

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas welfare reform (H.B. 1863, 74th Legislature) passed in 1995 requires the administration of the state's child care services to be transferred from the Texas Department of Human Resources to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Beginning September 1, 1997, local workforce development boards created by H.B. 1863 will begin assuming responsibility for the management of child care services in their areas. TWC is required to provide training to members of local development workforce boards regarding the importance of a high-quality workforce and encouraging members to be advocates for effective and efficient workforce development programs. TWC is not required to provide training to members of local workforce development boards regarding the management of child care services. This bill would require TWC to provide training to members of local workforce development boards regarding the management of child care services and encouraging members to be advocates for the improvement of child care quality.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1490 requires the Texas Workforce Commission to provide training to members of local workforce development boards regarding the management of child care services and encouraging members to be advocates for the improvement of child care quality.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 302.043, Labor Code, to require the division of workforce development of the Texas Workforce Commission to provide management and board development training for all members of local workforce development boards that includes information regarding the importance of high quality workforces and the complexity of managing multiple state and federal child care funding sources. Deletes a clause in reference to the economic prosperity of communities. Provides that training will also encourage board members to be advocates in their communities for effective and efficient workforce development programs and for the improvement of child care quality. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 302.063, Labor Code, by adding Subsection (h), to require a local workforce development board, if the board chooses to participate in child care administration, to be trained under Section 302.043, Labor Code, before the funding for child care services provided under Chapter 44, Human Resources Code, is disbursed to the board.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.