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S.B. No. 755

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a disclosure of certain employment by an executive committee member of the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 487, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 487.059 to read as follows:

Sec. 487.059. DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT. (a) In this section, "monetary award" means any money, fund, stipend, grant, scholarship, loan, or loan guarantee awarded under this chapter.

(b) This section applies to a member of the executive committee who is employed by:

(1) an entity that applies for a monetary award or offers to enter into a contract with the office; or

(2) an entity that is under common ownership or governance with or otherwise affiliated with an entity that applies for a monetary award or offers to enter into a contract with the office.

(c) The committee member shall, before a vote on the monetary award or contract, disclose the fact of the member's employment by the entity. The executive committee shall enter the disclosure into the minutes of the meeting at which a vote on the monetary award or contract is taken. The executive committee member may not vote on or otherwise participate in a discussion or

1 any other activity that relates to awarding the monetary award or  
2 contract.

3 (d) If the executive committee member does not comply with  
4 this section, the entity is not eligible to be awarded the monetary  
5 award or contract.

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