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H.B. No. 493

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to safety training for employees of certain contractors
3 with a governmental entity.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 2252, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 2252.907 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2252.907. SAFETY TRAINING REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYEES
8 BEFORE PERFORMING CONSTRUCTION WORK UNDER CONTRACTS WITH
9 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES. (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Construction contract" means a contract or
11 agreement for the performance of general construction for a
12 governmental entity.

13 (2) "Construction safety training" means a
14 construction and general industry safety training class approved by
15 the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration that is
16 at least 10 hours in duration.

17 (3) "Contractor" means a person, firm, or corporation
18 contracting with a governmental entity for general construction.

19 (4) "Employee" means an individual paid by a
20 contractor or subcontractor to perform general construction work or
21 services.

22 (5) "General construction" means:

23 (A) erecting or preparing to erect a structure,
24 including a building, bridge, roadway, public utility facility, or

1 related structure;

2 (B) remodeling, extending, repairing, or
3 demolishing a structure; or

4 (C) otherwise improving real property or a
5 structure related to real property.

6 (6) "Governmental entity" means:

7 (A) this state; and

8 (B) a political subdivision of this state,
9 including a municipality, county, public school district, or
10 special-purpose district or authority.

11 (7) "Subcontractor" means a person, firm, or
12 corporation contracting with a contractor for general
13 construction.

14 (b) To the extent consistent with federal law, a
15 governmental entity that enters into a construction contract must
16 require that the contractor ensure that all employees working on
17 the general construction site that is the subject of the
18 construction contract have completed construction safety training.
19 Before an employee works on the general construction site, the
20 contractor must receive and provide to the governmental entity a
21 certificate of training completion for the employee.

22 (c) A governmental entity that enters into a construction
23 contract shall include in the contract notice and penalty
24 provisions that:

25 (1) require the governmental entity to provide the
26 contractor with written notice, hand delivered or by certified
27 mail, of a violation of Subsection (b) by the contractor;

1 (2) require the contractor to comply with Subsection
2 (b) by the 20th day after the date the contractor receives any
3 notice of noncompliance with that subsection;

4 (3) inform a contractor that the governmental entity
5 may impose an administrative penalty if the contractor fails to
6 comply with Subsection (b) after the 20th day after the date the
7 contractor receives notice of noncompliance with that subsection;
8 and

9 (4) explain that a penalty amount may be withheld from
10 a payment otherwise owed to the contractor under the construction
11 contract.

12 (d) The amount of a penalty imposed under Subsection (c)(3)
13 is \$100 per day for each employee working in noncompliance.

14 (e) Each governmental entity shall develop procedures for
15 the administration of this section.

16 SECTION 2. Section 2252.907, Government Code, as added by
17 this Act, applies only to a contract for which the solicitation of
18 qualifications, proposals, or other similar expressions of
19 interest is published on or after September 1, 2013.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.