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S.B. No. 1654

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the criteria for evaluating requests for defense
3 economic adjustment assistance grants.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 486.008, Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 486.008. EVALUATION OF APPLICATION. The panel shall
8 evaluate each application and assign the applicant a score based
9 on:

10 (1) the significance of the adverse or positive effect
11 within the local governmental entity, including the number of jobs
12 lost or gained in relation to the workforce in the local
13 governmental entity's jurisdiction and the effect on the area's
14 economy and tax revenue;

15 (2) the extent to which the local governmental entity
16 has used its existing resources to promote local economic
17 development;

18 (3) the amount of any grant that the local
19 governmental entity has previously received under this chapter;

20 (4) the anticipated number of jobs to be created or
21 retained in relation to the amount of the grant sought; and

22 (5) the extent to which the grant will affect the
23 region in which the local governmental entity is located.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.