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Sponsor(s): House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Wood and McIntire)

Brief Description: Allowing governmental entities that award publicly funded contracts to select contractors using the lowest responsible bidder method.

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Authorizes all state or local governmental entities that award contracts for publicly funded projects to select contractors by the lowest responsible bidder method.

Provides that, in determining lowest responsible bidder, in addition to price, the governmental entity awarding the contract must consider the following elements: (1) The ability, capacity, and skill of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service required;

(2) The experience of the bidder;

(3) Whether the bidder has historically demonstrated the ability to perform the contract within the time specified;

(4) The satisfactory completion of previous contracts or services by the bidder;

(5) The previous and current compliance by the bidder with contracting laws.