

Amend CSSB 15 as follows:

(1) In SECTION 2 of the bill (committee printing, page 1, line 19 through line 24), strike Subsection (a) and substitute the following:

(a) The Texas Department of Economic Development may spend money from the smart jobs fund for the purpose of making grants to businesses or local governmental entities in connection with providing incentives for businesses to locate an operation within Texas. A business or local governmental entity that receives a grant may spend the money to provide job training to the employees of a business that locates in Texas, to develop transportation infrastructure reasonably expected to help induce a business to locate in Texas, and for other business location incentives. The department shall adopt rules or develop procedures to implement this Act.

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill (committee printing, page 1, between lines 24 and 25), add a new Subsection (b) to read as follows and reletter subsections accordingly:

(b) A grant awarded under this section is contingent on the recipient meeting certain criteria relating to the purposes for which the grant is made. Before awarding a grant under this section, the Texas Department of Economic Development must enter into a written agreement with the business or local governmental entity being awarded the grant specifying that:

(1) if all or any portion of the amount of the grant is used to build infrastructure or make any other type of capital improvement, the grant recipient must:

(A) retain a lien or other interest in the capital improvement in proportion to the percentage of the grant amount used to pay for the capital improvement; and

(B) ensure that if the capital improvement is sold, the grant recipient repays the department, with interest at the agreed rate and terms, any state money used to pay for the capital improvement and shares with this state a proportionate amount of any profit realized from the sale; and

(2) if the grant recipient fails to use an amount awarded under this section for any of the purposes for which the

grant was intended, the recipient shall immediately repay that amount and any related interest to this state the agreed rate and terms.

(3) In SECTION 2(b) of the bill (committee printing, page 1, lines 32 and 33), strike "for business location incentives" and substitute "for the purpose of making a grant to one or more local governmental entities to develop a rail line that is reasonably expected to help induce a business to locate in Texas."

(4) In SECTION 2(c) of the bill (committee printing, page 1, line 38), strike "for business location incentives" and substitute "for the purpose of making a grant to one or more local governmental entities to develop a rail line that is reasonably expected to help induce a business to locate in Texas."