

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Rosenthal, Tinderholt

H.B. No. 626

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the expansion of the Texas Innovative Adult Career  
3 Education (ACE) Grant Program to include certain nonprofit  
4 organizations providing job training to veterans.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 136.001, Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subdivision (5) to read as follows:

8 (5) "Veteran" means a person who has served in:

9 (A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or  
10 marine corps of the United States;

11 (B) the state military forces as defined by  
12 Section 431.001, Government Code, other than the Texas State Guard;  
13 or

14 (C) an auxiliary service of one of those branches  
15 of the armed forces.

16 SECTION 2. Section 136.005, Education Code, is amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 136.005. TEXAS INNOVATIVE ADULT CAREER EDUCATION (ACE)  
19 GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The grant administrator shall establish and  
20 administer the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant  
21 Program to provide grants to:

22 (1) eligible nonprofit workforce intermediary and job  
23 training organizations; and

24 (2) eligible nonprofit organizations providing job

1 training to veterans.

2       (a-1) In awarding grants under the program, the grant  
3 administrator shall take into consideration the recommendations of  
4 the program advisory board.

5       (b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Texas  
6 Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant fund only to develop,  
7 support, or expand programs of eligible nonprofit workforce  
8 intermediary and job training organizations and of eligible  
9 nonprofit organizations providing job training to veterans to  
10 prepare low-income students or veterans, as applicable, to enter  
11 careers in high-demand and significantly higher-earning  
12 occupations.

13       SECTION 3. Section 136.006, Education Code, is amended by  
14 adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as  
15 follows:

16       (a-1) To be eligible for a grant under the program, a  
17 nonprofit organization providing job training services to veterans  
18 must:

19               (1) apply to the grant administrator in the manner  
20 prescribed by the grant administrator;

21               (2) provide to veterans:

22                       (A) job training; and

23                       (B) a continuum of services designed to move a  
24 program participant from application to employment, including  
25 outreach, assessment, case management, support services, and  
26 career placement;

27               (3) be governed by a board or other governing

1 structure that includes recognized leaders of broad-based  
2 community organizations and executive-level or managerial-level  
3 members of the local business community;

4 (4) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the program  
5 advisory board that the organization's program has achieved or will  
6 achieve the following measure of success among program  
7 participants:

8 (A) rapid attainment of civilian workforce  
9 credentials; and

10 (B) entry into careers with significantly higher  
11 earnings for program participants than previously achieved; and

12 (5) provide matching funds in accordance with rules  
13 adopted under this chapter.

14 (b) The matching funds required under Subsection (a)(5) or  
15 (a-1)(5) may be obtained from any source available to the  
16 organization, including in-kind contributions, community or  
17 foundation grants, individual contributions, and local  
18 governmental agency operating funds. The grant administrator may  
19 adopt rules requiring an organization to demonstrate compliance  
20 with the matching funds requirement before the payment of the next  
21 installment under an awarded grant.

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

**ADOPTED**

**APR 29 2021**

By: *Zaffirini*

*Latey Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

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Substitute the following for \_\_\_B. No. \_\_\_\_\_:

By: *Larry Taylor*

C.S. \_\_\_B. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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21               (2) provide to veterans, in partnership with public  
22 junior colleges, public state colleges, or public technical  
23 institutes:

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26 program participant from application to employment, including  
27 outreach, assessment, case management, support services, and

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5 members of the local business community;

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7 advisory board that the organization's program has achieved or will  
8 achieve the following measures of success among program  
9 participants:

10 (A) the measures prescribed by Subsections  
11 (a)(4)(A)-(C);

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 29, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB626** by Rosenthal (Relating to the expansion of the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program to include certain nonprofit organizations providing job training to veterans.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Education Code relating to the expansion of the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant program to include certain nonprofit organizations providing job training to veterans. The bill also describes the eligibility requirements for receipt of the grant.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** JMc, LBO, SLE, AO

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 22, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Donna Campbell, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB626** by Rosenthal (Relating to the expansion of the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program to include certain nonprofit organizations providing job training to veterans.),  
**Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**April 19, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Donna Campbell, Chair, House Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB626** by Rosenthal (Relating to the expansion of the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program to include certain nonprofit organizations providing job training to veterans.), **As Engrossed**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

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Although this bill would not make an appropriation, it would establish the basis for an appropriation.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

**LBB Staff:** JMc, SLE, AO, JSM

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 26, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB626** by Rosenthal (relating to the expansion of the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program to include certain nonprofit organizations providing job training to veterans.),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**LBB Staff:** JMc, SLE, JSM, AO

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 14, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB626** by Rosenthal (Relating to the expansion of the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program to include certain nonprofit organizations providing job training to veterans.), **As Introduced**

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