

1-1 By: Goldman, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 4539
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2023;
 1-3 May 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
 1-4 May 15, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 14,
 1-5 Nays 3; May 15, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-25 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-26 AN ACT

1-27 relating to qualifications for participation in the moving image
 1-28 industry incentive program.

1-29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-30 SECTION 1. Section 485.023, Government Code, is amended to
 1-31 read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 485.023. QUALIFICATION. To qualify for a grant under
 1-33 this subchapter:

1-34 (1) a production company must have spent a minimum of:
 1-35 (A) \$250,000 in in-state spending for a film or
 1-36 television program; or

1-37 (B) \$100,000 in in-state spending for a
 1-38 commercial or series of commercials, an educational or
 1-39 instructional video or series of educational or instructional
 1-40 videos, or a digital interactive media production;

1-41 (2) at least 55 [~~70~~] percent of the production crew,
 1-42 actors, and extras for a moving image project must be Texas
 1-43 residents unless the office determines and certifies in writing
 1-44 that a sufficient number of qualified crew, actors, and extras are
 1-45 not available to the company at the time principal photography
 1-46 begins;

1-47 (3) at least 60 percent of the moving image project
 1-48 must be filmed in Texas; and

1-49 (4) a production company must submit to the office an
 1-50 expended budget, in a format prescribed by the office, that
 1-51 reflects all in-state spending and includes all receipts, invoices,
 1-52 pay orders, and other documentation considered necessary by the
 1-53 office to accurately determine the amount of a production company's
 1-54 in-state spending that has occurred.

1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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