

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is responsible for administering the Child Care and Development Block Grant, which is flexibly operated through TWC's network of twenty-eight local workforce development boards. As proposed, S.B. 75 requires TWC to provide technical assistance to local workforce development boards on the implementation of child-care programs financed by employers for low-wage employees and to provide information to employers regarding tax incentives available to employers for the provision of child-care services. This bill additionally requires local work force boards to provide 45 day notice in writing prior to terminating a recipient's child care subsidy.

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 Sections 302.0042 and 302.0043, as follows:

Sec. 302.0042. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN CHILD-CARE PROGRAMS. (a) Requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to provide technical assistance in each local workforce development area established under Section 2308.252 (Workforce and Economic Competitiveness Act), Government Code, regarding the implementation of child-care programs that are financed by employers for low-wage employees. Requires TWC, as part of the assistance provided under this section, to perform certain duties.

(b) Requires TWC, in providing assistance to employers under Subsection (a) (2), to develop and provide to affected employers information regarding any tax incentives available to employers for the provision of child-care services.

Sec. 302.0043. NOTICE REGARDING TERMINATION OF CERTAIN CHILD-CARE SERVICES. (a) Requires TWC to direct each local workforce development board to notify a working poor subsidy recipient who resides in that board's local workforce development area and who receives child-care services from a child-care services program financed through state or federal funds of any termination of the program.

(b) Requires the local workforce development board to provide the notice in writing to the recipient not later than the 45th day before the scheduled date of termination of the affected child-care services program.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.