

Chapter 835. Self-Sufficiency. §§835.1-835.3, 835.11-835.15, 835.31-835.33  
HB 1 (Rider 27(a)) Self-Sufficiency Fund Rule \$6,000,000./yr.

#### CHAPTER 835. Self-Sufficiency Fund

The Texas Workforce Commission adopts new §§835.1-835.3, §§835.11-835.15, and §§ 835.31-835.33 concerning the establishment and operation of the Self-Sufficiency Fund. Sections 835.1-835.3, §§835.11-835.15, and §§ 835.31-835.33 are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the October 3, 1997, issue of the Texas Register (22 TexReg 9882) and will not be republished.

One of the primary goals of the Texas Workforce Commission is to prepare, place and retain individuals in employment. The Commission is also required by Texas Labor Code, §301.001(b) to meet the needs of the businesses of this state for the development of a highly skilled and productive workforce as well as meeting the needs of the workers of this state for education and skills. Texas Labor Code, §302.021(a) placed under the authority of the Commission employment programs under Texas Human Resources Code, Chapter 31 and the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills program under Social Security Act Part F Subchapter IV (42 U.S.C. §682). The Commission is specifically directed to assist individuals in making the transition into the workforce from public assistance. The 75th Legislature in House Bill 1 (1997) directed the Commission to develop a Self-Sufficiency Fund to work with employers and training organizations to provide training for targeted employment for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients as a strategy to increase long term success in retention of employment by those TANF recipients.

The adopted rules describe the operation of the Self-Sufficiency Fund. The purpose and goal of the Self-Sufficiency Fund is to aid in the transition of TANF recipients to the workforce through the development of customized training plans and necessary support services. The fund will provide training for TANF recipients through programs throughout the state in order to meet required TANF participation rates. The rules describe the procedure to be used in making an application for a Self-Sufficiency Fund award and the procedure to be used by the Commission in evaluating the proposals submitted. The responsibilities of a grant recipient of a Self-Sufficiency Fund award are enumerated and the requirements which must be met in order to obtain payment on a Self-Sufficiency Fund contract are listed.

No comments were received concerning the proposed rules.

#### SUBCHAPTER A. General Provisions Regarding the Self-Sufficiency Fund

##### 40 TAC §§835.1-835.3

The new sections are adopted under Texas Labor Code §301.061 which provides the Texas Workforce Commission with the authority to adopt, amend, or rescind such rules as it deems necessary for the effective administration of this Act. The proposed rule affects Chapter 302, Texas Labor Code, particularly §302.002 and §302.021.

This agency hereby certifies that the adoption has been reviewed by legal counsel and found to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority. Issued in Austin, Texas, on November 21, 1997.

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#### SUBCHAPTER B. Project Administration

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SUBCHAPTER C. Project Administration After Award of Contract

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