1-1 By: Ordaz (Senate Sponsor - Blanco)   H.B. No. 1703
1-2   (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2023;
1-3 May 8, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources & Economic Development; May 18, 2023, reported favorably
1-5 by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 18, 2023, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-18   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-19   AN ACT

1-20 relating to the workforce development evaluation system
1-21 administered by the Texas Workforce Commission, including the
1-22 establishment of a workforce development career education and
1-23 training evaluation pilot program.
1-24   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-25   SECTION 1. Section 302.001, Labor Code, is amended by
1-26 amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as
1-27 follows:
1-28   (1) "Career education and training program" has the
1-29 meaning assigned by Section 2308A.001, Government Code.
1-30   (1-a) "Director" means the director of the division.
1-31   SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is
1-32 amended by adding Section 302.0201 to read as follows:
1-33   Sec. 302.0201. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CAREER EDUCATION AND
1-34 TRAINING EVALUATION PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall
1-35 establish and administer a pilot program in the Borderplex
1-36 workforce development area under which the local workforce
1-37 development board serving that area is required to collect and
1-38 evaluate cross-sectional data and longitudinal supplemental data
1-39 regarding career education and training programs administered in
1-40 that area for the purposes of identifying:
1-41   (1) successful program components; and
1-42   (2) any gaps in data used to follow up on career
1-43 education and training program participants following program
1-44 completion maintained by the commission, the Texas Education
1-45 Agency, or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under the
1-46 Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative established under Chapter 2308A,
1-47 Government Code.
1-48   (b) Under the pilot program, the commission shall ensure
1-49 that the local workforce development board serving the workforce
1-50 development area maintains the following information for each
1-51 career education and training program participant following
1-52 program completion, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, sex, income,
1-53 and location:
1-54   (1) the evaluation data described by Section
1-55 302.082(b); and
1-56   (2) data regarding the attainment of employment paying
1-57 a self-sufficient wage, as determined under Section 2308A.012,
1-58 Government Code.
1-59   (c) On completion of the pilot program, the local workforce
1-60 development board serving the workforce development area, in
1-61 coordination with the commission, shall issue an analysis, by

2-1 occupation and by provider, of the job placement performance of
2-2 each career education and training program. The analysis must
2-3 include:
2-4 (1) an analysis of the attainment of employment paying
2-5 a self-sufficient wage, as determined under Section 2308A.012,
2-6 Government Code, following program completion; and
2-7 (2) detailed information on the services provided with
2-8 each offered program.
2-9 (d) The commission may share individual-level outcome
2-10 information resulting from the pilot program with state agencies
2-11 represented on the council through secure means that may be
2-12 accessed only by authorized employees of those agencies.
2-13 (e) Not later than December 1, 2028, the commission shall
2-14 submit to the legislature a written report on the results of the
2-15 pilot program. The report must include the commission's
2-16 recommendation on whether the pilot program should be continued on
2-17 a statewide basis.
2-18 (f) This section expires September 1, 2029.
2-19 SECTION 3. Section 302.082, Labor Code, is amended by
2-20 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read
2-21 as follows:
2-22 (b) Evaluation data in the system must include the following
2-23 information disaggregated by race, ethnicity, sex, income, and
2-24 location:
2-25 (1) placement rates;
2-26 (2) wages paid;
2-27 (3) retention in employment statistics;
2-28 (4) the number of education and training-related
2-29 placements; and
2-30 (5) other appropriate factors, including public
2-31 welfare dependency and the pursuit of additional education.
2-32 (c) The commission may develop a method for collecting
2-33 occupational information to supplement wage record information
2-34 collected by the commission under Section 204.0025. The commission
2-35 may request employers, providers, and other appropriate sources to
2-36 provide placement, employment, and earnings information to the
2-37 commission.
2-38 (d) The commission shall ensure that:
2-39 (1) the system includes with the evaluation data a
2-40 hyperlink to an Internet website where self-sufficient wage data as
2-41 determined under Section 2308A.012, Government Code, is posted; and
2-42 (2) following any modernization of the evaluation
2-43 system by the commission on or after September 1, 2023, the
2-44 evaluation data in the system includes a comparison of
2-45 self-sufficient wage data with program earnings outcomes at the
2-46 first, third, and fifth anniversary of the date of program
2-47 completion.
2-48 SECTION 4. Section 302.083, Labor Code, is amended by
2-49 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:
2-50 (a-1) Following any modernization of the evaluation system
2-51 by the commission on or after September 1, 2023, an analysis issued
2-52 under Subsection (a) must include:
2-53 (1) an analysis regarding the attainment of employment
2-54 paying a self-sufficient wage, as determined under Section
2-55 2308A.012, Government Code, following completion of a career
2-56 education and training program; and
2-57 (2) detailed information on the services provided with
2-58 each offered program.
2-59 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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