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H.B. No. 437

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to career and technical education programs.

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

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

Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The comptroller shall establish and administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants to public junior colleges and ~~[7]~~ public technical institutes~~[7, and eligible nonprofit organizations]~~ that apply to the advisory board in the manner prescribed by the advisory board. The comptroller shall award the grants on the advice and recommendations of the advisory board.

(b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) fund ~~[for the following purposes:~~

~~[(1) to develop, support, or expand programs of nonprofit organizations that meet the requirements of Section 134.005 and that prepare low-income students for careers in high-demand occupations,~~

~~[(2)]~~ to defray the start-up costs associated with the development of new career and technical education programs at public junior colleges and public technical institutes that meet the requirements of Section 134.006~~[, and~~

~~[(3) to provide scholarships for students in career and~~

1 ~~technical education programs who meet the requirements of Section~~  
2 ~~134.007].~~

3 SECTION 2. (a) Sections 134.001(1), 134.005, and 134.007,  
4 Education Code, are repealed.

5 (b) Subchapter O, Chapter 403, Government Code, is  
6 repealed.

7 SECTION 3. A person receiving a scholarship or other  
8 financial assistance under Chapter 134, Education Code, or  
9 Subchapter O, Chapter 403, Government Code, before the effective  
10 date of this Act for the 2013-2014 academic year may continue to  
11 receive a scholarship or other financial assistance under that law  
12 as applicable to the person immediately before the effective date,  
13 until the person is no longer eligible for the scholarship or other  
14 assistance under Chapter 134, Education Code, or Subchapter O,  
15 Chapter 403, Government Code, as the applicable law exists on  
16 January 1, 2013, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
17 purpose.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.