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S.B. No. 1219

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a combined online application for persons applying for certain state and local economic development incentives.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 481, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 481.0785 to read as follows:

Sec. 481.0785. COMBINED ONLINE APPLICATION FOR CERTAIN STATE AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES. (a) The office, in coordination with the Texas Workforce Commission and the comptroller, shall establish a single online application that persons, including employers and public community and technical colleges, may use to apply for monetary incentives from the Texas Enterprise Fund under this subchapter and the skills development fund under Chapter 303, Labor Code, and tax incentives under Chapter 313, Tax Code.

(b) The single application shall be made available on the office of the governor's Internet website, and the Texas Workforce Commission's and the comptroller's Internet websites shall provide a link to the application. If a school district maintains a generally accessible Internet website, the district shall provide on its website a link to the application.

SECTION 2. Section 303.005(a), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An employer may not apply both to a public community or

1 technical college for customized training and assessment from the
2 college through a grant issued to the college under the skills
3 development fund program established under this chapter and for a
4 grant under the Texas Enterprise Fund program established under
5 Subchapter E, Chapter 481, Government Code, unless the employer and
6 the college file an application for concurrent participation in
7 both programs using a single application under Section 481.0785,
8 Government Code [~~that complies with any rules adopted by the Texas~~
9 ~~Workforce Commission on concurrent participation~~].

10 SECTION 3. Section 313.031, Tax Code, is amended by adding
11 Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

12 (b-1) For purposes of this chapter, including Section
13 313.025(a), an application made using a single application under
14 Section 481.0785, Government Code, is considered to be an
15 application on a form prescribed by the comptroller.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.