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Sec. 314.001. Definition

In this chapter, "qualified applicant" means a person who made less than \$40 per hour at the person's last employment before becoming unemployed.

Sec. 314.002. Initiative Established

- (a) The Texas Back to Work Program is established within the commission.
- (b) The purpose of the program is to establish public-private partnerships with employers to transition residents of this state from receiving unemployment compensation to becoming employed as members of the workforce.
- (c) An employer that participates in the initiative may receive a wage subsidy for hiring one or more qualified applicants who are unemployed at the time of hire.
- (d) The commission, for the purposes of this section, may use:
 - (1) money appropriated to the commission; and
 - (2) money that is transferred to the commission from trusted programs within the office of the governor, including:
 - (A) appropriated money from the Texas Enterprise Fund;
 - (B) available federal funds; and
 - (C) money from other appropriate, statutorily authorized funding sources.

Sec.314.003. Rules

The commission may adopt rules as necessary to implement this chapter.