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H.B. No. 1471

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to eligibility requirements of the moving image industry
3 incentive program for certain moving image projects involving a
4 firearm.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 485.021, Government Code, is amended by
7 amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as
8 follows:

9 (1) "Firearm" has the meaning assigned by Section
10 62.014, Parks and Wildlife Code.

11 (1-a) "In-state spending" means the amount of money
12 spent in Texas by a production company during the production and
13 completion of a moving image project, including the amount spent on
14 wages to Texas residents. The term does not include wages described
15 by Section 485.024(b).

16 SECTION 2. Section 485.022(b), Government Code, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 (b) The office shall develop a procedure for the submission
19 of grant applications and the awarding of grants under this
20 subchapter. The procedure must include provisions relating to:

21 (1) methods by which an individual's Texas residency
22 as described by Section 485.021(4) can be proved; and

23 (2) requirements for the submission, before
24 production of a moving image project begins, of:

- 1 (A) an estimate of total in-state spending;
- 2 (B) the shooting script or story board, as
3 applicable;
- 4 (C) the estimated number of jobs for cast and
5 production crew during the production and completion of the [a]
6 moving image project; [and]
- 7 (D) a certified statement on whether:
- 8 (i) a member of the cast or production crew
9 will handle or discharge a firearm during the production or
10 completion of the moving image project; and
- 11 (ii) the member described by Subparagraph
12 (i) has completed the hunter education program described by Section
13 62.014, Parks and Wildlife Code, or an equivalent firearm education
14 program as determined by the office; and
- 15 (E) any other information considered useful and
16 necessary by the office for an adequate and accurate analysis of a
17 production company's in-state spending.

18 SECTION 3. Section 485.023, Government Code, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 Sec. 485.023. QUALIFICATION. To qualify for a grant under
21 this subchapter:

- 22 (1) a production company must have spent a minimum of:
- 23 (A) \$250,000 in in-state spending for a film or
24 television program; or
- 25 (B) \$100,000 in in-state spending for a
26 commercial or series of commercials, an educational or
27 instructional video or series of educational or instructional

1 videos, or a digital interactive media production;

2 (2) at least 70 percent of the production crew,
3 actors, and extras for a moving image project must be Texas
4 residents unless the office determines and certifies in writing
5 that a sufficient number of qualified crew, actors, and extras are
6 not available to the company at the time principal photography
7 begins;

8 (3) at least 60 percent of the moving image project
9 must be filmed in Texas; ~~and~~

10 (4) before handling or discharging a firearm during
11 the production or completion of the moving image project, each
12 person who handles or discharges the firearm must complete the
13 hunter education program described by Section 62.014, Parks and
14 Wildlife Code, or an equivalent firearm education program as
15 determined by the office; and

16 (5) a production company must submit to the office an
17 expended budget, in a format prescribed by the office, that
18 reflects all in-state spending and includes all receipts, invoices,
19 pay orders, and other documentation considered necessary by the
20 office to accurately determine the amount of a production company's
21 in-state spending that has occurred.

22 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Chapter
23 485, Government Code, apply only to a grant awarded on or after the
24 effective date of this Act. A grant awarded before the effective
25 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
26 award was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that
27 purpose.

1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.