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H.B. No. 3062

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the participation of an independent school district in  
3 the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program.

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

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

7 Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT  
8 PROGRAM. (a) The comptroller shall establish and administer the  
9 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants  
10 to public junior colleges, ~~and~~ public technical institutes, and  
11 independent school districts described under Section 134.007 that  
12 apply to the advisory board in the manner prescribed by the advisory  
13 board. The comptroller shall award the grants on the advice and  
14 recommendations of the advisory board.

15 (b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs  
16 and Education for Texans (JET) fund to defray the start-up costs  
17 associated with the development of new career and technical  
18 education programs at public junior colleges, ~~and~~ public  
19 technical institutes, and independent school districts described  
20 under Section 134.007 that meet the requirements of Section  
21 134.006.

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

24 (a) The comptroller may award a grant for the development of

1 new career and technical education courses or programs at public  
2 junior colleges, ~~and~~ public technical institutes, and  
3 independent school districts.

4 (d) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a  
5 public junior college, ~~or~~ public technical institute, or  
6 independent school district described under Section 134.007 must  
7 provide matching funds in accordance with rules adopted under  
8 Section 134.008. The matching funds may be obtained from any source  
9 available to the public junior college, public ~~or~~ technical  
10 institute, or independent school district, including in-kind  
11 contributions, industry consortia, community or foundation grants,  
12 individual contributions, and local governmental agency operating  
13 funds.

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

16 Sec. 134.007. GRANTS AWARDED TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
17 DISTRICT. The comptroller may award a grant to an independent  
18 school district under this chapter if the district has entered into  
19 a partnership with a public junior college or public technical  
20 institute for the purpose of promoting career and technical  
21 education to the district's students.

22 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with grants awarded  
23 for the 2016-2017 academic year.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.