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H.B. No. 4279

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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.