

Chapter 833. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

PROPOSED 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 **OCTOBER 17, 2006**, THE TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION PROPOSED THE BELOW RULES WITH PREAMBLE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE *TEXAS REGISTER*.

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The Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) proposes the repeal of the following sections of Chapter 833, relating to the Community Development Initiatives (CDI) rules:

Subchapter B, Texas Individual Development Account Pilot Project, §§833.11–833.15

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PART I. PURPOSE, BACKGROUND, AND AUTHORITY

The purpose of the proposed repeal is to eliminate Chapter 833, Subchapter B, relating to the Texas Individual Development (IDA) Account Pilot Project. In 1999, Texas Labor Code §301.068 directed the Commission to create the Texas IDA Pilot Project. The goal of this project was to offer an opportunity for employed, yet economically disadvantaged, individuals to save earned income in order to purchase assets such as a postsecondary education, a home, or a small business. Based on this legislative direction, the Commission adopted Chapter 833, Subchapter B to administer the pilot project.

The Commission funded three pilot project consortia to assist eligible low-income individuals in saving for the asset purchases envisioned in the statute. In July 2003, an independent entity began an evaluation of the three IDA pilot projects. The contracts for the three pilot sites expired in February 2005, and the evaluation of the project was completed in April 2005. The Commission submitted the required report to the Legislature and the controlling statute, Texas Labor Code §301.068, expired September 1, 2005. Therefore, Subchapter B of Chapter 833 is no longer required.

PART II. IMPACT STATEMENTS

Randy Townsend, Chief Financial Officer, has determined that for each year of the first five years the rules will be in effect, the following statements will apply:

There are no estimated additional costs to the state and to local governments expected as a result of enforcing or administering the rules.

There are no estimated reductions in costs to the state and to local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the rules.

There are no estimated losses or increases in revenue to the state or to local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the rules.

There are no foreseeable implications relating to costs or revenue of the state or local governments as a result of enforcing or administering the rules.

There will be no probable economic costs to persons required to comply with this rule, and there will be no adverse economic effect on small businesses.

The Agency hereby certifies that the proposal has been reviewed by legal counsel and found to be within the Agency's legal authority to adopt.

Mark Hughes, Director of Labor Market Information, has determined that there is no significant negative impact upon employment conditions in the state as a result of the rules.

Luis M. Macias, Director, Workforce Development Division, has determined that for each year of the first five years the rules are in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing the proposed repeal will be to ensure compliance with federal and state requirements.

PART III. COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

In the development of these rules for publication and public comment, the Commission sought the involvement of each of Texas' 28 Boards. The Commission provided the policy concept regarding the proposed repeal to the Boards for consideration and review.

Comments on the proposed repeal may be submitted to TWC Policy Comments, Workforce and UI Policy, 101 East 15th Street, Room 440T, Austin, Texas 78778; faxed to 512-475-3577; or e-mailed to TWCPolicyComments@twc.state.tx.us. The Commission must receive comments postmarked no later than 30 days from the date this proposal is published in the *Texas Register*.

The repeal is proposed under Texas Labor Code §301.0015 and §302.002(d), which provide the Texas Workforce 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 repeal affects Title 4, Texas Labor Code, particularly Chapters 301 and 302.

**SUBCHAPTER B. TEXAS INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PILOT
PROJECT**

§833.11. Purpose

§833.12. Program Design, Intent, and Funding

§833.13. Definitions

§833.14. Selection Criteria for the Pilot Project

§833.15. Requirements for Account Administrators