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S.B. No. 2507

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the cultural advancement workforce development fund.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 352, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND

Sec.353.201. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Workforce Commission.

(2) "Cultural advancement" means any efforts that promote and support the sustainability of any culture in the State of Texas, including a culture's art, dance, music, or history.

(a) For purposes of this section, "culture" means any nationality, racial, or ethnic group.

(3) "Fund" means the cultural advancement fund created under Section 353.202.

Sec. 352.202. CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT FUND. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the Cultural Advancement Workforce Development Fund as a dedicated account in the general revenue fund.

(b) The following amounts shall be deposited in the fund:

(1) any money appropriated by the legislature for

1 the fund for purposes of this chapter;

2 (2) interest earned on the investment of money in
3 the fund; and

4 (3) gifts, grants, and donations received for the
5 fund.

6 Sec. 352.203. GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall
7 establish and administer the Cultural Advancement Workforce
8 Development Fund grant program to benefit nonprofit corporations
9 defined by section 22.001, Business Organizations Code or other
10 entities that spur economic development or advances workforce
11 development through cultural advancement.

12 (b) To be eligible to receive a grant under the grant
13 program, an applicant must:

14 (1) apply in a manner prescribed by commission rule;

15 (2) be in good standing under the laws of this state;

16 and

17 (3) have a legitimate need for the grant.

18 Sec.352.204. USES OF GRANT. A grant recipient may use the
19 grant received under this subchapter for any expense needed to
20 promote workforce development, including costs related to payroll,
21 programming, remodeling, and renovating facilities.

22 Sec. 252.205. RULES. The commission shall adopt rules
23 necessary to implement this subchapter.

24 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
25 of this Act, and not later than September 1, 2024, the Texas
26 Workforce Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement
27 Subchapter D, Chapter 352, Labor Code, as added by this Act.

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