

Lalani's Legislative Letter

Interim Edition #3

Greetings!

One of my priorities when coming into office was to provide great workforce opportunities for Texans. I achieved that by passing legislation that increased incentives for those who attend medical school, nursing school and those with mental health degrees in Texas to stay in Texas. I helped to push the study of Artificial Intelligence training for our workforce. I increased educational funding for Junior Colleges, access to broadband and established the Texas Competency-Based Education Program, which allows students to earn credit for their real-life experiences. To continue to make good on my promise, this newsletter is dedicated to community employment resources. We must support each other as a community. When we work together, we win together.

Remember this is your District. You are the most important part of what happens here. Get engaged, get involved, help make your community a better place for all.

***Blessings,
Representative Suleman Lalani, M.D***

Employment Resources

In this newsletter we are sharing links to local organizations that offer workforce training, development and employment opportunities.

Workforce Solutions



Learn more at www.wrksolutions.com.

Workforce Solutions is dedicated to keeping the Gulf Coast region a great place to do business, work, and live. Our employer-driven, people-focused approach elevates the economic and human potential of the region to attract and retain the best employers, afford everyone the dignity of a job, and remain indispensable to the global economy. As the public workforce system for 13 counties in the Houston-Galveston region, we work in tandem with the Texas Workforce Commission and the statewide Workforce Solutions network to maintain the state's largest job-match database – www.WorkInTexas.com.

Looking for a new or better job? Workforce Solutions can help.

Whether this is your first part-time job or if you are an experienced professional, Workforce Solutions is your FREE resource to connect into Houston's vibrant job market. The team at Workforce Solutions can help you:

- search for and apply to open jobs that match your skill set.
- update your resume and online profiles to optimize connections.
- explore education and training opportunities for in-demand careers.

Prefer to connect in person?

Call 713-243-6692 to speak with a career advisor. Or visit one of the locations in our area at:

- Workforce Solutions – Rosenberg | 28000 Southwest Fwy, Rosenberg, TX 77471
- Workforce Solutions – Missouri City | 3823 Cartwright Rd, Missouri City, TX 77459
- Workforce Solutions – Southwest | 12148 Gulf Fwy, Houston, TX 77075

Check out the virtual services, too.

- Get a free resume review and update at wrksolutions.com/resumebuilder
- Each Thursday at 10 am, catch a new episode of Who's Hiring show with ABC 13 at <https://abc13.com/tag/job-fair/>

Workforce Solutions is funded by the US Department of Labor through the Texas Workforce Commission to keep the greater Houston area a great place to do business work and live. Take advantage of this public resource to move your career forward.

[Texas Workforce Commission](http://www.twc.texas.gov/)



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Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is the state agency charged with overseeing and providing workforce development services to employers and job seekers of Texas. TWC strengthens the Texas economy by providing the workforce development component of the Governor's economic development strategy. Texas boasts an incredibly skilled workforce ready to attract enterprise to the Lone Star State.

By focusing on the needs of employers, TWC gives Texas the competitive edge necessary to draw business here.

TWC provides a variety of [programs](#) for job seekers and employers. Listed below are a few of the programs they offer to job seekers.

Adult Education & Literacy – Program Overview: Provides English language, math, reading and writing instruction to help students succeed in the workplace.

Apprenticeship - Program Overview: Grants funds to local public educational institutions to support the cost of job-related classroom instruction in registered apprenticeship training programs.

Child Care & Early Learning Services - Program Overview: Subsidizes child care services for eligible, low-income families, which promotes long-term self-sufficiency by enabling parents to work, attend school or participate in job training.

Choices - Program Overview: Provides the foundation for customers to transition from public assistance to work and self-sufficiency through employment-related services.

Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center - Program Overview: Provides an innovative, residential vocational rehabilitation training facility to serves adults who are legally blind by training them in skills to prepare for, find or retain employment.

Employment Service - Program Overview: Provides comprehensive recruiting, job search and related services to businesses and job seekers to connect employers seeking workers and individuals seeking employment.

Noncustodial Parent Choices - Program Overview: Assists noncustodial parents in overcoming substantial barriers to employment and career advancement while becoming economically self-sufficient and making consistent child support payments.

Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment - Program Overview: Identifies unemployment benefits claimants who are likely to exhaust all unemployment benefits and connects them with reemployment services to help them quickly return to work.

Senior Community Service Employment Program - Program Overview: Assists eligible individuals age 55 and older in gaining competitive job skills through temporary subsidized employment and training, and in securing unsubsidized employment.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) - Program Overview: Provides training, reemployment services, temporary financial assistance and other services to individuals who lose their jobs due to foreign imports of goods and services or job shifts.

Unemployment Benefits - Program Overview: Provides temporary, partial income replacement to eligible individuals who have lost jobs through no fault of their own.

Veterans' Services – Program Overview: Assists veterans in maximizing employment opportunities and transitioning to civilian life

Vocational Rehabilitation - Program Overview: Helps people with disabilities prepare for, find or maintain employment, or prepare for educational opportunities, as well as helping employers recruit, retain and accommodate employees with disabilities.

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) - Program Overview: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is designed to help job seekers secure the employment, education, training and support services necessary to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

WorkInTexas.com - Service Overview: Provides recruitment assistance to Texas employers and job search assistance to anyone seeking work in Texas.

If you have any questions about how SB 2 will affect you, please reach out to our office. We can help connect you to the information you need.

The Job Link

Moving forward the **Lalani Legislative Letter** will contain "**The Job Link**" section. This is intended to give HD 76 access to employment opportunities. In this first edition, we are sharing links to local organizations that offer workforce training, development and employment opportunities.

Local, County and State Governments

(Click on a graphic to see what opportunities are available in our local, county and state governments.)



Education

(Click on a graphic to see what opportunities are available in our school districts, colleges and universities.)



Medical

(Click on a graphic to see what opportunities are available in our largest medical centers.)



Major Fort Bend County Employers

(Click on a graphic to see what opportunities are available with our largest employers.)



If you are an employer and want to share hiring information, please reach out to our office at District76.Lalani@house.texas.gov and use the subject line "District Employment Opportunity" and we will share it in our newsletter.

Lalani Legislation Spotlight*

Residents of long-term care facilities receive a personal needs allowance of \$60 per month. This is generally used to purchase personal goods and services that are not provided by the facilities or Medicaid, such as toiletries, shoes, clothing, haircuts, or even cell phones and corresponding data. The allowance is deducted from the regular care payments to the facilities and funded by both state and federal dollars. The rate of the allowance is set by the executive commissioner of HHSC, but the minimum rate is set by law and total funding is decided by the Legislature. The last time the allowance was raised was 2007 when it went from \$45 to \$60 per month.

I am honored to be a joint author of [HB 54](#). This legislation, which became law on September 1, 2023, increases the personal needs allowance from \$60 to \$75 per month. Being part of this legislation makes good on my commitment to advocate for seniors in the Texas Legislature. As a geriatric physician I see families struggle daily to take care of their loved ones in senior facilities. This bill doesn't solve the problem, but it moves us in the right direction.

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HOUSE DISTRICT 76



**HB
54**

TEXAS HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES



Dr. Suleman Lalani

State Representative, District 76

**Effective
9/1/2023**

If you want to read about any of my legislation, please go to my House [website](#).

****If this or any other legislation, issue or policy interests you, please get engaged! If you need ideas on how to get engaged, please contact us at District76.Lalani@house.texas.gov. We can help!***

Out and About in HD 76

*Mental Health America of Greater Houston's
Tackling Suicide Luncheon
September 7, 2023*



*Indus Hospital Houston Gala
September 9, 2023*



***TXOGA Energy Elevated Technology Showcase
September 12, 2023***



***Screening of the film MERITxZOE with Moms Demand Action
September 12, 2023***



***Rice University's Ralph S. O'Connor Building
for Engineering and Science Ribbon Cutting
September 14, 2023***



***Faris Foundation "Let There Be Gold" Community Event
September 14, 2023***



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