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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) eligible nonprofit organizations providing job training to veterans.

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

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

SENATE VERSION (CS)

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

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higher-earning occupations.

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

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

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

(2) provide to veterans:

(A) job training; and

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

(3) be governed by a board or other governing structure that includes recognized leaders of broad-based community organizations and executive-level or managerial-level members of the local business community;

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

(A) rapid attainment of civilian workforce credentials; and

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

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

(b) The matching funds required under Subsection (a)(5) or

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

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

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

(A) job training; and

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

(3) be governed by a board or other governing structure that includes recognized leaders of broad-based community organizations and executive-level or managerial-level members of the local business community;

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

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

(B) rapid attainment of civilian workforce credentials; and

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

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

(b) The matching funds required under Subsection (a)(5) or

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

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

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SECTION 4. Same as House version.

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