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H.B. No. 4008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to plans required to be submitted to be eligible to receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5A, Chapter 1507 (S.B. 456), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsection (a-5) to read as follows:

(a-1) An event not listed in Subsection (a)(4) of this section is ineligible for funding under this section. A listed event may receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program under this section only if:

(1) a site selection organization selects a site located in this state for the event to be held one time or, for an event scheduled to be held each year for a period of years under an event contract, or an event support contract, one time each year for the period of years, after considering, through a highly competitive selection process, one or more sites that are not located in this state;

(2) a site selection organization selects a site in this state as:

(A) the sole site for the event; or

(B) the sole site for the event in a region composed of this state and one or more adjoining states;

1 (3) the event is held not more than one time in any
2 year;

3 (4) the amount of the incremental increase in tax
4 receipts determined by the department under Subsection (b) of this
5 section equals or exceeds \$1 million, provided that for an event
6 scheduled to be held each year for a period of years under an event
7 contract or event support contract, the incremental increase in tax
8 receipts shall be calculated as if the event did not occur in the
9 prior year; and

10 (5) not later than the 30th day before the first day of
11 the event, a site selection organization or the organization
12 hosting the event submits a plan to prevent the trafficking of
13 persons in connection with the event to the office of the attorney
14 general, the human trafficking prevention task force established
15 under Section 402.035, Government Code, and the chief of the Texas
16 Division of Emergency Management.

17 (a-5) If the department determines an event is ineligible to
18 receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program due
19 solely to a failure to timely submit a plan as required by
20 Subsection (a-1)(5) of this section, the event may receive funding
21 through the program if:

22 (1) the plan required by that subdivision is submitted
23 to the required entities not later than seven days before the event
24 begins and is implemented during the event; and

25 (2) all other requirements for funding under this
26 section, including those imposed by Subsections (d-1) and (w) of
27 this section, are satisfied not later than the 60th day after the

1 last day of the fiscal year in which the event occurs, provided
2 submission of the plan required by Subsection (a-1)(5) of this
3 section was not previously required under this section for that
4 event.

5 SECTION 2. This Act applies to an event that occurs before,
6 on, or after the effective date of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect on the 90th day after the last day of the
12 legislative session.