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S.B. No. 1456

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to improving the accountability of local workforce development boards and consumer information regarding job training programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 302.048, Labor Code, is amended by amending Subsections (c) and (d) and adding Subsections (d-1) and (g) to read as follows:

(c) Based on the criteria prescribed under this section, the commission shall develop annual performance measures to be used by the commission to evaluate each local workforce development board.

(d) The commission shall post on its Internet website an annual report of the results of the commission's most recent evaluation of each local workforce development board. The report must be posted:

(1) not later than the end of the second quarter following the 12-month period covered by the report, as determined by the commission for purposes of this subdivision; and

(2) [on the commission's Internet website] in a format that:

(A) is readily accessible to and understandable by a member of the public; and

(B) includes any necessary explanatory information.

1       (d-1) The annual report posted by the commission on its  
2 Internet website under Subsection (d) must include the following  
3 information regarding each local workforce development board:

4           (1) a comparison of the board's result on each annual  
5 performance measure established by the commission with the  
6 applicable commission-established target for that measure; and

7           (2) a summary of material findings from the most  
8 recent financial monitoring review conducted by the commission.

9       (g) Each local workforce development board shall include in  
10 a prominent location on its Internet website a link to the annual  
11 report required to be posted on the commission's website under  
12 Subsection (d).

13       SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is  
14 amended by adding Section 302.049 to read as follows:

15       Sec. 302.049. JOB TRAINING PROGRAM DATABASE. (a) To  
16 facilitate a consumer's informed selection among job training  
17 programs, the commission shall:

18           (1) include in its searchable database of job training  
19 programs that are currently approved by one or more local workforce  
20 development boards and certified by the commission, annual  
21 performance outcomes for each program, including the program's  
22 completion rate, post-program completion entered employment rate,  
23 and average starting hourly wages at placement, or, if hourly wages  
24 are not appropriate, post-program completion average quarterly  
25 wages; and

26           (2) update the database to reflect the most recent  
27 annual performance outcomes of programs not later than the end of

1 the second quarter following the 12-month period for which outcomes  
2 were computed, as determined by the commission for purposes of this  
3 subdivision.

4 (b) Each local workforce development board and certified  
5 provider of a job training program included in the database  
6 described by Subsection (a) shall submit to the commission any data  
7 requested by the commission regarding job training programs as  
8 necessary for the commission to carry out its duties under that  
9 subsection.

10 (c) The commission may adopt rules as necessary to  
11 administer this section.

12 SECTION 3. The Texas Workforce Commission shall post on its  
13 Internet website the first annual report required by Section  
14 302.048(d), Labor Code, as amended by this Act, not later than May  
15 1, 2016.

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