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H.B. No. 381

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of public junior colleges to provide training to
3 state agency employees.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 656.049, Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 656.049. AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT. (a) A state agency
8 may contract with another state, local, or federal department,
9 agency, or institution, including a state-supported college or
10 university, to train or educate its administrators and employees or
11 may join in presenting a training or educational program.

12 (b) A state agency may not contract with a private person to
13 train or educate a state agency administrator or employee if a
14 public junior college is able to provide training on the subject
15 matter required by the state agency in the geographic area in which
16 the state agency administrator or employee is located.

17 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 656, Government Code, is
18 amended by adding Section 656.050 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 656.050. TRAINING PROVIDED BY PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGES.

20 (a) In providing training or education to its administrators and
21 employees, a state agency must use a public junior college to
22 provide any training or education that the college can provide at a
23 comparable level of quality but at a lower cost to the agency.

24 (b) A state agency may use a public junior college to

1 supplement or enhance the training or education provided by
2 full-time state agency employees to the agency's other employees.

3 SECTION 3. Section 656.049, Government Code, as amended by
4 this Act, applies only to a contract entered into on or after the
5 effective date of this Act. A contract entered into before the
6 effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the
7 contract was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect
8 for that purpose.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.