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H.B. No. 3276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of an employer assessment to fund certain employment and training investment programs in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 204.006, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person's contribution rate for the calendar year in which the person becomes an employer is the greater of:

(1) the rate established for that year for the major group to which the employer is assigned under Section 204.004, ~~[less than one tenth of one percent]~~; or

(2) two and seven-tenths ~~[six tenths]~~ percent.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 204, Labor Code, is amended by repealing Section 204.0625, Adjustment to Relinquishment Tax Rate.

SECTION 3. Chapter 204, Labor Code, is amended by repealing Subchapter G, Employment and Training Investment Assessment; Funds.

SECTION 4. Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by repealing Subchapter F, Employment and Training Assessment.

SECTION 5. Subsection 303.003(a), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To achieve the purposes of this chapter, the skills development fund is created. The fund is composed of:

1           ~~[(1) money transferred into the fund under Section~~  
2 ~~204.123, and]~~

3           [(2) any amounts appropriated by the legislature for  
4 the purpose of this chapter from the general revenue fund.

5           SECTION 6. Upon the effective date, any money remaining in  
6 the Employment and Training Investment Holding Fund under Section  
7 204.122, Labor Code will be deposited into the Unemployment  
8 Compensation Fund authorized under Subchapter B, Chapter 203, Labor  
9 Code.

10          Upon the effective date, any money remaining in the Training  
11 Stabilization Fund under Section 302.101, Labor Code will be  
12 deposited into the Unemployment Compensation Fund authorized under  
13 Subchapter B, Chapter 203, Labor Code.

14          Money collected under Subchapter G, Chapter 204, Labor Code,  
15 subsequent to the effective date will be deposited into the  
16 Unemployment Compensation Fund authorized under Subchapter B,  
17 Chapter 203, Labor Code.

18          SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.