

1-1 By: Hinojosa, et al. S.B. No. 209
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2015; March 2, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and
 1-4 Economic Development; March 11, 2015, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; March 11, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Workforce
 1-22 Investment Council, including assumption of the duties of the Texas
 1-23 Skill Standards Board.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 2308.005, Government Code, is amended to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 2308.005. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The Texas
 1-28 Workforce Investment Council is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas
 1-29 Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that
 1-30 chapter, the council is abolished September 1, 2027 [2015]. The
 1-31 council shall be reviewed during the period in which the Texas
 1-32 Workforce Commission is reviewed.

1-33 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 2308, Government Code, is
 1-34 amended by adding Section 2308.109 to read as follows:

1-35 Sec. 2308.109. DUTY TO DEVELOP SKILL STANDARDS. (a) The
 1-36 council shall provide advice to the governor and the legislature on
 1-37 the development of a statewide system of industry-defined and
 1-38 industry-recognized skill standards and credentials for all major
 1-39 skilled occupations that:

1-40 (1) provide strong employment and earnings
 1-41 opportunities in this state; and

1-42 (2) require less than a baccalaureate degree.

1-43 (b) The council shall:

1-44 (1) validate and recognize nationally established
 1-45 skill standards to guide curriculum development, training,
 1-46 assessment, and certification of workforce skills;

1-47 (2) convene industry groups to develop skill standards
 1-48 and certification procedures for industries and occupations in
 1-49 which standards have not been established or adopted and recognize
 1-50 the skill standards and certification procedures;

1-51 (3) review the standards developed by other states and
 1-52 foreign countries and enter into agreements for mutual recognition
 1-53 of standards and credentials to enhance portability of skills; and

1-54 (4) promote the use of standards and credentials among
 1-55 employers.

1-56 (c) The council shall:

1-57 (1) report on the council's duties under this section
 1-58 to the governor; and

1-59 (2) provide annual reports on the council's duties
 1-60 under this section to the governor, the division, and the
 1-61 legislature.

2-1 SECTION 3. Subchapter H, Chapter 2308, Government Code, is
2-2 repealed.

2-3 SECTION 4. The Texas Skill Standards Board is abolished.
2-4 All powers and duties of the Texas Skill Standards Board are
2-5 transferred to the Texas Workforce Investment Council.

2-6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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