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H.B. No. 4279

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility of the Windham School District to
3 participate in the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant
4 Program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 134.004, Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT
9 PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the Jobs
10 and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants to
11 public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state
12 colleges, and ~~[independent]~~ school districts described under
13 Section 134.007 that apply to the advisory board in the manner
14 prescribed by the advisory board. The commission shall award the
15 grants on the advice and recommendations of the advisory board.

16 (b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs
17 and Education for Texans (JET) fund to defray the start-up costs
18 associated with the development of new career and technical
19 education programs at public junior colleges, public technical
20 institutes, public state colleges, and ~~[independent]~~ school
21 districts described under Section 134.007 that meet the
22 requirements of Section 134.006.

23 SECTION 2. Sections 134.006(a), (c), and (d), Education
24 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1 (a) The commission may award a grant for the development of
2 new career and technical education courses or programs at public
3 junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state
4 colleges, and ~~[independent]~~ school districts described under
5 Section 134.007.

6 (c) In awarding a grant under this section, the commission
7 shall primarily consider the potential economic returns to the
8 state from the development of the career and technical education
9 course or program. The commission may also consider whether the
10 course or program:

11 (1) is part of a new, emerging industry or high-demand
12 occupation;

13 (2) offers new or expanded dual credit career and
14 technical educational opportunities in public high schools; ~~[or]~~

15 (3) offers new career and technical educational
16 opportunities not previously available to students enrolled at any
17 campus in the Windham School District; or

18 (4) is provided in cooperation with other public
19 junior colleges, public technical institutes, or public state
20 colleges across existing service areas.

21 (d) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a
22 public junior college, public technical institute, public state
23 college, or ~~[independent]~~ school district described under Section
24 134.007 must provide matching funds in accordance with rules
25 adopted under Section 134.008. The matching funds may be obtained
26 from any source available to the public junior college, public
27 technical institute, public state college, or ~~[independent]~~ school

1 district, including industry consortia, community or foundation
2 grants, individual contributions, and local governmental agency
3 operating funds.

4 SECTION 3. Section 134.007, Education Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 134.007. GRANTS AWARDED TO [~~INDEPENDENT~~] SCHOOL
7 DISTRICT. The commission may award a grant to a a [~~an independent~~]
8 school district under this chapter if the district:

9 (1) is an independent school district and has entered
10 into a partnership with a public junior college, public technical
11 institute, or public state college for the purpose of:

12 (A) [~~(1)~~] promoting career and technical
13 education to the district's students; or

14 (B) [~~(2)~~] offering dual credit courses to the
15 district's students; or

16 (2) is the Windham School District.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.