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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Texas technology and innovation  
program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 489, Government Code, is amended by  
adding Subchapter G to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER G. TEXAS TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION PROGRAM

Sec. 489.351. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Federal funding program" means the small business  
innovation research and small business technology transfer  
programs established by 15 U.S.C. Section 638.

(2) "Program" means the Texas technology and  
innovation program established under this subchapter.

Sec. 489.352. ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM.

The office shall establish and administer the Texas technology and  
innovation program to foster job creation and economic development  
in this state by matching or supplementing money received by a  
business entity through the federal funding program.

Sec. 489.353. ELIGIBILITY. To be eligible to receive money  
under the program, a business entity must:

(1) meet at least one of the following conditions:

(A) be organized under the laws of this state;

(B) maintain a domestic headquarters in this  
state;

1                    (C) maintain at least one manufacturing facility  
2 in this state; or

3                    (D) have more than half of the entity's employees  
4 residing in this state;

5                    (2) meet all requirements to receive money under the  
6 federal funding program;

7                    (3) not receive concurrent funding from another state  
8 program or fund that serves the same purpose as the program; and

9                    (4) meet any additional requirements under this  
10 subchapter for the applicable phase under which the business entity  
11 applies to receive money.

12                    Sec. 489.354. APPLICATION. (a) A business entity may apply  
13 to receive money under the program by submitting an application  
14 under oath to the office on a form prescribed by the office. The  
15 application must include:

16                    (1) the business entity's name;

17                    (2) the business entity's business organization  
18 structure;

19                    (3) the business entity's address and any principals  
20 listed at a different address;

21                    (4) certification of the information required under  
22 Section 489.353; and

23                    (5) any other information required by the office.

24                    (b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (a), a  
25 business entity must provide to the office, as applicable:

26                    (1) for "phase zero" or a similar stage of the federal  
27 funding program process, a notification of receipt for an

1 application for funding under the federal funding program;

2 (2) for "phase one" or a similar stage of the federal  
3 funding program process:

4 (A) a notice of award to the entity from a funding  
5 agency under the federal funding program;

6 (B) a final report for the applicable stage as  
7 required by the federal funding program; and

8 (C) a proposal for money under the next stage of  
9 the federal funding program; and

10 (3) for "phase two" or a similar stage of the federal  
11 funding program process:

12 (A) a notice of award to the entity from a funding  
13 agency under the federal funding program; and

14 (B) a final report for the applicable stage as  
15 required by the federal funding program.

16 Sec. 489.355. AWARD OF GRANT; LIMITATIONS. (a) The office  
17 may award a "phase zero" grant under this subchapter immediately on  
18 fulfillment of the requirements under Section 489.354(b)(1).

19 (b) The office may award a "phase one" grant under this  
20 subchapter immediately on fulfillment of the requirements under  
21 Section 489.354(b)(2).

22 (c) The office may award a "phase two" grant under this  
23 subchapter immediately on fulfillment of the requirements under  
24 Section 489.354(b)(3).

25 (d) A business entity may assign a grant received under this  
26 subchapter only with the prior written consent of the office.

27 (e) A business entity may not receive more than:

1           (1) one grant in each state fiscal year; and

2           (2) five grants in each phase under this section.

3           Sec. 489.356. FUNDING. (a) The office shall award grants  
4 as provided by this subchapter from available money and any  
5 additional money appropriated for purposes of this subchapter.

6           (b) The office may solicit and receive gifts, grants, and  
7 donations from any source to provide additional funding for grants  
8 awarded under this subchapter.

9           Sec. 489.357. TEXAS TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION TRUST FUND.

10          (a) In this section, "fund" means the Texas technology and  
11 innovation trust fund established under this section.

12          (b) The Texas technology and innovation trust fund is  
13 created as a trust fund outside the treasury and shall be  
14 administered by the office.

15          (c) The fund consists of:

16               (1) gifts, grants, and donations to the office  
17 received under this subchapter; and

18               (2) money from any other source designated by the  
19 legislature.

20          (d) Money in the fund may not be spent unless the office  
21 certifies to the comptroller that a business entity qualifies for a  
22 grant awarded under this subchapter.

23          (e) Money in the fund may be used only for a grant awarded  
24 under Section 489.355(b) or (c).

25          SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
26 of this Act, the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office  
27 shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Subchapter G, Chapter

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1    [489](#), Government Code, as added by this Act.

2            SECTION 3.    This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.