

Amend CSHB 26 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 13, strike "and (m)" and substitute ", (m), (n), and (o)".

(2) On page 5, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

(n) In each calendar year, at least 20 percent of the grant agreements entered into under this section must:

(1) contain a provision that requires all of the jobs created under the agreement to be created in a county that has a population of less than 300,000; and

(2) be with companies that:

(A) have not less than 25 or more than 200 employees; and

(B) will benefit a county described by Subdivision (1).

(o) The governor may not award a grant to a business that intends to use grant money for the development or establishment of a retail business that would be in direct competition with an existing business in this state and would have a negative impact on the existing business.

(3) On page 19, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following appropriately numbered SECTION:

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 481.078(o), Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application for a grant filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a grant that is filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(b) Section 481.078(n), Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only in a calendar year that begins after the effective date of this Act.

(4) Renumber the SECTIONS of ARTICLE 1 of the bill as appropriate.