

SUBJECT: Amending planning requirements for local workforce development boards

COMMITTEE: International Relations & Economic Development — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 7 ayes — Button, Ordaz, Clardy, Hayes, Meza, C. Morales, Shine

1 nay — Bumgarner

1 absent — Plesa

WITNESSES: For — Mandi Kimball, Children At Risk; Fedora Galasso, Texas Network of Youth Services (*Registered, but did not testify*: Andrea Sparks, Buckner International; Jennifer Carter, Goodwill Central Texas; Kate Murphy, Texans Care for Children; Lori Henning, Texas Association of Goodwills; Mike Meroney, Texas Association of Manufacturers; Sarah Crockett, Texas CASA; Kerrie Judice, TexProtects; Julie Wheeler, Travis County Commissioners Court; Ashley Harris, United Ways of Texas; Linda Guy)

Against — None

On — Courtney Arbour, Texas Workforce Commission

BACKGROUND: General Government Code Sec. 2308.304 describes the components that local workforce development boards must consider and include in their local plans, including a strategic and an operational component.

Some have suggested that including individuals ages 16 to 24 in the population segments of local workforce development boards' local plans could reduce the number of these individuals who are unemployed and not enrolled in school.

DIGEST: HB 2302 would require that a local workforce development board include in its local plan individuals who are at least 16 years old and younger than 25 years old in establishing specific goals, objectives, and performance measures for segments of the population targeted for various services

using resources from the Texas Workforce Commission.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.