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S.B. No. 236

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to participation of the members of the Texas Workforce
3 Commission in certain functions of the Tri-Agency Workforce
4 Initiative.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2308A.004, Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 2308A.004. QUARTERLY DISCUSSIONS. The commissioner of
9 education, commissioner of higher education, and all three members
10 [~~chair~~] of the commission shall discuss the work of the initiative
11 at least once per quarter.

12 SECTION 2. Sections 2308A.006(a), (d), and (e), Government
13 Code, are amended to read as follows:

14 (a) The commissioner of education, commissioner of higher
15 education, and all three members [~~chair~~] of the commission jointly
16 shall develop and post in a prominent location on the initiative's
17 and each respective agency's Internet website state workforce
18 development goals and coordinated interagency strategies for
19 achieving those goals.

20 (d) In consultation with employers, the commissioner of
21 education, commissioner of higher education, and all three members
22 [~~chair~~] of the commission jointly shall update the state workforce
23 development goals and strategies developed under Subsection (a) at
24 least every four years, or more frequently if needed to reflect

1 available data and circumstances.

2 (e) In consultation with employers, the commissioner of
3 education, commissioner of higher education, and all three members
4 [~~chair~~] of the commission shall designate and update every two
5 years a list of career pathways that includes the following two
6 priority categories:

7 (1) target occupations, which include current needs
8 that exist in one or more regions of the state as reflected in
9 regional workforce assessments that:

10 (A) use the best available data and local
11 employer requests; and

12 (B) satisfy minimum federal standards for
13 designations, such as a foundation for qualified use of federal
14 workforce funding; and

15 (2) critical career pathways that reflect the best
16 statewide data and forecasts of skills and careers for which demand
17 in the state is expected to grow that may:

18 (A) be associated with new emerging industries or
19 new specialty occupations within an industry; or

20 (B) reflect pathways to better wages for workers
21 with documented skills that provide promotional opportunities
22 within or across occupations with targeted upskill training.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.