

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 1654
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2009; March 20, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; April 2, 2009, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 2, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the criteria for evaluating requests for defense
1-9 economic adjustment assistance grants.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 486.008, Government Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 486.008. EVALUATION OF APPLICATION. The panel shall
1-14 evaluate each application and assign the applicant a score based
1-15 on:

1-16 (1) the significance of the adverse or positive effect
1-17 within the local governmental entity, including the number of jobs
1-18 lost or gained in relation to the workforce in the local
1-19 governmental entity's jurisdiction and the effect on the area's
1-20 economy and tax revenue;

1-21 (2) the extent to which the local governmental entity
1-22 has used its existing resources to promote local economic
1-23 development;

1-24 (3) the amount of any grant that the local
1-25 governmental entity has previously received under this chapter;

1-26 (4) the anticipated number of jobs to be created or
1-27 retained in relation to the amount of the grant sought; and

1-28 (5) the extent to which the grant will affect the
1-29 region in which the local governmental entity is located.

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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