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S.B. No. 1497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the cultural and fine arts district program
3 administered by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 444.031, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) The commission shall develop:

9 (1) eligibility criteria for a designation under this
10 section; ~~and~~

11 (2) procedures to administer the program created under
12 this section;

13 (3) a standardized tracking survey for visitors to
14 each designated district in order to collect information, including
15 visitor residence zip codes, for use by designated districts and
16 the commission; and

17 (4) annual performance measures for designated
18 districts to be published on the commission's Internet website.

19 (c) The commission shall:

20 (1) identify and advise districts of available state
21 incentives and opportunities, including programs of the:

22 (A) Department of Agriculture;

23 (B) Texas Department of Transportation; and

24 (C) office of the governor; and

1 (2) assist districts in applying for the incentives
2 and opportunities.

3 (d) A designated district shall meet performance measures
4 developed under Subsection (b) in order to maintain a designation
5 under this section.

6 (e) The commission may amend the boundaries of a district to
7 include private sector development.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.