

1-1 By: Paxton, West S.B. No. 346
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 14, 2021; March 9, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 April 6, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 1; April 6, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the participation of open-enrollment charter schools in
 1-20 the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 134.004, Education Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT
 1-25 PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the
 1-26 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants
 1-27 to public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public
 1-28 state colleges, and independent school districts and
 1-29 open-enrollment charter schools described under Section 134.007
 1-30 that apply to the advisory board in the manner prescribed by the
 1-31 advisory board. The commission shall award the grants on the advice
 1-32 and recommendations of the advisory board.

1-33 (b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs
 1-34 and Education for Texans (JET) fund to defray the start-up costs
 1-35 associated with the development of new career and technical
 1-36 education programs at public junior colleges, public technical
 1-37 institutes, public state colleges, and independent school
 1-38 districts and open-enrollment charter schools described under
 1-39 Section 134.007 that meet the requirements of Section 134.006.

1-40 SECTION 2. Sections 134.006(a) and (d), Education Code, are
 1-41 amended to read as follows:

1-42 (a) The commission may award a grant for the development of
 1-43 new career and technical education courses or programs at public
 1-44 junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state
 1-45 colleges, ~~and~~ independent school districts, and open-enrollment
 1-46 charter schools.

1-47 (d) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a
 1-48 public junior college, public technical institute, public state
 1-49 college, or independent school district or open-enrollment charter
 1-50 school described under Section 134.007 must provide matching funds
 1-51 in accordance with rules adopted under Section 134.008. The
 1-52 matching funds may be obtained from any source available to the
 1-53 public junior college, public technical institute, public state
 1-54 college, ~~or~~ independent school district, or open-enrollment
 1-55 charter school, including industry consortia, community or
 1-56 foundation grants, individual contributions, and local
 1-57 governmental agency operating funds.

1-58 SECTION 3. Section 134.007, Education Code, is amended to
 1-59 read as follows:

1-60 Sec. 134.007. GRANTS AWARDED TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 1-61 OR OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL. The commission may award a

2-1 grant to an independent school district or open-enrollment charter
2-2 school under this chapter if the district or school has entered into
2-3 a partnership with a public junior college, public technical
2-4 institute, or public state college for the purpose of:

- 2-5 (1) promoting career and technical education to the
- 2-6 district's or school's students; or
- 2-7 (2) offering dual credit courses to the district's or
- 2-8 school's students.

2-9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-13 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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