

1-1 By: VanDeaver, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado) H.B. No. 3511
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2019;
 1-3 May 13, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 17, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 1, 2 present not voting; May 17, 2019, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt				X
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Fallon	X			
1-13 Hall		X		
1-14 Hughes				X
1-15 Paxton	X			
1-16 Powell	X			
1-17 Watson	X			
1-18 West	X			

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the creation of the Commission on Texas Workforce of the
 1-23 Future.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding
 1-26 Subchapter Z-1 to read as follows:

1-27 SUBCHAPTER Z-1. COMMISSION ON TEXAS WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE

1-28 Sec. 29.951. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "commission"
 1-29 means the Commission on Texas Workforce of the Future.

1-30 Sec. 29.952. COMMISSION ON TEXAS WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE.

1-31 (a) The Commission on Texas Workforce of the Future is established
 1-32 to engage business, state agencies, and local workforce system
 1-33 partners in the efforts of state and local authorities to build the
 1-34 state's workforce talent pipeline.

1-35 (b) The commission members shall provide reliable and
 1-36 accurate data pertinent to college and career readiness,
 1-37 industry-based workforce credentials, associate and bachelor's
 1-38 degree programs, and high-demand industry jobs and careers.

1-39 (c) The commission is composed of 17 members as follows:

1-40 (1) five members appointed by the governor;

1-41 (2) four members appointed by the lieutenant governor;

1-42 (3) four members appointed by the speaker of the house
 1-43 of representatives;

1-44 (4) the commissioner of higher education or the
 1-45 commissioner's designee;

1-46 (5) a commissioner of the Texas Workforce Commission
 1-47 appointed by the chair of the Texas Workforce Commission or the
 1-48 commissioner's designee;

1-49 (6) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

1-50 and

1-51 (7) the chair of the Texas Economic Development
 1-52 Corporation.

1-53 (d) The members appointed by the governor must have an
 1-54 interest in the future of the state's workforce. At least one of
 1-55 the members appointed by the governor must be a member of a
 1-56 statewide labor federation. In appointing the members, the
 1-57 governor shall consider appointing a business leader representing
 1-58 each of the following industries:

1-59 (1) oil and gas;

1-60 (2) technology and manufacturing;

1-61 (3) health care;

2-1 (4) construction; and
2-2 (5) petrochemicals.
2-3 (e) The appointments made by the lieutenant governor must
2-4 include:
2-5 (1) two members of the senate;
2-6 (2) an administrator in a kindergarten through 12th
2-7 grade public school system or an elected member of the board of
2-8 trustees of a school district; and
2-9 (3) the superintendent of an adult education program
2-10 provided under an adult high school and industry certification
2-11 charter school program under Section 29.259 or the superintendent's
2-12 designee.
2-13 (f) The appointments made by the speaker of the house of
2-14 representatives must include:
2-15 (1) two members of the house of representatives;
2-16 (2) a representative of a high school dropout recovery
2-17 adult education program serving students who are at least 18 years
2-18 of age and not older than 25 years of age or a public school
2-19 superintendent who oversees a high school dropout recovery adult
2-20 education program; and
2-21 (3) an administrator of a public community or
2-22 technical college or a public university in this state.
2-23 (g) In making appointments under Subsection (c), the
2-24 governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
2-25 representatives shall coordinate to ensure that the members they
2-26 appoint reflect, to the extent possible, the ethnic and geographic
2-27 diversity of this state.
2-28 Sec. 29.953. PRESIDING OFFICER. The governor shall
2-29 designate the presiding officer of the commission. The presiding
2-30 officer must be a business executive.
2-31 Sec. 29.954. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT. A member of
2-32 the commission is not entitled to compensation for service on the
2-33 commission but is entitled to reimbursement for actual and
2-34 necessary expenses incurred in performing commission duties.
2-35 Sec. 29.955. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND FUNDING. (a)
2-36 Staff members of the agency shall provide administrative support
2-37 for the commission.
2-38 (b) Funding for the administrative and operational expenses
2-39 of the commission shall be provided by appropriation to the agency.
2-40 Sec. 29.956. RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) The commission shall
2-41 develop recommendations under this subchapter to address issues
2-42 related to workforce development and the future of the state's
2-43 workforce, including:
2-44 (1) strengthening and supporting industry-led
2-45 public-private partnerships that connect people with careers and
2-46 match employers with skilled talent;
2-47 (2) improving regional coordination and alignment
2-48 between industry, the public workforce system, public schools,
2-49 higher education institutions, and community-based organizations
2-50 to create college and career pathways that lead to good jobs;
2-51 (3) attracting, educating, developing, and placing
2-52 workers in high-demand industry sectors;
2-53 (4) addressing the current and future skills gap
2-54 across the state economy and identifying statewide initiatives to
2-55 enhance cross-sector collaboration, communication, and alignment;
2-56 (5) identifying incentives to encourage cooperation
2-57 between sectors that fosters innovative approaches to meet the
2-58 current and future workforce demands;
2-59 (6) increasing the number of work-based learning
2-60 opportunities in this state and the availability of those
2-61 opportunities, including for persons experiencing barriers to
2-62 employment and who are historically underrepresented in
2-63 high-growth, high-wage industries, including in small and midsize
2-64 companies;
2-65 (7) developing a comprehensive plan for phasing in,
2-66 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, an expansion of the adult
2-67 high school and industry certification charter school program under
2-68 Section 29.259 as a strategy for meeting industry needs for a
2-69 sufficiently trained workforce within this state; and

3-1 (8) recommending statutory changes to the laws
3-2 governing the public workforce system, public education, and higher
3-3 education to enhance career path options and ensure long-term
3-4 collaboration with industry.

3-5 (b) The commission shall establish one or more work groups
3-6 composed of not more than five members of the commission to study,
3-7 discuss, and address specific policy issues and recommendations to
3-8 refer to the commission for consideration. In establishing a work
3-9 group under this subsection, the commission shall ensure that the
3-10 membership of the work group includes at least two representatives
3-11 from the business community.

3-12 Sec. 29.957. REPORT. Not later than December 31, 2020, the
3-13 commission shall prepare and deliver a report to the governor and
3-14 the legislature that includes recommendations for statutory and
3-15 regulatory changes to enhance workforce development and
3-16 coordination and alignment between industry, public education, and
3-17 higher education, including any adjustments to college and career
3-18 pathway programs.

3-19 Sec. 29.958. PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION. (a)
3-20 The commission may hold public meetings as needed to fulfill the
3-21 commission's duties under this subchapter.

3-22 (b) The commission is subject to Chapters 551 and 552,
3-23 Government Code.

3-24 Sec. 29.959. COMMISSION ABOLISHED; EXPIRATION OF
3-25 SUBCHAPTER. The commission is abolished and this subchapter
3-26 expires January 12, 2021.

3-27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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