

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 770
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2021; March 11, 2021,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources &
1-4 Economic Development; April 23, 2021, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 23, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	<u>Birdwell</u>	X		
1-9	<u>Zaffirini</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Alvarado</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Hancock</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Hinojosa</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Hughes</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Kolkhorst</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Lucio</u>	X		
1-16	<u>Seliger</u>	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to eligibility for job-training programs provided under
1-20 the self-sufficiency fund.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 309.002(a), Labor Code, is amended to
1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (a) Subject to the availability of funds, the
1-25 self-sufficiency fund is created as an account in the general
1-26 revenue fund for use by public community and technical colleges,
1-27 community-based organizations, and state extension agencies to
1-28 develop ~~[for certain recipients of financial assistance under~~
1-29 ~~Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, customized]~~ job-training
1-30 programs in which individuals who are identified by the commission
1-31 as being low-income or at risk of becoming dependent on public
1-32 assistance benefits are ~~[the recipients will be]~~ provided job
1-33 training by:

1-34 (1) an entity that develops a job-training program
1-35 under this section;

1-36 (2) a small or medium-sized business or trade union;
1-37 or

1-38 (3) an informal partnership between an entity that
1-39 develops a job-training program under this section and a small or
1-40 medium-sized business network or consortium.

1-41 SECTION 2. Section 309.003(b), Labor Code, is amended to
1-42 read as follows:

1-43 (b) An entity that receives money from the fund for a
1-44 job-training program shall work in conjunction with employers to
1-45 place participants who successfully complete ~~[graduates of]~~ the
1-46 program in positions of employment in which the participants
1-47 ~~[graduates]~~ will earn ~~[be earning]~~ wages sufficient to enable the
1-48 participants ~~[graduates]~~ to become independent of or avoid becoming
1-49 dependent on benefits under the financial assistance program
1-50 established under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, and if
1-51 applicable, benefits ~~[assistance]~~ provided under the supplemental
1-52 nutrition assistance ~~[food stamp]~~ program established
1-53 ~~[administered by the Texas Department of Human Services]~~ under
1-54 Chapter 33, Human Resources Code.

1-55 SECTION 3. Section 309.004, Labor Code, is amended to read
1-56 as follows:

1-57 Sec. 309.004. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY. The commission shall
1-58 adopt rules to implement this chapter, including rules to:

1-59 (1) identify individuals who are low-income or at risk
1-60 of becoming dependent on public assistance benefits; and

1-61 (2) determine which individuals identified under

2-1 Subdivision (1) [~~recipients of financial assistance under Chapter~~
2-2 ~~31, Human Resources Code,~~ are eligible to participate in
2-3 job-training programs developed with money from the fund.

2-4 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act
2-5 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
2-6 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
2-7 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2-8 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
2-9 waiver or authorization is granted.

2-10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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