

1 **CHAPTER 845. TEXAS WORK & FAMILY CLEARINGHOUSE**

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3 **ADOPTED RULES WITH PREAMBLE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TEXAS**
4 **REGISTER. THIS DOCUMENT WILL HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES BUT IS**
5 **SUBJECT TO FORMATTING CHANGES AS REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS REGISTER.**
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7 The Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) adopts amendments to the following section
8 of Chapter 845 related to the Texas Work & Family Clearinghouse *without* changes to the
9 proposed text as published in the December 30, 2005, issue of the *Texas Register* (30 TexReg
10 8835).

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12 Subchapter A. General Provisions, §845.1 and §845.2

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14 Texas Government Code §2001.039 requires that each state agency review and consider for
15 readoption each rule adopted by that agency. The Commission has reviewed Chapter 845 and
16 determined that reasons for adopting the chapter exist; however, amendments to the rules are
17 needed in order to update terminology and reflect recent changes in state law.

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19 **PART I. PURPOSE, BACKGROUND, AND AUTHORITY**

20 **PART II. EXPLANATION OF INDIVIDUAL PROVISIONS WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS**
21 **AND RESPONSES**

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23 **PART I. PURPOSE, BACKGROUND, AND AUTHORITY**

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25 The Commission adopts amendments to 40 TAC §845.1 and §845.2 relating to the Texas Work
26 and Family Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse). The purpose of the adopted amendments is to reflect
27 legislative changes resulting from House Bill 2962 (HB 2962), enacted by the 79th Legislature,
28 Regular Session. HB 2962 became effective immediately upon signature of the Governor on
29 May 30, 2005. Among other changes, HB 2962 repeals the following sections of Chapter 81 of
30 the Texas Labor Code relating to the Clearinghouse:

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32 Section 81.002 relating to the Work and Family Policies Advisory Committee; and

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34 Section 81.004(b) requiring the Clearinghouse to conduct research on child care and other
35 employment-related family issues.

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37 The adopted amendments to 40 TAC §845.1 and §845.2 remove the following:

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39 Section 845.1(b), which stated that one of the purposes of the Clearinghouse is to conduct
40 research on child care and other employment-related family issues based on the
41 recommendations of the Work and Family Policies Advisory Committee;

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43 Section 845.2(1), which included the definition of the Work and Family Policies Advisory
44 Committee; and

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46 Section 845.2(2), which included the definition of Commission.

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2 **PART II. EXPLANATION OF INDIVIDUAL PROVISIONS WITH PUBLIC**
3 **COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

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5 **(Note: Minor, nonsubstantive, editorial changes are made throughout Subchapter A,**
6 **General Provisions, of this chapter that do not change the meaning of the rules and,**
7 **therefore, are not discussed in the Explanation of Individual Provisions.)**

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9 **SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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11 **§845.1. Goals and Purpose**

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13 HB 2962 repealed Texas Labor Code §81.004(b) requiring the Clearinghouse to conduct
14 research on child care and other employment-related family issues. Therefore, the Commission
15 adopts amendments to §845.1 by removing subsection (b), which requires the Clearinghouse to
16 conduct and compile research on child care and other employment-related family issues based on
17 the recommendations of the Work and Family Policies Advisory Committee.

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19 **§845.2. Definitions**

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21 HB 2962 repealed Texas Labor Code §81.002, thus abolishing the Work and Family Policies
22 Advisory Committee. Therefore, the Commission adopts amendments to §845.2 by removing
23 paragraph (1) that provides the definition of the Advisory Committee. Additionally, the
24 Commission adopts amendments to §845.2 by removing paragraph (2), the definition of
25 Commission. Chapter 800.2 of this title contains the definition of the term Commission;
26 therefore, it is not necessary to redefine it in this chapter. Additionally, the Commission
27 rennumbers §§845.2(3) - 845.2(6) as §§845.2(1) - 845.2(4), respectively.

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29 **The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule language.**

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31 The amendments are adopted under Texas Labor Code §301.0015 and §302.002(d), which
32 provide the Commission with the authority to adopt, amend, or repeal such rules as it deems
33 necessary for the effective administration of Agency services and activities.

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35 The adopted amendments will affect Texas Labor Code, Title 4, particularly Chapters 301 and
36 302, as well as Texas Labor Code, Chapter 81.

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7 **§845.1. Goals and Purpose**

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9 The purpose of the Texas Work and Family Clearinghouse is to provide technical
10 assistance and information on dependent care and other employment-related family issues
11 to public and private employers, state agencies, policymakers, and individuals.

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13 **§845.2. Definitions**

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15 In addition to the definitions contained in §800.2 of this title, the following words and
16 terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context
17 clearly indicates otherwise.

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20 (1) Clearinghouse -- The Texas Work and Family Clearinghouse established under
21 Texas Labor Code Chapter 81, relating to Work and Family Policies.
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23 (2) Dependent care -- Care for a child, adult, or disabled relative, that is claimed as
24 a dependent for federal income tax purposes, that has an impact on
25 employment-related family issues.
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27 (3) Grant applicant -- A public or private person as defined in the request for
28 proposal or request for application published by the Commission.
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30 (4) Grant recipient -- A public or private person awarded a grant from the
31 Clearinghouse.