

AN ACT

relating to the collection, study, and reporting by the Texas Workforce Commission of certain information regarding shortages in high-wage, high-demand occupations.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 302.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.019. OCCUPATIONAL SHORTAGE STUDY; REPORT. (a)

The commission shall gather and study information relating to existing and projected shortages in high-wage, high-demand occupations in this state. The study conducted by the commission under this section must include information on existing and projected shortages in high-wage, high-demand occupations in industrial job sectors, including:

(1) construction;

(2) manufacturing;

(3) agriculture;

(4) forestry;

(5) health care and social services;

(6) education;

(7) transportation and warehousing;

(8) mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction;

(9) utilities;

(10) wholesale trade;

1 (11) retail trade;

2 (12) finance and insurance;

3 (13) professional, scientific, and technical
4 services; and

5 (14) hospitality and food services.

6 (b) Not later than January 1 of each year, the commission
7 shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker
8 of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each
9 standing committee or subcommittee of the legislature with primary
10 jurisdiction over workforce development matters a detailed report
11 summarizing the results of the commission's study under this
12 section for the most recent state fiscal year and any suggestions
13 and recommendations for legislative action the commission
14 considers appropriate resulting from that study.

15 SECTION 2. The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit the
16 initial report to the governor and the legislature as required by
17 Section 302.019, Labor Code, as added by this Act, not later than
18 January 1, 2015.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2478 was passed by the House on May 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2478 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor