

1-1 By: Chavez, Castro, Quintanilla H.B. No. 2975
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Lucio)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2003;
1-4 May 8, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 International Relations and Trade; May 19, 2003, reported
1-6 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent
1-7 to printer.)

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the establishment of a pilot program by the Texas
1-11 Workforce Commission in the Texas-Mexico border region for
1-12 technology training of certain persons.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 301, Labor Code, is
1-15 amended by adding Section 301.0675 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 301.0675. PILOT PROGRAM; TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER REGION
1-17 TECHNOLOGY TRAINING. (a) In this section, "Texas-Mexico border
1-18 region" has the meaning assigned by Section 2056.002(e), Government
1-19 Code.

1-20 (b) The commission by rule may establish and implement a
1-21 pilot program in the Texas-Mexico border region under which the
1-22 commission may competitively procure adult technology training for
1-23 residents of the state who are workers displaced as a result of
1-24 trade dislocations or other changes in the state economy.

1-25 (c) If the commission establishes a pilot program under this
1-26 section, the commission may:

1-27 (1) use:

1-28 (A) existing state-funded technology
1-29 infrastructures to the extent possible to implement the pilot
1-30 program; and

1-31 (B) curriculum and instruction models developed
1-32 by the commission to implement Section 301.0674;

1-33 (2) obtain funds for the pilot program to the extent
1-34 possible from any state, federal, or private source; and

1-35 (3) collaborate with appropriate federal and state
1-36 agencies and local workforce development boards to implement the
1-37 pilot program.

1-38 (d) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
1-39 the commission shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant
1-40 governor, and the speaker of the house a report regarding the status
1-41 and results of a pilot program established under this section.

1-42 (e) This section expires September 1, 2007.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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