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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

| 1  | AN ACT  |
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| 2  | relating to state employment opportunities for individuals who do   |
| 3  | not hold a bachelor's degree.                                       |
| 4  | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:             |
| 5  | SECTION 1. Section 654.037, Government Code, is amended by          |
| 6  | adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:                           |
| 7  | (e) The classification officer shall:                               |
| 8  | (1) identify state agency positions for which the                   |
| 9  | educational, experience, and training requirements could be         |
| 10 | reduced to increase the number of qualified applicants who could    |
| 11 | proficiently perform the positions;                                 |
| 12 | (2) reduce to the extent practicable the number of                  |
| 13 | state agency positions requiring an employee to hold a bachelor's   |
| 14 | degree as a condition of employment;                                |
| 15 | (3) evaluate ways to expand career advancement                      |
| 16 | opportunities for state agency employees who do not hold a          |
| 17 | bachelor's degree; and  |
| 18 | (4) report the information gathered as required by                  |
| 19 | this subsection to the governor's budget office and the Legislative |
| 20 | Budget Board in the time required by Subsection (a)(2).             |
| 21 | SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.                 |

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