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

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This bill adds requirements for government entities that engage in a public bidding process. The entities must include the rubric used to evaluate bids in the initial request for proposals; the rubric will include criteria for evaluating bids, the weight assigned to each criterion, descriptors for what constitutes each level of performance under those criterion, and scoring ranges for each level of performance.

The bill requires that for all open bids which must be awarded to avoid a loss of public services, the government entity must publish the request for proposals in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the project is located. The bill specifies requirements for this required publication. Government entities will also notify potential bidders of the request for proposal via informational meetings, direct communication to interested parties, and relevant trade or industry publications.

The Division of Purchasing within the Office of Administration will ensure government entities comply with these requirements.

The Division must submit a report to the legislature before August 28, 2027, providing specific examples of compliance with the provisions of this bill.