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H.B. No. 1253

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to projects that may be undertaken by certain development corporations for career or learning centers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2(11), Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(11) [~~(A)~~] "Project" shall mean:

(A) the land, buildings, equipment, facilities, expenditures, targeted infrastructure, and improvements (one or more) that are for the creation or retention of primary jobs and that are found by the board of directors to be required or suitable for the development, retention, or expansion of manufacturing and industrial facilities, research and development facilities, transportation facilities (including but not limited to airports, ports, mass commuting facilities, and parking facilities), sewage or solid waste disposal facilities, recycling facilities, air or water pollution control facilities, facilities for the furnishing of water to the general public, distribution centers, small warehouse facilities capable of serving as decentralized storage and distribution centers, primary job training facilities for use by institutions of higher education, and regional or national corporate headquarters facilities; [~~+~~]

(B) [~~"Project" also includes~~] job training

1 required or suitable for the promotion of development and expansion
2 of business enterprises and other enterprises described by this
3 Act, as provided by Section 38 of this Act;~~[-]~~

4 (C) [~~"Project" also includes~~] expenditures found
5 by the board of directors to be required or suitable for
6 infrastructure necessary to promote or develop new or expanded
7 business enterprises limited to streets and roads, rail spurs,
8 water and electric utilities, gas utilities, drainage and related
9 improvements, and telecommunications and Internet improvements;or

10 (D) land, buildings, equipment, facilities,
11 improvements, and expenditures found by the board of directors to
12 be required or suitable for use for a career center or learning
13 center, if the area to be benefited by the career or learning center
14 is not located in the taxing jurisdiction of a junior college
15 district.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.