BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 634 By: Estes Economic & Small Business Development Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding the failure of certain entities receiving funds from the skills development fund to comply with a reporting requirement. S.B. 634 addresses this concern by requiring those noncompliant entities to refund skills development funds.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 634 amends the Labor Code to require the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service or a public community or technical college that provides workforce training under statutory provisions relating to the skills development fund, if the service or college fails to submit to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) the required biennial report summarizing a review of the service's or college's training programs, as applicable, to refund to the comptroller of public accounts any state funds received by the service or college from the fund for the state fiscal biennium in which the report was due. The bill prohibits the TWC from awarding any additional grant to the service or college from the fund until the service or college has complied with that reporting requirement. The bill applies beginning with such reports due not later than October 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.

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