1-1 By: Blanco   S.B. No. 2603
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development;
1-4 May 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 0; May 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6   COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	King	X			
1-9	Sparks	X			
1-10	Alvarado	X			
1-11	Johnson	X			
1-12	Schwertner	X			

1-13   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14   AN ACT

1-15 relating to cooperation by economic development program
1-16 participants with local workforce development boards.
1-17   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-18   SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 12, Local Government Code, is
1-19 amended by adding Chapter 399A to read as follows:
1-20   CHAPTER 399A. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS RELATING TO PLANNING AND
1-21   DEVELOPMENT OF MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
1-22   Sec. 399A.001. COOPERATION WITH LOCAL WORKFORCE
1-23 DEVELOPMENT BOARDS. (a) An employer who is participating in an
1-24 economic development program administered by a county or
1-25 municipality and is hiring one or more employees to fill vacancies
1-26 in the employer's open positions shall contact the local workforce
1-27 development board established under Chapter 2308, Government Code,
1-28 for the employer's workforce development area to determine whether
1-29 any participants in a career development center established by the
1-30 board under Section 2308.312, Government Code, are qualified to
1-31 fill the vacancies and consider those qualified participants when
1-32 filling the vacancies.
1-33   (b) An employer shall give additional consideration when
1-34 filling vacancies under this section to an applicant for employment
1-35 who receives state or federal public assistance, including:
1-36   (1) unemployment insurance benefit payments; and
1-37   (2) assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code.
1-38   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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