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H.B. No. 2058

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a skilled labor task force by certain local workforce development boards.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 2308, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2308.321 to read as follows:

Sec. 2308.321. ESTABLISHMENT OF SKILLED LABOR TASK FORCE BY CERTAIN BOARDS. (a) This section applies only to a board established in a county with a population of 400,000 or more that borders the Gulf of Mexico.

(b) A board to which this section applies shall establish a skilled labor task force consisting of 15 members from the board's local workforce development area appointed by the board as follows:

(1) three members who are local government officials;

(2) three members representing public postsecondary education and vocational education;

(3) five members who are local business leaders with expertise regarding the local labor market;

(4) two members representing the public; and

(5) two ex officio nonvoting members who are members of the legislature:

(A) one of whom is appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(B) one of whom is appointed by the speaker of the

1 house of representatives.

2 (c) A person may not serve on the board and skilled labor
3 task force concurrently.

4 (d) A board to which this section applies shall appoint a
5 member of the skilled labor task force to serve as the task force's
6 presiding officer.

7 (e) A skilled labor task force established under this
8 section shall study and develop recommendations for the legislature
9 and board regarding strategies for improving the delivery of
10 workforce education and workforce training and services in the
11 board's local workforce development area, addressing current and
12 future skills gaps in the area, and ensuring the area has a
13 sufficiently trained workforce to meet local industry needs.

14 (f) A skilled labor task force member is not entitled to
15 compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

16 (g) A board to which this section applies shall provide
17 administrative support to the board's skilled labor task force as
18 necessary to assist the task force in conducting meetings and
19 preparing reports required by this section.

20 (h) A skilled labor task force established under this
21 section shall meet not later than the 30th day after the date the
22 last initial appointment to the task force is made. The task force
23 shall meet at least quarterly as necessary at the call of the
24 presiding officer and may communicate regularly with the board to
25 provide information and make recommendations outside the task
26 force's biennial report under Subsection (i).

27 (i) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, a

1 skilled labor task force established under this section shall
2 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
3 house of representatives, and the board a written report of the task
4 force's findings and recommendations for legislative or board
5 action.

6 (j) A skilled labor task force established under this
7 section is abolished and this section expires September 1, 2027.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.