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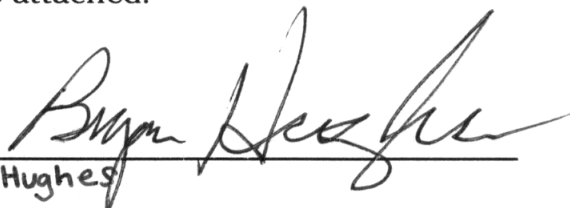
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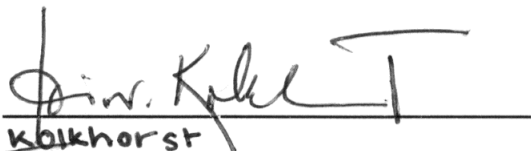
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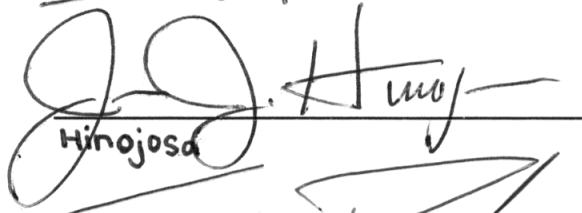
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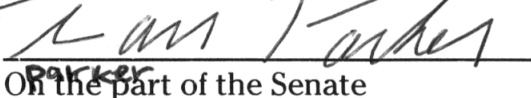
We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on SB 2315 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

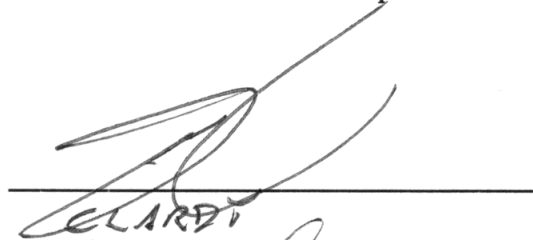

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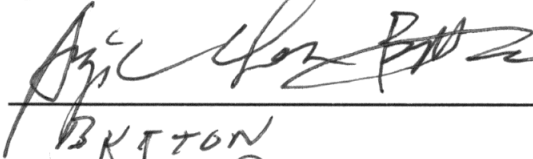

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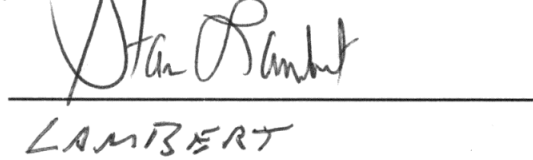

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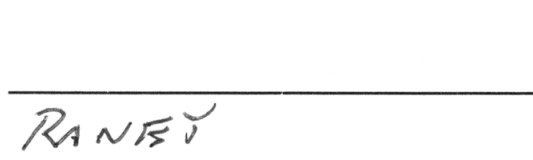

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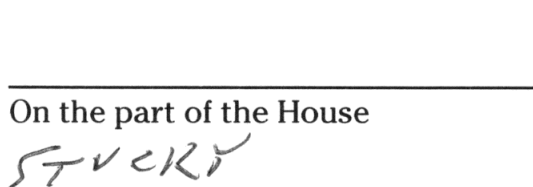

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On the part of the Senate


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BURTON


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On the part of the House

Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

3rd Printing

S.B. No. 2315

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the creation of a task force to develop a plan for the
3 consolidation of the functions of workforce development programs
4 administered by the Texas Workforce Commission and social services
5 programs administered by the Health and Human Services Commission.

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

7 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide for the
8 creation of a task force to develop a plan for the consolidation of
9 workforce development programs administered by the Texas Workforce
10 Commission and social services programs administered by the Health
11 and Human Services Commission. Though federal law and guidance
12 currently restricts the consolidation of these federally funded
13 services, the United States Congress is considering legislation to
14 reverse the federal restrictions and allow states to consolidate
15 these functions. This Act would provide an opportunity for Texas to
16 implement a consolidation plan, if and when federal law allows.

17 SECTION 2. Subtitle B, Title 4, Labor Code, is amended by
18 adding Chapter 319 to read as follows:

19 CHAPTER 319. TASK FORCE ON CONSOLIDATION OF WORKFORCE AND SOCIAL
20 SERVICES

21 Sec. 319.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "task force"
22 means the task force established under this chapter to develop a
23 plan for the consolidation of workforce development and social
24 services programs in this state.

1 Sec. 319.002. TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP; COMPENSATION. (a)

2 The task force consists of:

3 (1) three members appointed by the governor;

4 (2) three members appointed by the lieutenant
5 governor; and

6 (3) three members appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.

8 (b) A vacancy on the task force must be filled in the same
9 manner as the original appointment.

10 (c) Members of the task force serve without compensation or
11 reimbursement for expenses.

12 Sec. 319.003. TASK FORCE DUTIES. (a) The task force shall:

13 (1) develop a plan for best courses of action and a
14 regulatory framework for the consolidation of workforce
15 development programs administered by the commission and social
16 services programs administered by the Health and Human Services
17 Commission; and

18 (2) make recommendations to the legislature regarding
19 the consolidation of programs described by Subdivision (1).

20 (b) The consolidation plan developed by the task force must:

21 (1) examine all state resources, including financial,
22 manpower, and technology resources, to determine if those resources
23 are being used effectively and efficiently to achieve the desired
24 outcomes for recipients of the workforce development and social
25 services programs and for the purposes of the programs' intended
26 goals;

27 (2) identify opportunities for cost savings or

1 reallocations of resources to improve the effectiveness of the
2 programs by streamlining essential functions and eliminating
3 duplicative efforts;

4 (3) identify potential improvements to child-care
5 data systems in order to streamline child-care data collection as
6 necessary to evaluate the need for and availability of subsidized
7 and unsubsidized child care for recipients of program services;

8 (4) be designed to improve the delivery of the
9 programs by ensuring that applicants for and recipients of the
10 services provided are better served by having access to a single
11 point of contact case manager for all services sought or received;
12 and

13 (5) identify the changes to federal law that would be
14 necessary to implement the consolidation plan.

15 Sec. 319.004. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The commission and
16 the Health and Human Services Commission shall provide staff and
17 administrative support as necessary to enable the task force to
18 carry out its duties under this chapter, including by providing:

19 (1) meeting space;

20 (2) staff to assist the task force in conducting
21 research and drafting the consolidation plan and related materials;
22 and

23 (3) funding available from existing resources
24 appropriated to the commission or the Health and Human Services
25 Commission to pay for costs associated with the task force's
26 functions.

27 Sec. 319.005. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. Not later than

1 December 31, 2024, the task force shall prepare and submit to the
2 legislature a report that includes:

- 3 (1) a description of the activities of the task force;
4 (2) the consolidation plan developed by the task
5 force; and
6 (3) the findings and recommendations of the task
7 force.

8 Sec. 319.006. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and
9 this chapter expires September 1, 2025.

10 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2024, the governor, the
11 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
12 representatives shall appoint the members of the task force as
13 required by Section 319.002, Labor Code, as added by this Act.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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Section-by-Section Analysis

SENATE VERSION

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No equivalent provision.

HOUSE VERSION (IE)

SECTION 1. Same as Senate version.

SECTION __. Section 303.003, Labor Code, is amended by amending Subsection (h) and adding Subsection (h-1) to read as follows:

(h) A community-based organization may apply for money to participate in a training program if:

(1) the organization applies ~~only~~ in partnership with a community and technical college or the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service; or

(2) at least 90 days before the date the organization applies, the organization submitted to a community and technical college or the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service a written request for a partnership with the college or service and has been unable to obtain the partnership.

(h-1) If a [A] community-based organization that applies for funding under Subsection (h) provides [providing] services regulated by the state, the organization shall provide to the commission evidence of any certification, license, or registration required by law. [FA2,3rd]

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SECTION 1. Same as Senate version.

Same as Senate version.

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No equivalent provision.

SECTION __. Section 303.003, Labor Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an application for money from the skills development fund submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. An application submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. [FA2,3rd]

Same as Senate version.

SECTION 2. Subtitle B, Title 4, Labor Code, is amended by adding Chapter 319 to read as follows:

SECTION 2. Same as Senate version except as follows:

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

CHAPTER 319. TASK FORCE ON CONSOLIDATION OF
WORKFORCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHAPTER 319. Same heading as Senate version.

Secs. 319.001-319.002.

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Sec. 319.003. TASK FORCE DUTIES.

Sec. 319.003. Same heading as Senate version.

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SECTION 3. Same as Senate version.

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SECTION 4. Effective date.

SECTION 4. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 4. Same as Senate version.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 27, 2023

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB2315 by Hughes (relating to the creation of a task force to develop a plan for the consolidation of the functions of workforce development programs administered by the Texas Workforce Commission and social services programs administered by the Health and Human Services Commission.),
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No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Based on the analysis of the Department of Insurance and the Health and Human Services Commission, any duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by the agencies utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

LBB Staff: JMc, SZ, KK, LBI