

1-1 By: Clardy (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 3062
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2015;
 1-3 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 13, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 13, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program.
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-19 SECTION 1. Section 134.001, Education Code, is amended by
 1-20 adding Subdivision (1) to read as follows:
 1-21 (1) "Commission" means the Texas Workforce
 1-22 Commission.
 1-23 SECTION 2. Section 134.002(a), Education Code, is amended
 1-24 to read as follows:
 1-25 (a) The commission [~~comptroller~~] shall establish and
 1-26 administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) fund as a
 1-27 dedicated account in the general revenue fund.
 1-28 SECTION 3. Section 134.003, Education Code, is amended to
 1-29 read as follows:
 1-30 Sec. 134.003. ADVISORY BOARD. (a) An advisory board of
 1-31 education and workforce stakeholders is created to assist the
 1-32 commission [~~comptroller~~] in administering this chapter.
 1-33 (b) The advisory board is composed of six [~~seven~~] members
 1-34 who serve two-year terms and are appointed as follows:
 1-35 (1) one member appointed by the governor;
 1-36 (2) one member appointed by the lieutenant governor;
 1-37 (3) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of
 1-38 representatives;
 1-39 (4) one member appointed by the Texas Higher Education
 1-40 Coordinating Board;
 1-41 (5) one member appointed by the commission [~~Texas~~
 1-42 ~~Workforce Commission~~]; and
 1-43 (6) the chair of the commission [~~one member of the~~
 1-44 ~~public appointed by the comptroller, and~~
 1-45 [~~(7) the comptroller~~], who serves as the presiding
 1-46 officer.
 1-47 (c) The advisory board shall meet at least once each
 1-48 quarter, or as needed, to review received applications and
 1-49 recommend awarding grants under this chapter.
 1-50 SECTION 4. Section 134.004, Education Code, is amended to
 1-51 read as follows:
 1-52 Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT
 1-53 PROGRAM. (a) The commission [~~comptroller~~] shall establish and
 1-54 administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to
 1-55 provide grants to public junior colleges, [and] public technical
 1-56 institutes, and independent school districts described under
 1-57 Section 134.007 that apply to the advisory board in the manner
 1-58 prescribed by the advisory board. The commission [~~comptroller~~]
 1-59 shall award the grants on the advice and recommendations of the
 1-60 advisory board.
 1-61 (b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs

2-1 and Education for Texans (JET) fund to defray the start-up costs
 2-2 associated with the development of new career and technical
 2-3 education programs at public junior colleges, ~~[and]~~ public
 2-4 technical institutes, and independent school districts described
 2-5 under Section 134.007 that meet the requirements of Section
 2-6 134.006.

2-7 SECTION 5. Sections 134.006(a), (c), and (d), Education
 2-8 Code, are amended to read as follows:

2-9 (a) The commission ~~[comptroller]~~ may award a grant for the
 2-10 development of new career and technical education courses or
 2-11 programs at public junior colleges, ~~[and]~~ public technical
 2-12 institutes, and independent school districts.

2-13 (c) In awarding a grant under this section, the commission
 2-14 ~~[comptroller]~~ shall primarily consider the potential economic
 2-15 returns to the state from the development of the career and
 2-16 technical education course or program. The commission
 2-17 ~~[comptroller]~~ may also consider whether the course or program:

2-18 (1) is part of a new, emerging industry or high-demand
 2-19 occupation;

2-20 (2) offers new or expanded dual credit career and
 2-21 technical educational opportunities in public high schools; or

2-22 (3) is provided in cooperation with other public
 2-23 junior colleges or public technical institutes across existing
 2-24 service areas.

2-25 (d) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a
 2-26 public junior college, ~~[or]~~ public technical institute, or
 2-27 independent school district described under Section 134.007 must
 2-28 provide matching funds in accordance with rules adopted under
 2-29 Section 134.008. The matching funds may be obtained from any source
 2-30 available to the public junior college, public ~~[or]~~ technical
 2-31 institute, or independent school district, including ~~[in-kind~~
 2-32 ~~contributions,]~~ industry consortia, community or foundation
 2-33 grants, individual contributions, and local governmental agency
 2-34 operating funds.

2-35 SECTION 6. Chapter 134, Education Code, is amended by
 2-36 adding Section 134.007 to read as follows:

2-37 Sec. 134.007. GRANTS AWARDED TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
 2-38 DISTRICT. The commission may award a grant to an independent school
 2-39 district under this chapter if the district has entered into a
 2-40 partnership with a public junior college or public technical
 2-41 institute for the purpose of:

2-42 (1) promoting career and technical education to the
 2-43 district's students; or

2-44 (2) offering dual credit courses to the district's
 2-45 students.

2-46 SECTION 7. Section 134.008, Education Code, is amended to
 2-47 read as follows:

2-48 Sec. 134.008. RULES. The commission ~~[comptroller]~~ shall
 2-49 adopt rules as necessary for the administration of this chapter.

2-50 SECTION 8. (a) Not later than September 1, 2015:

2-51 (1) the administration of the Jobs and Education for
 2-52 Texans Grant Program shall be transferred from the comptroller to
 2-53 the Texas Workforce Commission;

2-54 (2) all rules, forms, policies, procedures, or
 2-55 decisions of the comptroller that are related to the Jobs and
 2-56 Education for Texans Grant Program are continued in effect as
 2-57 rules, forms, policies, procedures, or decisions of the Texas
 2-58 Workforce Commission until superseded by a rule or other
 2-59 appropriate act of the Texas Workforce Commission;

2-60 (3) all money, obligations, memoranda of
 2-61 understanding, leases, rights, and contracts, including grant
 2-62 agreements, of the comptroller related to the Jobs and Education
 2-63 for Texans Grant Program are transferred to the Texas Workforce
 2-64 Commission, and the Texas Workforce Commission assumes, without a
 2-65 change in status, the position of the comptroller in all
 2-66 transferred contracts, including grant agreements, related to the
 2-67 Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program;

2-68 (4) records in the custody of the comptroller related
 2-69 to the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program are transferred

3-1 to and become the property of the Texas Workforce Commission; and
3-2 (5) a reference in law or administrative rule to the
3-3 comptroller relating to the administration of the Jobs and
3-4 Education for Texans Grant Program means the Texas Workforce
3-5 Commission.

3-6 (b) Before the transfer of the administration of the Jobs
3-7 and Education for Texans Grant Program, the comptroller and the
3-8 Texas Workforce Commission shall coordinate the transfer of powers
3-9 and duties, including records, appropriations, disbursements,
3-10 compliance audits, monitoring and enforcement, and other items, to
3-11 ensure a smooth transition.

3-12 SECTION 9. An independent school district may be awarded a
3-13 grant in accordance with Section 134.007, Education Code, as added
3-14 by this Act, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year.

3-15 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect immediately if it
3-16 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
3-17 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
3-18 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
3-19 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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