

1-1 By: McCall, et al. (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 1697
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1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the use of gifts to fund technology workforce
1-11 development grants and to the evaluation of the technology
1-12 workforce development grant program.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 51.856(b), Education Code, is amended to
1-15 read as follows:

1-16 (b) For a state fiscal biennium, the amount appropriated
1-17 from the undedicated portion of the general revenue fund under
1-18 Subsection (a) may not be less than the sum of:

1-19 (1) the amount of money deposited to the credit of the
1-20 account during that biennium under Section 51.855; ~~and~~

1-21 (2) the market value of any in-kind contributions
1-22 accepted by the consortium during that biennium under Section
1-23 51.855, as determined by the comptroller based on information
1-24 provided to the comptroller by the consortium and verified by the
1-25 coordinating board; and

1-26 (3) the amount or value, as appropriate, of any gift,
1-27 grant, or donation that the coordinating board determines was:

1-28 (A) received by an eligible computer science
1-29 institution, eligible engineering institution, or eligible private
1-30 or independent engineering institution during that biennium for the
1-31 purposes for which grants are awarded under Section 51.857(a); and

1-32 (B) received from a source other than a
1-33 participant in the consortium.

1-34 SECTION 2. Sections 51.860(a) and (c), Education Code, are
1-35 amended to read as follows:

1-36 (a) To evaluate the effectiveness of the grant program under
1-37 this subchapter, the coordinating board shall appoint an evaluation
1-38 [advisory] committee consisting of:

1-39 (1) higher education representatives; and
1-40 (2) experts in the fields of engineering and computer
1-41 science.

1-42 (c) The grant program evaluation committee is not subject to
1-43 Chapter 2110, Government Code.

1-44 SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act to Section
1-45 51.856(b), Education Code, applies only to an appropriation made
1-46 for a period that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-47 (b) On the effective date of this Act, the members of the
1-48 advisory committee established by Section 51.860, Education Code,
1-49 serving on that date become members of the evaluation committee
1-50 established by Section 51.860, Education Code, as amended by this
1-51 Act.

1-52 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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