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H.B. No. 3062

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 134.001, Education Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1) to read as follows:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Workforce Commission.

SECTION 2. Section 134.002(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission [~~comptroller~~] shall establish and administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) fund as a dedicated account in the general revenue fund.

SECTION 3. Section 134.003, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 134.003. ADVISORY BOARD. (a) An advisory board of education and workforce stakeholders is created to assist the commission [~~comptroller~~] in administering this chapter.

(b) The advisory board is composed of six [~~seven~~] members who serve two-year terms and are appointed as follows:

(1) one member appointed by the governor;

(2) one member appointed by the lieutenant governor;

(3) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(4) one member appointed by the Texas Higher Education

1 Coordinating Board;

2 (5) one member appointed by the commission [~~Texas~~  
3 ~~Workforce Commission~~]; and

4 (6) the chair of the commission [~~one member of the~~  
5 ~~public appointed by the comptroller, and~~

6 [~~(7) the comptroller~~], who serves as the presiding  
7 officer.

8 (c) The advisory board shall meet at least once each  
9 quarter, or as needed, to review received applications and  
10 recommend awarding grants under this chapter.

11 SECTION 4. Section 134.004, Education Code, is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT  
14 PROGRAM. (a) The commission [~~comptroller~~] shall establish and  
15 administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to  
16 provide grants to public junior colleges, ~~and~~ public technical  
17 institutes, and independent school districts described under  
18 Section 134.007 that apply to the advisory board in the manner  
19 prescribed by the advisory board. The commission [~~comptroller~~]  
20 shall award the grants on the advice and recommendations of the  
21 advisory board.

22 (b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs  
23 and Education for Texans (JET) fund to defray the start-up costs  
24 associated with the development of new career and technical  
25 education programs at public junior colleges, ~~and~~ public  
26 technical institutes, and independent school districts described  
27 under Section 134.007 that meet the requirements of Section

1 134.006.

2 SECTION 5. Sections 134.006(a), (c), and (d), Education  
3 Code, are amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The commission [~~comptroller~~] may award a grant for the  
5 development of new career and technical education courses or  
6 programs at public junior colleges, ~~[and]~~ public technical  
7 institutes, and independent school districts.

8 (c) In awarding a grant under this section, the commission  
9 [~~comptroller~~] shall primarily consider the potential economic  
10 returns to the state from the development of the career and  
11 technical education course or program. The commission  
12 [~~comptroller~~] may also consider whether the course or program:

13 (1) is part of a new, emerging industry or high-demand  
14 occupation;

15 (2) offers new or expanded dual credit career and  
16 technical educational opportunities in public high schools; or

17 (3) is provided in cooperation with other public  
18 junior colleges or public technical institutes across existing  
19 service areas.

20 (d) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a  
21 public junior college, ~~[or]~~ public technical institute, or  
22 independent school district described under Section 134.007 must  
23 provide matching funds in accordance with rules adopted under  
24 Section 134.008. The matching funds may be obtained from any source  
25 available to the public junior college, public [~~or~~] technical  
26 institute, or independent school district, including [~~in-kind~~  
27 ~~contributions,~~] industry consortia, community or foundation

1 grants, individual contributions, and local governmental agency  
2 operating funds.

3 SECTION 6. Chapter 134, Education Code, is amended by  
4 adding Section 134.007 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 134.007. GRANTS AWARDED TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
6 DISTRICT. The commission may award a grant to an independent school  
7 district under this chapter if the district has entered into a  
8 partnership with a public junior college or public technical  
9 institute for the purpose of:

10 (1) promoting career and technical education to the  
11 district's students; or

12 (2) offering dual credit courses to the district's  
13 students.

14 SECTION 7. Section 134.008, Education Code, is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 134.008. RULES. The commission [~~comptroller~~] shall  
17 adopt rules as necessary for the administration of this chapter.

18 SECTION 8. (a) Not later than September 1, 2015:

19 (1) the administration of the Jobs and Education for  
20 Texans Grant Program shall be transferred from the comptroller to  
21 the Texas Workforce Commission;

22 (2) all rules, forms, policies, procedures, or  
23 decisions of the comptroller that are related to the Jobs and  
24 Education for Texans Grant Program are continued in effect as  
25 rules, forms, policies, procedures, or decisions of the Texas  
26 Workforce Commission until superseded by a rule or other  
27 appropriate act of the Texas Workforce Commission;

1           (3) all money, obligations, memoranda of  
2 understanding, leases, rights, and contracts, including grant  
3 agreements, of the comptroller related to the Jobs and Education  
4 for Texans Grant Program are transferred to the Texas Workforce  
5 Commission, and the Texas Workforce Commission assumes, without a  
6 change in status, the position of the comptroller in all  
7 transferred contracts, including grant agreements, related to the  
8 Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program;

9           (4) records in the custody of the comptroller related  
10 to the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program are transferred  
11 to and become the property of the Texas Workforce Commission; and

12           (5) a reference in law or administrative rule to the  
13 comptroller relating to the administration of the Jobs and  
14 Education for Texans Grant Program means the Texas Workforce  
15 Commission.

16           (b) Before the transfer of the administration of the Jobs  
17 and Education for Texans Grant Program, the comptroller and the  
18 Texas Workforce Commission shall coordinate the transfer of powers  
19 and duties, including records, appropriations, disbursements,  
20 compliance audits, monitoring and enforcement, and other items, to  
21 ensure a smooth transition.

22           SECTION 9. An independent school district may be awarded a  
23 grant in accordance with Section 134.007, Education Code, as added  
24 by this Act, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year.

25           SECTION 10. This Act takes effect immediately if it  
26 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
27 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.

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1 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate  
2 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.