Button, González of El Paso, Smith, H.B. No. 2575 By: Morales of Harris, Lopez of Cameron Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2575: C.S.H.B. No. 2575 By: Button

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT 2 relating to the workforce diploma pilot program. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Sections 317.004 and 317.010, Labor Code, are 4 5 amended to read as follows: 6 Sec. 317.004. PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY. To be eligible to 7 participate as a provider under the program, a provider must: 8 (1) apply to the commission in the manner prescribed 9 by commission rule; be a public, nonprofit, or private entity that is: 10 (2) 11 (A) authorized under the Education Code or other 12 state law to grant a high school diploma; or 13 (B) accredited by a regional accrediting body and 14 working in partnership with an entity described by Paragraph (A); (3) have at least two years of experience providing 15 16 dropout reengagement services to adult students, including recruitment, learning plan development, and proactive coaching and 17 mentoring, leading to the obtainment of a high school diploma; 18 (4) be equipped to: 19 20 (A) provide: 21 (i) academic skill intake assessment and 22 transcript evaluations; 23 (ii) remediation coursework in literacy and 24 numeracy;

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C.S.H.B. No. 2575 1 (iii) a research-validated academic resiliency assessment and intervention; 2 3 (iv) employability skills development 4 aligned to employer needs; (v) career pathways coursework; 5 6 (vi) preparation for the attainment of 7 industry-recognized credentials; and (vii) career placement services; and 8 develop a learning plan that integrates 9 (B) academic requirements and career goals; and 10 11 (5) offer a course catalog that includes all courses necessary to meet high school graduation requirements in this 12 13 state. Sec. 317.010. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires September 14 15 1, <u>2027</u> [<del>2025</del>]. SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023. 16

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