1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of a pilot program by the Texas

3 Workforce Commission in the Texas-Mexico border region for

4 technology training of certain persons.

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

6   SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 301, Labor Code, is

7 amended by adding Section 301.0675 to read as follows:

8   Sec. 301.0675. PILOT PROGRAM; TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER REGION

9 TECHNOLOGY TRAINING. (a) In this section, "Texas-Mexico border

10 region" has the meaning assigned by Section 2056.002(e), Government

11 Code.

12   (b) The commission by rule may establish and implement a

13 pilot program in the Texas-Mexico border region under which the

14 commission may competitively procure adult technology training for

15 residents of the state who are workers displaced as a result of

16 trade dislocations or other changes in the state economy.

17   (c) If the commission establishes a pilot program under this

18 section, the commission may:

19   (1) use:

20   (A) existing state-funded technology

21 infrastructures to the extent possible to implement the pilot

22 program; and

23   (B) curriculum and instruction models developed

24 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.

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President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

    I certify that H.B. No. 2975 was passed by the House on May 5, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

    I certify that H.B. No. 2975 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
                  Date

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      Governor