

AN ACT

relating to the workforce development evaluation system administered by the Texas Workforce Commission, including the establishment of a workforce development career education and training evaluation pilot program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 302.001, Labor Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

(1) "Career education and training program" has the meaning assigned by Section 2308A.001, Government Code.

(1-a) "Director" means the director of the division.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 302.0201 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.0201. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CAREER EDUCATION AND TRAINING EVALUATION PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer a pilot program in the Borderplex workforce development area under which the local workforce development board serving that area is required to collect and evaluate cross-sectional data and longitudinal supplemental data regarding career education and training programs administered in that area for the purposes of identifying:

(1) successful program components; and

(2) any gaps in data used to follow up on career

1 education and training program participants following program
2 completion maintained by the commission, the Texas Education
3 Agency, or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under the
4 Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative established under Chapter 2308A,
5 Government Code.

6 (b) Under the pilot program, the commission shall ensure
7 that the local workforce development board serving the workforce
8 development area maintains the following information for each
9 career education and training program participant following
10 program completion, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, sex, income,
11 and location:

12 (1) the evaluation data described by Section
13 302.082(b); and

14 (2) data regarding the attainment of employment paying
15 a self-sufficient wage, as determined under Section 2308A.012,
16 Government Code.

17 (c) On completion of the pilot program, the local workforce
18 development board serving the workforce development area, in
19 coordination with the commission, shall issue an analysis, by
20 occupation and by provider, of the job placement performance of
21 each career education and training program. The analysis must
22 include:

23 (1) an analysis of the attainment of employment paying
24 a self-sufficient wage, as determined under Section 2308A.012,
25 Government Code, following program completion; and

26 (2) detailed information on the services provided with
27 each offered program.

1 (d) The commission may share individual-level outcome
2 information resulting from the pilot program with state agencies
3 represented on the council through secure means that may be
4 accessed only by authorized employees of those agencies.

5 (e) Not later than December 1, 2028, the commission shall
6 submit to the legislature a written report on the results of the
7 pilot program. The report must include the commission's
8 recommendation on whether the pilot program should be continued on
9 a statewide basis.

10 (f) This section expires September 1, 2029.

11 SECTION 3. Section 302.082, Labor Code, is amended by
12 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read
13 as follows:

14 (b) Evaluation data in the system must include the following
15 information disaggregated by race, ethnicity, sex, income, and
16 location:

- 17 (1) placement rates;
- 18 (2) wages paid;
- 19 (3) retention in employment statistics;
- 20 (4) the number of education and training-related
- 21 placements; and
- 22 (5) other appropriate factors, including public
- 23 welfare dependency and the pursuit of additional education.

24 (c) The commission may develop a method for collecting
25 occupational information to supplement wage record information
26 collected by the commission under Section 204.0025. The commission
27 may request employers, providers, and other appropriate sources to

1 provide placement, employment, and earnings information to the
2 commission.

3 (d) The commission shall ensure that:

4 (1) the system includes with the evaluation data a
5 hyperlink to an Internet website where self-sufficient wage data as
6 determined under Section 2308A.012, Government Code, is posted; and

7 (2) following any modernization of the evaluation
8 system by the commission on or after September 1, 2023, the
9 evaluation data in the system includes a comparison of
10 self-sufficient wage data with program earnings outcomes at the
11 first, third, and fifth anniversary of the date of program
12 completion.

13 SECTION 4. Section 302.083, Labor Code, is amended by
14 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

15 (a-1) Following any modernization of the evaluation system
16 by the commission on or after September 1, 2023, an analysis issued
17 under Subsection (a) must include:

18 (1) an analysis regarding the attainment of employment
19 paying a self-sufficient wage, as determined under Section
20 2308A.012, Government Code, following completion of a career
21 education and training program; and

22 (2) detailed information on the services provided with
23 each offered program.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1703 was passed by the House on May 4, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 109, Nays 36, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1703 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor