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H.B. No. 618

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the participation of open-enrollment charter schools 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 commission shall establish and administer the
9 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants
10 to public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public
11 state colleges, and independent school districts and
12 open-enrollment charter schools described under Section 134.007
13 that apply to the advisory board in the manner prescribed by the
14 advisory board. The commission shall award the grants on the advice
15 and recommendations of the advisory board.

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

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

1 (a) The commission may award a grant for the development of
2 new career and technical education courses or programs at public
3 junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state
4 colleges, [~~and~~] independent school districts, and open-enrollment
5 charter schools.

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

17 SECTION 3. Section 134.007, Education Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 134.007. GRANTS AWARDED TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
20 OR OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL. The commission may award a
21 grant to an independent school district or open-enrollment charter
22 school under this chapter if the district or school has entered into
23 a partnership with a public junior college, public technical
24 institute, or public state college for the purpose of:

25 (1) promoting career and technical education to the
26 district's or school's students; or

27 (2) offering dual credit courses to the district's or

1 school's students.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.