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H.B. No. 4131

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of funds awarded under the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 134.004(b), Education Code, as amended by Chapters 80 (S.B. 346) and 499 (H.B. 4279), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) fund:

(1) to defray the start-up costs associated with the development of new career and technical education programs at public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state colleges, and school districts and open-enrollment charter schools described under Section 134.007 that meet the requirements of Section 134.006; and

(2) to pay costs for the acquisition, implementation, and ongoing maintenance of technology solutions necessary to support programs described by Subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. Section 134.006(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A grant received under this section may be used only:

(1) to support courses or programs that prepare students for career employment in occupations that are identified

1 by local businesses as being in high demand, including courses
2 offered for dual credit;

3 (2) to finance initial costs of career and technical
4 education course or program development, including the costs of
5 constructing or renovating facilities, purchasing equipment, and
6 other expenses associated with the development of a new course;
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8 (3) to finance a career and technical education course
9 or program that leads to a license, certificate, or postsecondary
10 degree; and

11 (4) to finance the acquisition, implementation, and
12 ongoing maintenance of technology solutions necessary to support a
13 course or program described by Subdivision (1), (2), or (3).

14 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
15 to a grant awarded on or after the effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
17 over another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023,
18 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
19 codes.

20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.