

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1507  
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### **DIGEST**

The federal government has created two programs, the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program and the NATA Trade Adjustment Assistance Programs (NAFTA) which provide training and income support for workers who have lost their jobs due to increased trade or production shifts.. Training under TAA and NAFTA must be completed within 104 weeks. Therefore, the training programs must be designed to efficiently prepare workers to enter into high-wage, high skill jobs. C.S.S.B. 1507 would require the Texas Workforce Commission to evaluate the federal trade adjustment programs designed to assist certain persons in obtaining employment.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1507 requires the Texas Workforce Commission to evaluate the federal trade adjustment programs designed to assist certain persons in obtaining employment.

### **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 302A, Labor Code, by adding Section 302.006, as follows:

Sec. 302.006. REPORT ON TRADE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS. Requires the Texas Workforce Commission (commission) to submit an annual report to the legislature on the effectiveness of federal programs designed to provide trade adjustment assistance to persons in this state. Sets forth certain information regarding persons who have participated in a program described by Subsection (a), which is required to be included in the report.

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: September 1, 1999.

(b) Requires the Texas Workforce Commission to submit the first report required by this Act by January 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 302.006, Chapter 302A, Labor Code, by amending the heading and deleting proposed Subsections (a), and (b), and replacing them with text, to require the Texas Workforce Commission (commission) to submit an annual report to the legislature on the effectiveness of federal programs designed to provide trade adjustment assistance to persons in this state. Sets forth certain information regarding persons who have participated in a program described by Subsection (a), which is required to be included in the report.