1-1 By: Bell of Kaufman, et al.

(Senate Sponsor - Parker, et al.)

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;

1-4 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Business

1-5 & Commerce; May 26, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:

Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 26, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| 1-8 | | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-9 | Schwertner | Х | _ | | |
| 1-10 | King | X | | | |
| 1-11 | Blanco | X | | | |
| 1-12 | Campbell | X | | | |
| 1-13 | Creighton | X | | | |
| 1-14 | Johnson | X | | | |
| 1-15 | Kolkhorst | X | | | _ |
| 1-16 | Menéndez | X | | | |
| 1-17 | Middleton | X | | | |
| 1-18 | Nichols | Х | | | |
| 1-19 | Zaffirini | Χ | | | |

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

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1-22 relating to state employment opportunities for individuals who do 1-23 not hold a bachelor's degree.

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

SECTION 1. Section 654.037, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The classification officer shall:

(1) identify state agency positions for which the educational, experience, and training requirements could be reduced to increase the number of qualified applicants who could proficiently perform the positions:

proficiently perform the positions;

(2) reduce to the extent practicable the number of state agency positions requiring an employee to hold a bachelor's degree as a condition of employment;

(3) evaluate ways to expand career advancement opportunities for state agency employees who do not hold a bachelor's degree; and

(4) report the information gathered as required by this subsection to the governor's budget office and the Legislative Budget Board in the time required by Subsection (a)(2).

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

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