

1-1 By: Deshotel (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.B. No. 2431
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
 1-3 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 12, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 12, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			

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

1-17 relating to the participation of public state colleges in the Jobs
 1-18 and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 134.001(2), Education Code, is amended
 1-21 to read as follows:

1-22 (2) "Public junior college," ~~and~~ "public technical
 1-23 institute," and "public state college" have the meanings assigned
 1-24 by Section 61.003.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 134.004, Education Code, is amended to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT
 1-28 PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the
 1-29 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants
 1-30 to public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public
 1-31 state colleges, and independent school districts described under
 1-32 Section 134.007 that apply to the advisory board in the manner
 1-33 prescribed by the advisory board. The commission shall award the
 1-34 grants on the advice and recommendations of the advisory board.

1-35 (b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs
 1-36 and Education for Texans (JET) fund to defray the start-up costs
 1-37 associated with the development of new career and technical
 1-38 education programs at public junior colleges, public technical
 1-39 institutes, public state colleges, and independent school
 1-40 districts described under Section 134.007 that meet the
 1-41 requirements of Section 134.006.

1-42 SECTION 3. Sections 134.006(a), (c), and (d), Education
 1-43 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-44 (a) The commission may award a grant for the development of
 1-45 new career and technical education courses or programs at public
 1-46 junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state
 1-47 colleges, and independent school districts.

1-48 (c) In awarding a grant under this section, the commission
 1-49 shall primarily consider the potential economic returns to the
 1-50 state from the development of the career and technical education
 1-51 course or program. The commission may also consider whether the
 1-52 course or program:

1-53 (1) is part of a new, emerging industry or high-demand
 1-54 occupation;

1-55 (2) offers new or expanded dual credit career and
 1-56 technical educational opportunities in public high schools; or

1-57 (3) is provided in cooperation with other public
 1-58 junior colleges, ~~or~~ public technical institutes, or public state
 1-59 colleges across existing service areas.

1-60 (d) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a
 1-61 public junior college, public technical institute, public state

2-1 college, or independent school district described under Section
2-2 134.007 must provide matching funds in accordance with rules
2-3 adopted under Section 134.008. The matching funds may be obtained
2-4 from any source available to the public junior college, public
2-5 technical institute, public state college, or independent school
2-6 district, including industry consortia, community or foundation
2-7 grants, individual contributions, and local governmental agency
2-8 operating funds.

2-9 SECTION 4. Section 134.007, Education Code, is amended to
2-10 read as follows:

2-11 Sec. 134.007. GRANTS AWARDED TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
2-12 DISTRICT. The commission may award a grant to an independent school
2-13 district under this chapter if the district has entered into a
2-14 partnership with a public junior college, ~~[or]~~ public technical
2-15 institute, or public state college for the purpose of:

2-16 (1) promoting career and technical education to the
2-17 district's students; or

2-18 (2) offering dual credit courses to the district's
2-19 students.

2-20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-24 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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