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H.B. No. 3554

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the application for funding for certain workforce development programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 302.0465 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.0465. DIRECT FUNDING APPLICATION. (a) The commission shall adopt a plan to allow nonprofit service providers to apply for funding directly from the commission if the local workforce development board is nonresponsive.

(b) The plan adopted under this section may include an application for funding for:

(1) job training programs funded under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. Section 3101 et seq.);

(2) postsecondary vocational and technical job training programs that are not part of approved courses or programs that lead to licensing, certification, or an associate degree under Chapters 61, 130, and 135, Education Code, and Subchapter E, Chapter 88, Education Code;

(3) adult education programs under Subchapter H, Chapter 29, Education Code;

(4) employment services programs;

(5) support services provided for recipients of financial assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code; and

1 (6) employment and training programs for recipients of
2 supplemental nutrition assistance under Chapter 33, Human
3 Resources Code.

4 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
5 of this Act, the Texas Workforce Commission shall adopt the rules
6 necessary to implement Section 302.0465, Labor Code, as added by
7 this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.