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H.B. No. 1574

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the collection, evaluation, maintenance, and reporting
3 of certain workforce and employment data by the Texas Workforce
4 Commission.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 302.018 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 302.018. WORKFORCE AND EMPLOYMENT DATA; REPORT. (a)
9 The commission shall gather, evaluate, and maintain data, including
10 relevant statistical information, relating to the existing
11 workforce and employment needs, trends, and opportunities in this
12 state. The information collected by the commission under this
13 section must include the following categories of information:

14 (1) the types and non-exempt and exempt levels of
15 employment available in the private and public sectors;

16 (2) the number of full-time, part-time, permanent, and
17 temporary workers by industry and region;

18 (3) a comparison between the number of available
19 positions offering full-time employment and those offering a
20 maximum of part-time employment;

21 (4) the estimated cost to the state of part-time
22 employees and workers who apply for public assistance programs; and

23 (5) a review of the statewide economic conditions
24 affecting relevant economic conditions and trends, including

1 annual changes in aggregate part-time and full-time employment
2 statuses, productivity, cost of living by region, purchasing power,
3 and other relevant criteria.

4 (b) To implement the measures required by this section, the
5 commission shall utilize resources and services available to the
6 commission. Additionally, the commission may coordinate with
7 federal and state agencies as necessary or appropriate to determine
8 any of the information required to be collected and evaluated under
9 this section, and may apply for and utilize grant-based funding
10 programs and may negotiate and enter into contracts with
11 not-for-profit entities.

12 (c) Not later than October 1 of each year, the commission
13 shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker
14 of the House of Representatives, and the presiding officer of each
15 standing committee or subcommittee of the legislature with primary
16 jurisdiction over workforce development matters, a detailed report
17 summarizing the data collected by the commission under this section
18 for the most recent state fiscal year and any suggestions and
19 recommendations for legislative action the commission considers
20 appropriate resulting from the commission's analysis of that data.

21 (d) The commission shall maintain in a prominent location on
22 its publicly accessible Internet website for use by job seekers and
23 the public a link to a summary of the most recent data collected by
24 the commission under this section.

25 SECTION 2. The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit the
26 initial report to the governor and the legislature as required by
27 Section 302.018, Labor Code, as added by this Act, not later than

1 October 1, 2014.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.