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S.B. No. 59

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the use of funds awarded under the Jobs and Education  
3 for Texans (JET) Grant Program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 134.004(b), Education Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

21 (1) to support courses or programs that prepare  
22 students for career employment in occupations that are identified  
23 by local businesses as being in high demand, including courses  
24 offered for dual credit;

1           (2) to finance initial costs of career and technical  
2 education course or program development, including the costs of  
3 constructing or renovating facilities, purchasing equipment, and  
4 other expenses associated with the development of a new course;  
5 ~~and~~

6           (3) to finance a career and technical education course  
7 or program that leads to a license, certificate, or postsecondary  
8 degree; and

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

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

14           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.