

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, community and technical colleges may access the Skills Development Fund to support local job training efforts. However, numerous private, nonprofit, and community-based organizations also operate local job training programs. The purpose of this bill is to include community-based organizations among the entities which may use the Skills Development Fund. H.B. 3656 authorizes community-based organizations to apply for funds to participate in job training programs, only in partnership with community or technical colleges or the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 3656 authorizes community-based organizations to apply for funds to participate in job training programs, only in partnership with community or technical colleges or the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

### **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 303.001, Labor Code, as follows:

Sec. 303.001. New heading: PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS. Provides that the purpose of this chapter is to remove administrative barriers that impede the response of community-based organizations (organizations), among others, to industry and workforce training needs. Defines "community-based organization." Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 303.003, Labor Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (h), to authorize organizations to apply for money to participate in a training program only in partnership with a community and technical college or the Texas Engineering Extension Service. Requires an organization providing services regulated by the state to provide evidence of any certification, license, or registration required by law. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 3. (a) Effective date: September 1, 1999.

(b) Makes application of Section 303.003, Labor Code, as amended by this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.