1 **Request for Modification of Child Care Allocations** 2 **Discussion Paper** 3 4 5 **Background** 6 The Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) Child Care & Early Learning Division, Operational 7 Insight Division, and Finance department have been developing a comprehensive package of 8 decision points that are related to child care allocations and performance expectations. In 9 developing these decision points, staff has noted that some Local Workforce Development 10 Boards (Boards) have sizable balances of unspent funds from Board Contract Year 2019 11 (BCY'19). Boards may better manage these balances, coupled with a supplemental allocation in BCY'20, if TWC allows Boards the flexibility to spend the balances over a longer period of 12 13 time. 14 **Issue** 15 16 Boards have analyzed their available carryforward funds, their estimated BCY'20 supplemental 17 allocation amounts, and associated performance expectations in order to determine how to best manage child care enrollments over the next two years. Several Boards have determined that a 18 19 modification to their BCY'20 child care allocations will help support a more balanced approach. 20 21 **Decision Point** 22 Eighteen Boards have requested that the Texas Workforce Commission's three-member Commission 23 exercise its authority, as provided in TWC Chapter 800 General Administration rule 24 §800.51(f), that, notwithstanding any other provision of the rules, the level of funding 25 allocated to a local workforce development area may be determined, modified, or reallocated 26 to ensure full use of the funding and compliance with state and federal requirements 27 applicable to the state. The requested allocation modifications are noted in the attached

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