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- (g) How the programs are funded;
- (h) How the opportunities are publicized;
- (i) The number of individuals with disabilities that obtained full time employment as a result of the intern or apprentice program.

The inventory shall be made available to the Rehabilitation Council of Texas and the Texas Legislature by October 1 of every even-numbered year.

50. Employer and Community Based Organization Partnerships. Out of amounts appropriated above to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in Strategy B.3.1, State Workforce Services, \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue Funds shall be used to implement a program with community based organizations in partnership with employers to move Texans off of public benefits and into the workforce. This program will target residents without housing and employment and move them into permanent employment. In selecting a community based organization, TWC shall consider:

- (a) the number of persons served by a qualifying entity in the program year must be no fewer than 700 unique individuals;
- (b) the number of persons served by a qualifying entity who have obtained regular employment at or above 125 percent of federal poverty income guidelines must be no fewer than 50 percent of the total number of individuals returned to the workforce; and
- (c) the number of employers who will commit to hiring individuals upon exit of the program must be no fewer than 100 employers.

In implementing this provision, the TWC may use other requirements deemed appropriate and necessary.

51. Cross Agency Coordination on Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Funding. Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) shall work with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to identify available funding sources that may be coordinated and streamlined to increase the availability and accessibility of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs.

- (a) Available funding sources may include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
 - (2) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 - (3) Every Student Succeeds Act
 - (4) Adult Education and Family Literacy Act
 - (5) Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grants
 - (6) Skills Development Fund
 - (7) Jobs and Education for Texans
 - (8) Self-Sufficiency Fund
- (b) TWC in coordination with TEA and THECB shall report the following to the Legislative Budget Board, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and the Office of the Governor, and shall post the report on the Commission's website, no later than August 31, 2024:
 - (1) The number and types of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs available in Texas, including the numbers by which these programs increased compared to the previous fiscal year.

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- (2) The number and types of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs in Texas that are currently supported by more than one available funding source in the list established in (b)(3) of this section.
 - (3) A list of available funding sources identified that may support apprenticeships and work-based learning programs.
 - (4) agency and cross-agency grant-making policies and practices that may be amended to allow coordination of multiple available funding sources that support work-based learning programs, including:
 - (A) Streamlining separate accountability and reporting requirements across different grant programs and available funding sources to eliminate duplicative oversight for grant recipients.
 - (B) Awarding a combined grant that is funded by multiple available funding sources in accordance with state and federal requirements to minimize the number of different grant programs through which eligible applicants must apply.
 - (C) Using a common application process in accordance with state and federal requirements for grant awards that are funded by multiple available funding sources to simplify the process for applicants who are eligible and interested in applying for different grant programs.
 - (D) Recommendations that allow for further coordination of state and federal funding sources.
 - (5) The progress on implementation of agency and cross-agency grant-making policies and practices that lead to an increase in the number and availability of apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities.
- (c) It is the intent of the Legislature TWC shall work with TEA and THECB to implement agency and cross-agency policies and practices identified in the report in subsection (b). For any policies and practices agencies are unable to implement, TWC shall include the rationales detailing the agency barriers, and recommendations to address those barriers, in the report required by subsection (b).

52. Additional Workforce Data Report. The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit a report to the Legislature and the Office of the Governor no later than September 1, 2024, containing information on any necessary upgrades to the state unemployment insurance data system, associated information technology and staffing costs and any statutory limitations to allow for enhanced reporting of employment and earnings data as part of routine wage filings required by the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, as authorized by Texas Labor Code Section 204.0025.

**REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION BENEFIT ACCOUNT**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2025
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Method of Financing:		
GR Dedicated - Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165	\$ 5,566,797	\$ 5,985,698
Interagency Transfers to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165	\$ <u>14,547,409</u>	\$ <u>15,778,687</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 20,114,206</u>	<u>\$ 21,764,385</u>