

Amend CSHB 1556 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 10, strike "313.021(1) and (2)," and substitute "313.021(1), (2), and (3),".

(2) On page 5, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

(3) "Qualifying job" means a permanent full-time job that:

(A) requires at least 1,600 hours of work a year;

(B) is not transferred from one area in this state to another area in this state;

(C) is not created to replace a previous employee;

(D) is covered by a group health benefit plan for which the business offers to pay at least 80 percent of the premiums or other charges assessed for employee-only coverage under the plan, regardless of whether an employee may voluntarily waive the coverage; ~~and~~

(E) provides retirement benefits; and

(F) pays at least the greater of:

(i) 110 percent of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county where the job is located; or

(ii) the wage required by Section 313.024(d)(2)(A).

(G) ~~[(F)]~~ In determining whether a property owner has created the number of qualifying jobs required under this chapter, operations, services and other related jobs created in connection with the project, including those employed by third parties under contract, may satisfy the minimum qualifying jobs requirement for the project if the Texas Workforce Commission determines that the cumulative economic benefits to the state of these jobs is the same or greater than that associated with the minimum number of qualified jobs required to be created under this chapter. The Texas Workforce Commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection.

(3) On page 5, line 15, strike "Section 313.024(c), Tax Code, is" and substitute "Sections 313.024(c) and (d), Tax Code,

are".

(4) On page 6, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

(d) To be eligible for a limitation on appraised value under this subchapter:

(1) ~~[7]~~ the property owner must create the required number of new qualifying jobs as defined by Section 313.021(3); and

(2) each job ~~[the average weekly wage for all jobs]~~ created by the owner that is ~~[are]~~ not a qualifying job must:

(A) pay a wage equal to at least the greater of:

(i) \$15 per hour; or

(ii) the prevailing wage rate in the area for that type of job as determined by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C Section 3141 et seq.), and its subsequent amendments; and

(B) provide health and retirement benefits ~~[jobs must exceed the county average weekly wage for all jobs in the county where the jobs are located]~~.