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TO: Honorable Allan Ritter, Chair, House Committee on Economic Development

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IN RE: HB900 by Chavez (relating to the requirement that workforce development programs provide training in financial literacy.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The provisions of the bill amend the Labor Code, which would require the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and the local workforce development boards (LWDBs) to include financial literacy training for participants. The bill requires the workforce development division to develop materials and information to be included in the training.

According to TWC, it assumes that curriculum development would not be necessary since a financial literacy curriculum, "Money Smart," is available at no expense from Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The FDIC, in partnership with local financial institutions and Department of Labor (DOL), provides financial literacy training in local communities at no cost. Additionally, other off-the-shelf financial literacy curricula are also available at no cost. The bill's provisions also allow for the acceptance of donated services and resources.

According to TWC, those workforce development education and training programs identified that are not administered by the LWDBs, TWC and the LWDBs may advise the cognizant entities of the availability of the curricula and how to access them.

TWC anticipates any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

The bill takes effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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