

Amend Amendment No. 153 proposed by Representative Mike Villarreal by:

1) striking "Amend **CSSB 1** under the appropriations to the Texas Workforce Commission by amending _____ to add the following language at the end:" and substituting "On page XI-71, add the following rider language:" and

2) striking and substituting the following:

~~In the effort to increase the numbers of individuals in Texas who are gainfully employed as well as maximize federal funds available to the state at the state and local levels, promotion of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) shall be funded out of funds appropriated above. The Texas Workforce Commission shall expend \$500,000 for the biennium of these funds for a matching grant program. Local collaborations--which may include United Ways, foundations, community- and faith-based organizations, cities, and/or counties - shall receive a 1:1 match of up to \$25,000 per year. One collaboration shall receive funding per local workforce development board area per year. Local projects shall promote the importance of work and assist in determining the eligibility of potential recipients in addition to the promotion of the tax credit. Nothing in this rider precludes the expenditure of general revenue dollars on EITC promotion to the extent such dollars are available.~~

Contingency for **HB 1995**. Contingent upon the enactment of **HB 1995**, or similar legislation by the Seventy-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, relating to a grant program to encourage investment of federal earned income tax credit funds, and in the effort to increase the numbers of individuals in Texas who are gainfully employed as well as maximize federal funds available to the state at the state and local levels, promotion of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) shall be funded out of funds appropriated above. The Texas Workforce Commission shall expend \$500,000 for the biennium of these funds for a matching grant program. Local collaborations---which may include United Ways, foundations, community- and faith-based organizations, cities,

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