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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the moving image industry incentive program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 485.023, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 485.023. QUALIFICATION. To qualify for a grant under this subchapter:

(1) a production company must have spent a minimum of :

~~(A) \$250,000 in in-state spending for a film or television program; or~~

~~(B) \$100,000 in in-state spending for a~~ **moving image project commercial or series of commercials, an educational or instructional video or series of educational or instructional videos, or a digital interactive media production;**

(2) at least ~~70~~ **55** percent of the production crew, actors, and extras for a moving image project must be Texas residents unless the office determines and certifies in writing that a sufficient number of qualified crew, actors, and extras are not available to the company at the time principal photography begins;

(3) at least 60 percent of the moving image project must be filmed in Texas; and

(4) a production company must submit to the office an expended budget, in a format prescribed by the office, that reflects all in-state spending and includes all receipts, invoices, pay orders, and other documentation considered necessary by the office to accurately determine the amount of a production company's in-state spending that has occurred.

SECTION 2. Section 485.024(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Section 485.025, a grant **awarded** under this subchapter may not exceed ~~an the~~ amount **equal to 30 percent of a production company's eligible in-state spending for the moving image project established by office rule.** The office shall adopt rules prescribing the method the office will use to calculate the amount of a grant **awarded** under this subsection. The office shall publish a written summary of the method for determining grants before awarding a grant under this section. The method must consider at a

minimum:

(1) the current and likely future effect a moving image project will have on employment, tourism, and economic activity in this state; and

(2) the amount of a production company's in-state spending for a moving image project.

SECTION 3. Section 485.027, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A junior college or nonprofit organization contracting with the office in accordance with Subsection (a) to create a training program described by that subsection may accept:

(1) money the legislature appropriates to the office for purposes of this chapter; and

(2) gifts, grants, or donations from any source.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.