

1-1 By: Bhojani, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Flores) H.B. No. 4451
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;
 1-3 May 4, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
 1-4 Resources & Economic Development; May 18, 2023, reported favorably
 1-5 by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 18, 2023, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to a report by the Texas Workforce Commission regarding
 1-21 apprenticeship opportunities in this state for emerging and
 1-22 high-demand industries.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 302.0191 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 302.0191. REPORT ON AVAILABLE APPRENTICESHIPS. (a)

1-27 In this section:

1-28 (1) "Apprenticeship program" includes:

1-29 (A) an industry-recognized training program, as
 1-30 defined by Section 302.252; and

1-31 (B) an apprenticeship training program, as
 1-32 defined by Section 133.001, Education Code.

1-33 (2) "Emerging and high-demand industry" means an
 1-34 industry or occupation described by the report required under
 1-35 Section 302.019.

1-36 (b) Not later than September 1 of each year, the commission
 1-37 shall, in consultation with each local workforce development board,
 1-38 prepare and submit to the legislature a report on available
 1-39 apprenticeship programs in this state and make recommendations to
 1-40 expand the availability of apprenticeship programs in emerging and
 1-41 high-demand industries. The report must:

1-42 (1) include data on:

1-43 (A) the total number of active apprenticeship
 1-44 programs, categorized by the industries included in the North
 1-45 American Industry Classification System;

1-46 (B) the total number of active apprentices,
 1-47 categorized by the industries included in the North American
 1-48 Industry Classification System; and

1-49 (C) the total occupational demand for each
 1-50 industry, categorized by each occupation in the industry for which
 1-51 an apprenticeship program may be established; and

1-52 (2) make recommendations to expand available
 1-53 apprenticeship programs for emerging and high-demand industries
 1-54 with higher employment demand relative to the total number of
 1-55 active apprentices and apprenticeship programs.

1-56 (c) The commission may collaborate and consult with the
 1-57 council or the Apprenticeship and Training Advisory Committee, as
 1-58 designated by the council, to develop recommendations for the
 1-59 report under Subsection (b).

1-60 (d) The commission shall provide a copy of the report to the
 1-61 council or the Apprenticeship and Training Advisory Committee, as

2-1 designated by the council, at the same time as the report required
2-2 under Section 133.006(b), Education Code.

2-3 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2024, the Texas
2-4 Workforce Commission shall prepare and submit the initial report
2-5 required by Section 302.0191, Labor Code, as added by this Act.

2-6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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