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H.B. No. 2975

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a pilot program by the Texas Workforce Commission in the Texas-Mexico border region for technology training of certain persons.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 301, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 301.0675 to read as follows:

Sec. 301.0675. PILOT PROGRAM; TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER REGION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING. (a) In this section, "Texas-Mexico border region" has the meaning assigned by Section 2056.002(e), Government Code.

(b) The commission by rule may establish and implement a pilot program in the Texas-Mexico border region under which the commission may competitively procure adult technology training for residents of the state who are workers displaced as a result of trade dislocations or other changes in the state economy.

(c) If the commission establishes a pilot program under this section, the commission may:

(1) use:

(A) existing state-funded technology infrastructures to the extent possible to implement the pilot program; and

(B) curriculum and instruction models developed by the commission to implement Section 301.0674;

1 (2) obtain funds for the pilot program to the extent
2 possible from any state, federal, or private source; and

3 (3) collaborate with appropriate federal and state
4 agencies and local workforce development boards to implement the
5 pilot program.

6 (d) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
7 the commission shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant
8 governor, and the speaker of the house a report regarding the status
9 and results of a pilot program established under this section.

10 (e) This section expires September 1, 2007.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.