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H.B. No. 5476

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the coordination and alignment of career and technical education grant programs across the tri-agency partners.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2308A, Section 2308A.011, Government Code, is amended by adding new subsections (c)-(g) to read as follows:

(c) The agency, coordinating board, and commission shall coordinate competitive secondary and postsecondary career and technical education grant programs for the expansion of career and technical education programs and the creation and implementation of new career and technical education programs that are aligned with the state workforce development goals.

(d) The agency, coordinating board, and commission shall jointly:

(1) coordinate grant funding to address career and technical education program start-up and delivery costs through aligning two or more grant funding streams.

(2) identify and work to reduce duplication in grant programs across the agency, coordinating board, and commission.

(3) identify opportunities to structure grant funding for career and technical education projects that support secondary-to-postsecondary career pathways, including career and technical education dual credit or the attainment of postsecondary

1 credentials for secondary students.

2 (4) identify opportunities to structure grant funding  
3 for career and technical education projects that are aligned with  
4 the attainment of career and technical education credentials of  
5 value funded under Texas Education Code, Chapter 130A, and designed  
6 to meet the state workforce needs in high-demand fields.

7 (f) To the extent possible, the coordination of competitive  
8 grant programs shall prioritize comprehensive funding of  
9 facilities, equipment, instructional materials, and faculty and  
10 staff for program development and delivery to best meet state  
11 workforce development goals.

12 (g) Grant programs that shall be coordinated include, but  
13 are not limited to, Jobs and Education for Texans, P-TECH, Texas  
14 Reskilling and Upskilling through Education, and federal career and  
15 technical education programs including the Carl D. Perkins  
16 Vocational Education Act (20 U.S.C. Section 2301 et seq.).

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.