

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1034  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2005; March 21, 2005, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 12, 2005, reported favorably to Committee on Education;  
1-5 April 20, 2005, reported favorably from Committee on Education by  
1-6 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 20, 2005, sent to  
1-7 printer.)

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. Subsection (b), Section 51.856, Education Code,  
1-15 is amended to 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. Subsections (a) and (c), Section 51.860,  
1-35 Education Code, are 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  
1-45 Subsection (b), Section 51.856, Education Code, applies only to an  
1-46 appropriation made for a period that occurs on or after the  
1-47 effective date of this Act.

1-48 (b) On the effective date of this Act, the members of the  
1-49 advisory committee established by Section 51.860, Education Code,  
1-50 serving on that date become members of the evaluation committee  
1-51 established by Section 51.860, Education Code, as amended by this  
1-52 Act.

1-53 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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