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H.B. No. 394

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 394:

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C.S.H.B. No. 394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to use of the money from the Texas Enterprise Fund to
3 benefit small businesses.

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

5 SECTION 1. The vital importance of small businesses to the
6 economy of this state and the well-being of its residents requires
7 that it be the policy of this state to encourage the creation and
8 location of small businesses in this state and promote
9 opportunities for those businesses to prosper.

10 SECTION 2. Section 481.078, Government Code, is amended by
11 adding Subsections (k) and (l) to read as follows:

12 (k) To encourage the creation, development, and location of
13 small businesses in this state, the governor shall consider making
14 grants from the fund to recipients that are:

15 (1) small businesses in this state that commit to
16 using the grants to create additional jobs; or

17 (2) small businesses from outside the state that
18 commit to relocate to this state.

19 (l) For purposes of Subsection (k), "small business" means a
20 legal entity, including a corporation, partnership, or sole
21 proprietorship, that:

22 (1) is formed for the purpose of making a profit;

23 (2) is independently owned and operated; and

24 (3) has fewer than 100 employees.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.