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H.B. No. 4539

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to qualifications for participation in the moving image industry incentive program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 485.023, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

(1) a production company must have spent a minimum of:

(A) \$250,000 in in-state spending for a film or television program; or

(B) \$100,000 in in-state spending for a commercial or series of commercials, an educational or instructional video or series of educational or instructional videos, or a digital interactive media production;

(2) at least 55 ~~[70]~~ percent of the production crew, actors, and extras for a moving image project must be Texas residents unless the office determines and certifies in writing that a sufficient number of qualified crew, actors, and extras are not available to the company at the time principal photography begins;

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

(4) a production company must submit to the office an

1 expended budget, in a format prescribed by the office, that  
2 reflects all in-state spending and includes all receipts, invoices,  
3 pay orders, and other documentation considered necessary by the  
4 office to accurately determine the amount of a production company's  
5 in-state spending that has occurred.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.