BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, veterans who serve on a local workforce development board as the designated veteran, are not required to represent veterans and may not be aware that they are the designated veteran on the board. H.B. 720 clarifies that a veteran on a workforce development board actually serves as a representative of his or her fellow veterans, in accordance with the Workforce Development Act, as implemented by the federal government. H.B. 720 specified that the designated veteran on a workforce development board must represent veterans' interests.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2308.256(h), Government Code, as follows:

- (h) Adds a requirement that at least one of the members of a local workforce development board appointed under Subsection (a) be a veteran who serves as a representative on the board for the interests of veterans in the workforce development area.
- SECTION 2. (a) Makes application of this Act prospective. Requires the chief elected officials responsible for appointing members to a local workforce development board created before the effective date of this Act to appoint new members to the board as specified.
 - (b) Provides that if the change in law made by this Act conflicts with federal law or would have the effect on invalidating a waiver granted under federal law, Section 2308.256(h), Government Code, as amended by this Act is void and has no effect.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2005.