

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Individuals who receive indigent care services under Chapter 61 (Indigent Health Care And Treatment Act), Health and Safety Code, do so at tax payers' expense. Those who are unemployed and medically able to work should be required to do so as a condition for receiving these benefits.

As proposed, S.B. 1473 authorizes a public hospital or hospital district to establish procedures consistent with those used by the Health and Human Services Commission for certain financial assistance programs for administering an employment services program and requiring an applicant or eligible resident to register for work with the Texas Workforce Commission.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Health and Safety Code, as follows:

Sec. 61.067. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROGRAM. (a) Authorizes a public hospital or hospital district to establish procedures consistent with those used by the Health and Human Services Commission under Chapter 31 (Financial Assistance and Service Programs), Human Resources Code, for administering an employment services program and requiring an applicant or eligible resident to register for work with the Texas Workforce Commission.

(b) Requires the public hospital or hospital district to notify each person with a pending application and all eligible residents of the requirements of the employment services program not less than 30 days before the program is established.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.