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S.B. No. 1687

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the direct reimbursement of certain employers under the Skills Development Fund.

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

SECTION 1. Section 303.003(b-1), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-1) The commission by rule may establish and develop additional job incentive programs that use the skills development fund to create incentives for public community and technical colleges in partnership with one or more employers, including prospective employers who commit to establishing a place of business in this state, to provide workforce training in an effort to create and retain employment opportunities in this state. Under a program established under this subsection, the commission may commit money to a prospective employer described by this subsection contingent on the employer's establishment of a place of business in this state. The rules must provide a procedure under which a prospective employer described by this subsection may seek and obtain direct reimbursement from the skills development fund for costs incurred by the employer in relation to training provided to new employees on the employer's demonstration that the training is proprietary and protected by trademark, patent, or copyright. The rules must provide that the employer may be reimbursed for each new employee receiving the proprietary training.

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