

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 28 local workforce development boards. C.S.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 workforce boards to provide 30-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 Subchapter A, Chapter 302, 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 (board), except as provided by this subsection, to provide the notice in writing to the recipient not later than the 30th day before the scheduled date of termination of the affected child-care services program. Requires the notice to include information regarding other child-care services programs under which the recipient may be eligible for services. Authorizes the board, if providing notice on or before the deadline specified by this subsection would interfere with the ability of the local workforce development board to comply with its duties regarding the number of children to be served or would require the expenditure of funds in excess of the amount appropriated to the board, to provide the notice on the earliest date on which it is

practicable for the board to provide notice.

(c) Provides that this section does not apply to a recipient whose child-care services are terminated as a result of fraud or a sanction imposed by TWC.

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