

Chapter 845. TEXAS WORK & FAMILY CLEARINGHOUSE

ADOPTED RULES WITH PREAMBLE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE *TEXAS REGISTER*. THIS DOCUMENT WILL HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES BUT IS SUBJECT TO FORMATTING CHANGES AS REQUIRED BY THE *TEXAS REGISTER*.

ON FEBRUARY 21, 2006, THE TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE BELOW RULES WITH PREAMBLE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE *TEXAS REGISTER*.

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The rules will take effect March 13, 2006.

The Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) adopts amendments to the following section of Chapter 845 related to the Texas Work & Family Clearinghouse *without* changes to the proposed text as published in the December 30, 2005, issue of the *Texas Register* (30 TexReg 8835).

Subchapter A. General Provisions, §845.1 and §845.2

Texas Government Code §2001.039 requires that each state agency review and consider for re-adoption each rule adopted by that agency. The Commission has reviewed Chapter 845 and determined that reasons for adopting the chapter exist; however, amendments to the rules are needed in order to update terminology and reflect recent changes in state law.

PART I. PURPOSE, BACKGROUND, AND AUTHORITY

PART II. EXPLANATION OF INDIVIDUAL PROVISIONS WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

PART I. PURPOSE, BACKGROUND, AND AUTHORITY

The Commission adopts amendments to 40 TAC §845.1 and §845.2 relating to the Texas Work and Family Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse). The purpose of the adopted amendments is to reflect legislative changes resulting from House Bill 2962 (HB 2962), enacted by the 79th Legislature, Regular Session. HB 2962 became effective immediately upon signature of the Governor on May 30, 2005. Among other changes, HB 2962 repeals the following sections of Chapter 81 of the Texas Labor Code relating to the Clearinghouse:

Section 81.002 relating to the Work and Family Policies Advisory Committee; and

Section 81.004(b) requiring the Clearinghouse to conduct research on child care and other employment-related family issues.

The adopted amendments to 40 TAC §845.1 and §845.2 remove the following:

Section 845.1(b), which stated that one of the purposes of the Clearinghouse is to conduct research on child care and other employment-related family issues based on the recommendations of the Work and Family Policies Advisory Committee;

Section 845.2(1), which included the definition of the Work and Family Policies Advisory Committee; and

Section 845.2(2), which included the definition of Commission.

PART II. EXPLANATION OF INDIVIDUAL PROVISIONS WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

(Note: Minor, nonsubstantive, editorial changes are made throughout Subchapter A, General Provisions, of this chapter that do not change the meaning of the rules and, therefore, are not discussed in the Explanation of Individual Provisions.)

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§845.1. Goals and Purpose

HB 2962 repealed Texas Labor Code §81.004(b) requiring the Clearinghouse to conduct research on child care and other employment-related family issues. Therefore, the Commission adopts amendments to §845.1 by removing subsection (b), which requires the Clearinghouse to conduct and compile research on child care and other employment-related family issues based on the recommendations of the Work and Family Policies Advisory Committee.

§845.2. Definitions

HB 2962 repealed Texas Labor Code §81.002, thus abolishing the Work and Family Policies Advisory Committee. Therefore, the Commission adopts amendments to §845.2 by removing paragraph (1) that provides the definition of the Advisory Committee. Additionally, the Commission adopts amendments to §845.2 by removing paragraph (2), the definition of Commission. Chapter 800.2 of this title contains the definition of the term Commission; therefore, it is not necessary to redefine it in this chapter. Additionally, the Commission renumbers §§845.2(3)–845.2(6) as §§845.2(1)–845.2(4), respectively.

The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule language.

The amendments are adopted under Texas Labor Code §301.0015 and §302.002(d), which provide the Commission with the authority to adopt, amend, or repeal such rules as it deems necessary for the effective administration of Agency services and activities.

The adopted amendments will affect Texas Labor Code, Title 4, particularly Chapters 301 and 302, as well as Texas Labor Code, Chapter 81.

Chapter 845. TEXAS WORK & FAMILY CLEARINGHOUSE

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§845.1. Goals and Purpose

The purpose of the Texas Work and Family Clearinghouse is to provide technical assistance and information on dependent care and other employment-related family issues to public and private employers, state agencies, policymakers, and individuals.

§845.2. Definitions

In addition to the definitions contained in §800.2 of this title, the following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Clearinghouse -- The Texas Work and Family Clearinghouse established under Texas Labor Code Chapter 81, relating to Work and Family Policies.
- (2) Dependent care -- Care for a child, adult, or disabled relative, that is claimed as a dependent for federal income tax purposes, that has an impact on employment-related family issues.
- (3) Grant applicant -- A public or private person as defined in the request for proposal or request for application published by the Commission.
- (4) Grant recipient -- A public or private person awarded a grant from the Clearinghouse.