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H.B. No. 1703

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the workforce development evaluation system administered by the Texas Workforce Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 302.001, Labor Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

(1) "Career education and training program" has the meaning assigned by Section 2308A.001, Government Code.

(1-a) "Director" means the director of the division.

SECTION 2. Section 302.081(a), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission shall maintain and operate an automated follow-up and evaluation system derived from appropriate available information, including:

(1) unemployment insurance wage records maintained by the commission; and

(2) student follow-up information available through the Texas Education Agency and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

SECTION 3. Sections 302.082(b) and (c), Labor Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Evaluation data in the system must include the following information disaggregated by race, ethnicity, sex, income, and

1 location:

2 (1) placement rates;

3 (2) wages paid;

4 (3) retention in employment statistics;

5 (4) the number of education and training-related  
6 placements; ~~and~~

7 (5) data regarding the attainment of employment paying  
8 a self-sufficient wage, as determined under Section 2308A.012,  
9 Government Code, following completion of a career education and  
10 training program; and

11 (6) other appropriate factors, including public  
12 welfare dependency and the pursuit of additional education.

13 (c) The commission may develop a method for collecting  
14 occupational information to supplement wage record information  
15 collected by the commission under Section 204.0025. The commission  
16 may request employers, providers, and other appropriate sources to  
17 provide placement, employment, and earnings information to the  
18 commission.

19 SECTION 4. Section 302.083, Labor Code, is amended by  
20 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (c) to  
21 read as follows:

22 (a) At least annually, the commission shall issue an  
23 analysis, by occupation and by the provider of the job placement  
24 performance, of each career education and training ~~[workforce~~  
25 ~~development]~~ program for the previous one-year, three-year, and  
26 five-year periods to:

27 (1) each provider of workforce education or workforce

1 training and services;

2 (2) the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for  
3 each provider of workforce education approved and administered by  
4 the coordinating board;

5 (3) each local workforce development board for each  
6 provider of workforce training and services in the workforce  
7 development area; and

8 (4) the division.

9 (a-1) An analysis issued under Subsection (a) must include:

10 (1) analysis regarding the attainment of employment  
11 paying a self-sufficient wage, as determined under Section  
12 2308A.012, Government Code, following completion of a career  
13 education and training program; and

14 (2) detailed information on the services provided with  
15 each offered program.

16 (c) The commission may share individual-level outcome  
17 information resulting from an analysis issued under Subsection (a)  
18 with state agencies represented on the council through secure means  
19 that may be accessed only by authorized employees of those  
20 agencies.

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