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H.B. No. 4443

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment by the Texas Workforce Commission of
a pilot program to train workers for careers in energy-efficient
technologies.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code is amended
by adding Section 302.02015 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.02015. CAREERS IN ENERGY-EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES
PILOT PROGRAM. (a) In this section:

(1) "Agency" means the Texas Education Agency.

(2) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
Education Coordinating Board.

(3) "Public junior college" and "public technical
institute" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003, Education
Code.

(b) The commission, in consultation with the agency and the
coordinating board, shall establish and administer a pilot program
in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area under which the
commission partners with public junior colleges, public technical
institutes, and energy-efficient technology employers to provide
necessary education and training to students for entry into jobs in
industries using energy-efficient technologies.

(c) Subject to coordinating board approval, a public junior
college or public technical institute participating in the program

1 may offer dual credit courses to high school students or
2 college-level courses to high school graduates participating in the
3 pilot program.

4 (d) The commission, in consultation with the agency and the
5 coordinating board, shall establish:

6 (1) curriculum requirements for courses and training
7 offered under the pilot program;

8 (2) eligibility criteria for a student or an
9 energy-efficient technology employer to participate in the pilot
10 program; and

11 (3) a certificate of completion the commission may
12 award to a pilot program participant for the successful completion
13 of a course of study and training in energy-efficient technologies
14 under the pilot program.

15 (e) Under the pilot program, the commission shall ensure
16 that the local workforce development board serving the workforce
17 development area in which the pilot program is administered
18 maintains the following information for each pilot program
19 participant following program completion, disaggregated by race,
20 ethnicity, sex, income, and location:

21 (1) the evaluation data described by Section
22 [302.082\(b\)](#); and

23 (2) data regarding the attainment of employment within
24 the field of energy-efficient technologies.

25 (f) The commission, agency, and coordinating board may
26 adopt rules as necessary for the administration of this section.

27 (g) Not later than December 1, 2030, the commission shall

1 evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program at enhancing the
2 entry rate of participants into careers in energy-efficient
3 technologies and report the results of the evaluation to the
4 legislature. The report must include the commission's
5 recommendation on whether the pilot program should be implemented
6 on a statewide basis.

7 (h) This section expires September 1, 2031.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.