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S.B. No. 998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to contracts with local workforce development boards.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2308.264(e), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) In consultation with local workforce development boards, the Texas Workforce Commission by rule shall establish contracting guidelines for boards under this section, including guidelines designed to:

(1) ensure that each independent contractor that contracts to provide one-stop workforce services under this section has sufficient insurance, bonding, and liability coverage for the overall financial security of one-stop workforce services funds and operations;

(2) prevent potential conflicts of interest between boards and entities that contract with boards under this section; ~~and~~

(3) ensure that if a board acts as a fiscal agent for an entity that contracts with the board to provide one-stop workforce services, the board does not deliver the services or determine eligibility for the services; and

(4) ensure that an entity that contracts with a board under this section may use, display, and advertise the entity's name when providing workforce services for the board.

1 SECTION 2. The Texas Workforce Commission shall adopt rules
2 as required by Section 2308.264(e)(4), Government Code, as added by
3 this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this
4 Act. Rules adopted by the Texas Workforce Commission under Section
5 2308.264(e)(4), Government Code, as added by this Act, apply to any
6 existing contract for one-stop workforce services.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.