

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 makes \$499.3 million in federal child care matching funds available to Texas for fiscal years 1997 through 2002. In order to draw its share of federal matching funds, Texas must provide maintenance of effort (MOE) funding at the amount of state funds appropriated in fiscal year 1995, and all block grant funds must be spent or obligated. Texas must either spend more from general revenue or seek other sources of money. This bill creates the Texas Child Care Fund to maximize federal matching funds for child care, and will direct the Texas Workforce Commission to administer the fund, solicit donations, and aggressively promote public awareness of the fund.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 211 provides for the operation of the Texas Child Care Fund for the promotion of child care services.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Workforce Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 308.003(d), Labor Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Title 4B, Labor Code, by adding Chapter 308, as follows:

CHAPTER 308. TEXAS CHILD CARE FUND

Sec. 308.001. DEFINITION. Defines "fund."

Sec. 308.002. TEXAS CHILD CARE FUND. Provides that the Texas Child Care Fund (fund) consists of state appropriations and money donated to the state by local governments, businesses, nonprofit organizations, or other persons for child care services. Requires the fund to be used to maximize federal matching funds.

Sec. 308.003. ADMINISTRATION AND PROMOTION OF FUND. Sets forth the duties of the Texas Workforce Commission (commission). Requires the commission to encourage local child care planning and local participation in meeting matching requirements for state entitlement to federal child care funding. Requires the commission to use donated purchase agreements when appropriate. Requires the commission to ensure that a local government that donates money receives child care services in the area served by the local government of at least the amount donated. Authorizes the commission to adopt rules necessary for the administration and promotion of the fund.

Sec. 308.004. ADVISORY BOARD. Requires the commission to appoint a permanent advisory board (board) to assist in administering and promoting the fund. Sets forth the constituency and duties of the board. Provides that the board is subject to Article 6252-33, V.T.C.S., other than Section 8 of that article. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Requires the Texas Workforce Commission to appoint the board no later than October

1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amends SECTION 1, Section 308.001, Labor Code, to provide that the Texas child care fund consists of state appropriations and money donated to the state by local governments, businesses, nonprofit organizations, or other persons for child care services.

Amends SECTION 1, Section 308.003, Labor Code, to require the commission to solicit money from local governments; to use donated purchase agreements to encourage local child care planning and local participation in meeting matching requirements; and to ensure local governments receive child care services equal to the amount of money donated.

Amends SECTION 1, Section 308.004, Labor Code, to include a representative from the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in the advisory board.