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S.B. No. 244

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the abolishment of the moving image industry incentive program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 485, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. TRAINING PROGRAM; ARCHIVE [~~MOVING IMAGE INDUSTRY INCENTIVE~~] PROGRAM

SECTION 2. Section 485.021, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 485.021. DEFINITION [~~DEFINITIONS~~]. In this subchapter, ~~+~~

~~[(1) "In-state spending" means the amount of money spent in Texas by a production company during the production and completion of a moving image project, including the amount spent on wages to Texas residents. The term does not include wages described by Section 485.024(b).~~

~~[(2)]~~ "moving [~~Moving~~] image project" means a visual and sound production, including a film, television program, national or multistate commercial, educational or instructional video, or digital interactive media production. The term does not include a production that is obscene, as defined by Section 43.21, Penal Code.

~~[(3) "Production company" includes a film production~~

1 ~~company, television production company, digital interactive media~~
2 ~~production company, or film and television production company.~~

3 ~~[(4) "Texas resident" means an individual who has~~
4 ~~resided in Texas since the 120th day before the first day of~~
5 ~~principal photography on a moving image project.~~

6 ~~[(5) "Underutilized and economically distressed area"~~
7 ~~includes any area of this state that:~~

8 ~~[(A) the office determines receives less than 15~~
9 ~~percent of the total film and television production in this state~~
10 ~~during a fiscal year; or~~

11 ~~[(B) has a median household income that does not~~
12 ~~exceed 75 percent of the median state household income.]~~

13 SECTION 3. Sections [485.022](#), [485.023](#), [485.024](#), [485.025](#), and
14 [485.026](#), Government Code, are repealed.

15 SECTION 4. The repeal by this Act of Sections [485.022](#),
16 [485.023](#), [485.024](#), [485.025](#), and [485.026](#), Government Code, does not
17 affect the validity of any agreement between the Music, Film,
18 Television, and Multimedia Office and a grant recipient or entity
19 to be awarded a grant under those sections that is entered into
20 before the effective date of this Act.

21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.