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H.B. No. 1286

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of a state trade representative.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 772, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 772.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 772.012. STATE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE. (a) The governor shall designate a state trade representative in the governor's office.

(b) To be eligible for designation as the state trade representative, an individual must have:

(1) a degree with specialization in international trade or international relations or a related field; or

(2) significant work experience in international trade or international relations or a related field.

(c) The state trade representative may not be assigned duties other than duties related to the representative's designation under this section.

(d) The state trade representative shall annually report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the standing committees in the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over international trade matters on:

(1) expansion of international trade in this state, including opening of new markets for goods and services produced

1 and manufactured in this state; and

2 (2) major investments made in this state as a result of
3 international commerce.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.