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S.B. No. 337

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the award of grants by the Texas Workforce Commission to facilitate the participation of certain veterans and military personnel in apprenticeship training programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 302.00341 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.00341. GRANTS TO FACILITATE PARTICIPATION IN APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS BY CERTAIN VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL. (a) In this section:

(1) "Apprenticeship training program" has the meaning assigned by Section 133.001, Education Code.

(2) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of that code.

(b) The commission shall develop and administer a program under which the commission may award grants to one or more nonprofit organizations that facilitate the participation in apprenticeship training programs of veterans and active duty military service members who are transitioning into civilian employment.

(c) A grant awarded under this section may be used only to recruit or assist veterans or active duty military service members who are transitioning into civilian employment to participate in an

1 apprenticeship training program in this state.

2 (d) The commission shall adopt rules for the administration
3 of this section, including rules for verifying that state funds
4 awarded to a nonprofit organization under this section are being
5 used appropriately.

6 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
7 of this Act, the Texas Workforce Commission shall adopt rules under
8 Section 302.00341, Labor Code, as added by this Act.

9 SECTION 3. The Texas Workforce Commission is required to
10 implement this Act only if the legislature appropriates money
11 specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not
12 appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the commission
13 may, but is not required to, implement this Act using other
14 appropriations available for that purpose.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.