

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The Texas Workforce Commission currently tracks the short-term employment history of a former recipient of assistance under its employment programs for a maximum of 12 months after the recipient leaves the program. H.B. 1243 requires the employment history tracking of former program recipients to continue for a minimum of three years, and provides measures for assessing recipients' abilities to achieve and maintain long-term selfsufficiency.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly 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 302.009 as follows:

Sec. 302.009. MONITORING OF EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF CERTAIN FORMER RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. (a) Requires the division of workforce development (division) to develop and implement a system to monitor the long-term employment history of certain persons who are former recipients of assistance.

(b) Requires the division, in designing the system, to cooperate with the Texas Department of Human Services (department) and the department to provide all information needed by the division to evaluate results.

(c) Requires the system, for each former recipient of assistance, to be designed to meet certain criteria.

(d) Requires the commission, with the assistance of the department, to report to the legislature not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year regarding the information obtained from the system developed under Subsection (a). Authorizes the report required under this subsection to be made separately or as a part of any other required report submitted to the legislature by the commission.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.