

1-1 By: Alvarado, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 1155
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 1-3 May 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
 1-4 Resources and Economic Development; May 22, 2015, reported
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2; May 22, 2015, sent
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the creation of the Recruit Texas Program to facilitate
 1-23 the relocation to or expansion in this state of employers offering
 1-24 complex or high-skilled employment opportunities.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 4, Labor Code, is amended by
 1-27 adding Chapter 316 to read as follows:

1-28 CHAPTER 316. RECRUIT TEXAS PROGRAM

1-29 Sec. 316.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-30 (1) "Program" means the Recruit Texas Program
 1-31 established under this chapter.

1-32 (2) "Public junior college" and "public technical
 1-33 institute" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003, Education
 1-34 Code.

1-35 Sec. 316.002. RECRUIT TEXAS PROGRAM. (a) The Recruit Texas
 1-36 Program is established within the commission.

1-37 (b) The purpose of the program is to provide an intensive
 1-38 and rapid response to, and support services for, employers
 1-39 expanding in or relocating their operations to this state, with a
 1-40 focus on recruiting employers who will provide complex or
 1-41 high-skilled employment opportunities in this state.

1-42 (c) Under the program, the commission shall provide
 1-43 leadership and direction to, and linkage among, out-of-state
 1-44 employers, economic development organizations, local workforce
 1-45 development boards, public junior colleges, and public technical
 1-46 institutes to address the employers' needs for recruitment and
 1-47 hiring for complex or high-skilled employment positions as
 1-48 necessary to facilitate employers' relocation to or expansion of
 1-49 operations in this state.

1-50 Sec. 316.003. GRANTS. (a) Under the program, the commission
 1-51 may award grants to a public junior college or public technical
 1-52 institute to assist the college or institute to develop:

1-53 (1) customize training programs specific business
 1-54 needs;

1-55 (2) fast track curriculum development;

1-56 (3) instructor certification necessary to provide
 1-57 workforce training;

1-58 (4) funding for training equipment that leads to
 1-59 certification and employment; and

1-60 (5) other related support services to employers who
 1-61 commit to establishing a place of business in this state.

2-1 (b) The executive director, or a person appointed by the
2-2 executive director who is knowledgeable in the administration of
2-3 grants, is responsible for the distribution of grant money under
2-4 the program.

2-5 Sec. 316.004. FUNDING; USE OF FUNDS. (a) The commission,
2-6 for the purposes of this section, may use:

2-7 (1) money appropriated to the commission; and
2-8 (2) money from other appropriate, statutorily
2-9 authorized funding sources, including the JET program.

2-10 (b) The commission may commit money under the program to an
2-11 out-of-state employer contingent on the employer's establishment
2-12 or expansion of business operations in this state.

2-13 (c) Under the program, money may not be used to pay any
2-14 training costs or other related costs of an employer to relocate the
2-15 employer's worksite from one location in this state to another
2-16 location in this state.

2-17 Sec. 316.005. RULES. The commission may adopt rules as
2-18 necessary to implement this chapter.

2-19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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