

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.B. No. 3956

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3956:

By: Hartnett

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to use of sales and tax revenues by certain development
3 corporations to promote higher education and job training
4 opportunities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 504, Local Government
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 504.1025 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 504.1025. PROJECTS RELATING TO PROMOTING HIGHER
9 EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. (a) For purposes of this
10 section:

11 (1) "Education and job training project" means:

12 (A) expenditures to provide financial
13 assistance, including scholarships and loans, to students who:

14 (i) enroll in institutions of higher
15 education located in the authorizing municipality; or

16 (ii) are residents of the authorizing
17 municipality and who enroll at a public junior college located
18 within the same junior college district service area in which the
19 authorizing municipality is located; and

20 (B) expenditures to support job training
21 opportunities offered through an institution of higher education
22 located in the authorizing municipality.

23 (2) "Metropolitan planning area" has the meaning
24 assigned by 49 U.S.C. Section 5303.

1 (3) "Population" means the most recent population
2 estimates as determined by the regional planning council that
3 serves the metropolitan planning area in which the authorizing
4 municipality is located.

5 (b) This section applies only to a corporation authorized to
6 be created by a municipality:

7 (1) with a population of more than 30,000 and less than
8 50,000;

9 (2) all of which is located in two counties, only one
10 of which has a population of 500,000 or more;

11 (3) that is located wholly or partly within the
12 service area of two junior college districts;

13 (4) in which is located a teaching facility owned or
14 operated by a junior college district; and

15 (5) that is located within a metropolitan planning
16 area with a population of six million or more.

17 (c) A Type A corporation may contract with a nonprofit
18 corporation to administer an education and job training project or
19 to assist the corporation with the administration of the project.
20 The authorizing municipality may designate for the purposes of this
21 section not more than one-eighth of the tax revenue that the
22 municipality is entitled to receive from any sales and use tax
23 adopted under this chapter.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.