

1-1 By: Blanco S.B. No. 2607
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development;
1-4 May 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4,
1-5 Nays 1; May 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	King	X			
1-9	Sparks		X		
1-10	Alvarado	X			
1-11	Johnson	X			
1-12	Schwertner	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the establishment of the Cross-Agency Employment
1-16 Resource Initiative to coordinate and optimize certain employment
1-17 services and resources in this state.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-19 SECTION 1. Subtitle G, Title 10, Government Code, is
1-20 amended by adding Chapter 2308B to read as follows:

1-21 CHAPTER 2308B. CROSS-AGENCY EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE INITIATIVE

1-22 Sec. 2308B.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-23 (1) "Client" means an individual who:
1-24 (A) receives services from the workforce
1-25 commission;
1-26 (B) is a recipient of financial assistance under
1-27 Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, or supplemental nutrition
1-28 assistance under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code; or
1-29 (C) receives reentry and reintegration services
1-30 from the department.

1-31 (2) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services

1-32 Commission.

1-33 (3) "Department" means the Texas Department of

1-34 Criminal Justice.

1-35 (4) "Initiative" means the Cross-Agency Employment

1-36 Resource Initiative.

1-37 (5) "Workforce commission" means the Texas Workforce

1-38 Commission.

1-39 Sec. 2308B.002. PURPOSE. The Cross-Agency Employment

1-40 Resource Initiative is established to coordinate and optimize

1-41 services, information, and other resources as necessary to:

1-42 (1) align services provided to clients of programs

1-43 administered by the workforce commission who also use programs

1-44 administered by the commission or the department, or both;

1-45 (2) provide those clients with timely and accurate

1-46 information necessary to meet program requirements;

1-47 (3) enable the agencies to maximize and leverage

1-48 resources, including client data and agency office space, to

1-49 effectively and efficiently serve clients using multiple programs

1-50 across the agencies; and

1-51 (4) share individual agency goals and performance

1-52 measures, specifically those attributed to gainful employment,

1-53 employment retention, recidivism, and other workforce development

1-54 goals, and enable state and local policy makers to collaboratively

1-55 implement or modify policy and regulations to effect those goals.

1-56 Sec. 2308B.003. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS. The commission,

1-57 department, and workforce commission shall enter into one or more

1-58 interagency agreements establishing policies and processes for:

1-59 (1) sharing relevant client data and agency

1-60 information; and

1-61 (2) sharing agency office space and other resources as

2-1 necessary to effectuate the purposes of the initiative.

2-2 Sec. 2308B.004. QUARTERLY DISCUSSIONS. The executive
2-3 commissioner of the commission, the chair of the Texas Board of
2-4 Criminal Justice, and the chair of the workforce commission shall
2-5 discuss the work of the initiative at least once per quarter.

2-6 Sec. 2308B.005. GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. (a) The
2-7 commission, department, and workforce commission may accept gifts,
2-8 grants, and donations from any public or private source for
2-9 purposes of the initiative.

2-10 (b) The commission, department, and workforce commission
2-11 shall investigate potential sources of funding from federal grants
2-12 or programs that may be used for purposes of the initiative.

2-13 SECTION 2. Not later than October 1, 2025, the executive
2-14 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, the chair
2-15 of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, and the chair of the Texas
2-16 Workforce Commission shall hold the initial discussion required
2-17 under Section 2308B.004, Government Code, as added by this Act.

2-18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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