

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, local workforce development boards are required to plan and oversee the delivery of all workforce training and services programs and evaluate all workforce development programs in the workforce development area. The makeup of the board is designed to represent certain private sector groups, such as business and certain community-based groups, including education and public assistance groups. However, it is not clearly stated that community colleges should have representation on the board. Since community colleges play an integral role in preparing people for the workforce, they should be represented on the board. H.B. 3480 specifies that at least one member of the local workforce development board must represent the interests of community colleges in the local workforce area, and that if this inclusion creates a conflict with federal law, federal law prevails.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 3480 specifies that membership from community colleges be represented on workforce development boards.

### **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 Chapter 2308F, Government Code, by adding Section 2308.2515, to prohibit a local workforce development board (board) from operating under this Act if it would have the effect of invalidating an exemption granted under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Pub. L. No. 105-220), but instead, requires the board to operate under the law as it existed before the effective date of this Act. Requires other provisions and applications of a statute that can be given effect without the change in law described herein to be given effect.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 2308.256(a), Government Code, to provide that a board is composed of representatives of educational agencies including a community college representative among other enumerated representatives. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.