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S.B. No. 614

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration of apprenticeship training programs.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 133.001(1), (3), (4), (5), and (6), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(1) "Apprenticeship training program" means a training program that provides on-the-job training, preparatory instruction, supplementary instruction, or related instruction in a trade that has been certified as an apprenticeable ~~[apprenticible]~~ occupation by the Office of Apprenticeship ~~[Bureau of Apprenticeship Training of the United States Department of Labor]~~.

(3) "Supplementary instruction" means a course of instruction for persons employed as journeymen craftsmen in apprenticeable ~~[apprenticible]~~ trades that is designed to provide new skills or upgrade current skills.

(4) "Related instruction" means organized, off-the-job instruction in theoretical or technical subjects required for the completion of an apprenticeship program for a particular apprenticeable ~~[apprenticible]~~ trade.

(5) "Commission" means the Texas Workforce ~~[Employment]~~ Commission.

(6) "Office of Apprenticeship" ~~["Bureau"]~~ means the

1 Office of Apprenticeship [~~Bureau of Apprenticeship Training~~] of the
2 United States Department of Labor.

3 SECTION 2. Sections 133.002(c), (d), (g), and (h),
4 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

5 (c) A program must be under the direction of an
6 apprenticeship committee whose members are appointed by one or more
7 employers of apprentices, one or more bargaining agents
8 representing members of an apprenticeable [~~apprenticible~~] trade,
9 or a combination of the above, and the committee shall perform the
10 duties set forth in Section 133.003. If an apprenticeship
11 committee is composed of representatives of one or more employers
12 and one or more bargaining agents, the number of committee members
13 designated by the employer or employers shall be equal to the number
14 of committee members designated by the bargaining agent or agents.

15 (d) Each apprentice participating in a program must be given
16 a written apprenticeship agreement by the apprenticeship committee
17 stating the standards and conditions of the apprentice's employment
18 and training. The standards must conform substantially with the
19 standards of apprenticeship for the particular trade which have
20 been adopted by the Office of Apprenticeship [~~bureau~~].

21 (g) An apprenticeship training program must provide
22 adequate facilities, personnel, and resources to effectively
23 administer the program in a manner consistent with the public's
24 need for skilled craftsmen and the apprentices' need for marketable
25 skills in apprenticeable [~~apprenticible~~] occupations.

26 (h) A program must be registered with the Office of
27 Apprenticeship [~~bureau~~] and approved by the commission.

1 SECTION 3. Section 133.006(b), Education Code, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 (b) At least annually, the [The] commission shall prepare
4 and submit to the Texas Workforce Investment Council or to the
5 Apprenticeship and Training Advisory Committee, as designated by
6 the Texas Workforce Investment Council, a report that includes:

7 (1) an apprenticeship-related instruction cost study
8 for the most recent state fiscal year; and

9 (2) the funding distribution for
10 apprenticeship-related instruction programs for the state fiscal
11 year in which the report is submitted [an update to the
12 Apprenticeship Related Instruction Cost Study adopted by the State
13 Board of Education on February 10, 1973, prior to each biennial
14 session of the legislature].

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.