| **House Bill 700**  Senate Amendments  Section-by-Section Analysis | | |
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| SECTION 1. Section 303.001(a), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:  (a) The purpose of this chapter is to remove administrative barriers that impede the response of public community and technical colleges, community-based organizations, local workforce development boards, public libraries, and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service to industry and workforce training needs and to develop incentives for public community and technical colleges, community-based organizations, local workforce development boards,  public libraries, and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service to provide customized assessment and training in a timely and efficient manner. | SECTION 1. Section 303.001(a), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:  (a) The purpose of this chapter is to remove administrative barriers that impede the response of public community and technical colleges, community-based organizations, local workforce development boards, and the Texas  A&M Engineering Extension Service to industry and workforce training needs and to develop incentives for public community and technical colleges, community-based organizations, local workforce development boards,  and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension  Service to provide customized assessment and training in a timely and efficient manner. [FA1] |  |
| SECTION 2. Section 303.002(b), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:  (b) A public community or technical college or the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service may recover customized assessment and training costs incurred by the institution if:  (1) there is an actual or projected labor shortage in the occupation in which training is provided that is not being met by an existing institution or program in the area; and  (2) the wages at the time of job placement for individuals who successfully complete customized training at the public community or technical college or the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service are equal to the prevailing wage for that occupation in the local labor market area. | SECTION 2. Same as House version. |  |
| SECTION 3. Sections 303.003(b), (f), (g), and (h), Labor Code, are amended to read as follows:  (b) The skills development fund may be used by public community and technical colleges, community-based organizations, local workforce development boards,  public libraries, and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service as start-up or emergency funds for the following job-training purposes:  (1) developing customized training programs for businesses and trade unions; and  (2) sponsoring small and medium-sized business networks and consortiums.  (f) The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service shall focus the service's training activities under this chapter on programs that:  (1) are statewide in nature; or  (2) are not available from a local junior college district, a local technical college, or a consortium of junior college districts.  (g) This section does not prohibit the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service from participating in a consortium of junior college districts or with a technical college that provides training under this chapter.  (h) A community-based organization may apply for money to participate in a training program only in partnership with a community and technical college or the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. A community-based organization providing services regulated by the state shall provide evidence of any certification, license, or registration required by law. | SECTION 3. Sections 303.003(b), (f), (g), and (h), Labor Code, are amended to read as follows:  (b) The skills development fund may be used by public community and technical colleges, community-based organizations, local workforce development boards,  and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension  Service as start-up or emergency funds for the following job-training purposes: [FA1]  (1) developing customized training programs for businesses and trade unions; and  (2) sponsoring small and medium-sized business networks and consortiums.  (f) The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service shall focus the service's training activities under this chapter on programs that:  (1) are statewide in nature; or  (2) are not available from a local junior college district, a local technical college, or a consortium of junior college districts.  (g) This section does not prohibit the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service from participating in a consortium of junior college districts or with a technical college that provides training under this chapter.  (h) A community-based organization may apply for money to participate in a training program only in partnership with a community and technical college or the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. A community-based organization providing services regulated by the state shall provide evidence of any certification, license, or registration required by law. |  |
| SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019. | SECTION 4. Same as House version. |  |