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H.B. No. 3543

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to qualifications for participation in the moving image
3 industry incentive program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 485.023, Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 485.023. QUALIFICATION. To qualify for a grant under
8 this subchapter:

9 (1) a production company must have spent a minimum of:

10 (A) \$250,000 in in-state spending for a film or
11 television program; or

12 (B) \$100,000 in in-state spending for a
13 commercial or series of commercials, an educational or
14 instructional video or series of educational or instructional
15 videos, or a digital interactive media production;

16 ~~(2) [at least 55 percent of the production crew,~~
17 ~~actors, and extras for a moving image project must be Texas~~
18 ~~residents unless the office determines and certifies in writing~~
19 ~~that a sufficient number of qualified crew, actors, and extras are~~
20 ~~not available to the company at the time principal photography~~
21 ~~begins,~~

22 [~~3~~] at least 60 percent of the moving image project
23 must be filmed in Texas; and

24 (3) [~~4~~] a production company must submit to the

1 office an expended budget, in a format prescribed by the office,
2 that reflects all in-state spending and includes all receipts,
3 invoices, pay orders, and other documentation considered necessary
4 by the office to accurately determine the amount of a production
5 company's in-state spending that has occurred.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.