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S.B. No. 1709

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the participation of eligible career schools or colleges in the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) 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-a) to read as follows:

(1-a) "Eligible career school or college" means a career school or college, as defined by Section 132.001, that:

(A) is operated on a nonprofit basis; and

(B) is operating under a certificate of approval issued by the commission under Section 132.056.

SECTION 2. Section 134.004, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants to public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state colleges, eligible career schools or colleges, and independent school districts described under Section 134.007 that apply to the advisory board in the manner prescribed by the advisory board. The commission 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 to defray the start-up costs

1 associated with the development of new career and technical  
2 education programs at public junior colleges, public technical  
3 institutes, public state colleges, eligible career schools or  
4 colleges, and independent school districts described under Section  
5 134.007 that meet the requirements of Section 134.006.

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

8 (a) The commission may award a grant for the development of  
9 new career and technical education courses or programs at public  
10 junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state  
11 colleges, eligible career schools or colleges, and independent  
12 school districts.

13 (d) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a  
14 public junior college, public technical institute, public state  
15 college, eligible career school or college, or independent school  
16 district described under Section 134.007 must provide matching  
17 funds in accordance with rules adopted under Section 134.008. The  
18 matching funds may be obtained from any source available to the  
19 public junior college, public technical institute, public state  
20 college, eligible career school or college, or independent school  
21 district, including industry consortia, community or foundation  
22 grants, individual contributions, and local governmental agency  
23 operating funds.

24 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with grants awarded  
25 for the 2020-2021 academic year.

26 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.