

House Bill 1297
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Section 303.004, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 303.004. FUND REVIEW. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall review all customized training programs biennially to verify that state funds are being used appropriately by public community and technical colleges and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service under this chapter.

(b) Not later than June 1 of each year, the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service and each public community or technical college that provides workforce training under this chapter shall:

(1) conduct a review of the service's or college's training programs to:

(A) determine the effectiveness of the programs in improving the socioeconomic circumstances of participants who complete the programs; and

(B) identify strategies for improving the delivery of workforce training in order to more effectively impact economic development in this state; and

(2) submit to the commission a detailed written report summarizing the results of the review for inclusion by the executive director in the report to the governor and the legislature required by Section 303.006(c).

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

SENATE VERSION (CS)

SECTION 1. Section 303.004, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 303.004. FUND REVIEW. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall review all customized training programs biennially to verify that state funds are being used appropriately by public community and technical colleges and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service under this chapter.

(b) Not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year, the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service and each public community or technical college that provides workforce training under this chapter shall:

(1) conduct a review of the service's or college's training programs to:

(A) determine the effectiveness of the programs in improving the wages of participants who complete the programs; and

(B) identify strategies for improving the delivery of workforce training in order to more effectively impact economic development in this state; and

(2) submit to the commission a detailed written report summarizing the results of the review for inclusion by the executive director in the report to the governor and the legislature required by Section 303.006(c).

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

CONFERENCE