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H.B. No. 1697

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of gifts to fund technology workforce
3 development grants and to the evaluation of the technology
4 workforce development grant program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 51.856(b), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) For a state fiscal biennium, the amount appropriated
9 from the undedicated portion of the general revenue fund under
10 Subsection (a) may not be less than the sum of:

11 (1) the amount of money deposited to the credit of the
12 account during that biennium under Section 51.855; ~~and~~

13 (2) the market value of any in-kind contributions
14 accepted by the consortium during that biennium under Section
15 51.855, as determined by the comptroller based on information
16 provided to the comptroller by the consortium and verified by the
17 coordinating board; and

18 (3) the amount or value, as appropriate, of any gift,
19 grant, or donation that the coordinating board determines was:

20 (A) applied for and received by an eligible
21 computer science institution, eligible engineering institution, or
22 eligible private or independent engineering institution during
23 that biennium for the purposes for which grants are awarded under
24 Section 51.857(a); and

1 (B) received from a source other than a
2 participant in the consortium.

3 SECTION 2. Sections 51.860(a) and (c), Education Code, are
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (a) To evaluate the effectiveness of the grant program under
6 this subchapter, the coordinating board shall appoint an evaluation
7 [~~advisory~~] committee consisting of:

- 8 (1) higher education representatives; and
9 (2) experts in the fields of engineering and computer
10 science.

11 (c) The grant program evaluation committee is not subject to
12 Chapter 2110, Government Code.

13 SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act to Section
14 51.856(b), Education Code, applies only to an appropriation made
15 for a period that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

16 (b) On the effective date of this Act, the members of the
17 advisory committee established by Section 51.860, Education Code,
18 serving on that date become members of the evaluation committee
19 established by Section 51.860, Education Code, as amended by this
20 Act.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.