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S.B. No. 1728

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the participation of certain juvenile justice entities in 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, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants to public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state colleges, ~~and~~ school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, juvenile boards, and juvenile probation departments described under Section 134.007. To receive the grants, those entities must ~~that~~ apply to the advisory board in the manner prescribed by the advisory board. The commission shall award the grants on the advice and recommendations of the advisory board.

(b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) fund 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, and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, juvenile boards, and juvenile probation departments

1 described under Section 134.007 if those entities [~~that~~] meet the  
2 requirements of Section 134.006.

3 SECTION 2. Sections 134.006(a) and (c), Education Code, are  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (a) The commission may award a grant for the development of  
6 new career and technical education courses or programs at public  
7 junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state  
8 colleges, [~~and~~] school districts and open-enrollment charter  
9 schools, and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, juvenile  
10 boards, and juvenile probation departments described under Section  
11 134.007.

12 (c) In awarding a grant under this section, the commission  
13 shall primarily consider the potential economic returns to the  
14 state from the development of the career and technical education  
15 course or program. The commission may also consider whether the  
16 course or program:

17 (1) is part of a new, emerging industry or high-demand  
18 occupation;

19 (2) offers new or expanded dual credit career and  
20 technical educational opportunities in public high schools;

21 (3) offers new career and technical educational  
22 opportunities not previously available:

23 (A) to students enrolled at any campus in the  
24 Windham School District; or

25 (B) as part of any existing educational programs  
26 that are offered in facilities operated wholly or partly by the  
27 Texas Juvenile Justice Department, a juvenile board, or a juvenile

1 probation department, including a facility operated by a private  
2 vendor under a contract with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department,  
3 a juvenile board, or a juvenile probation department; or

4 (4) is provided in cooperation with other public  
5 junior colleges, public technical institutes, or public state  
6 colleges across existing service areas.

7 SECTION 3. Section 134.007, Education Code, is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 134.007. GRANTS AWARDED TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, [~~DISTRICT~~  
10 ~~OR~~] OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS, OR CERTAIN JUVENILE JUSTICE  
11 ENTITIES [~~SCHOOL~~]. The commission may award a grant under this  
12 chapter to:

13 (1) an independent school district or open-enrollment  
14 charter school if the district or school has entered into a  
15 partnership with a public junior college, public technical  
16 institute, or public state college for the purpose of:

17 (A) promoting career and technical education to  
18 the district's or school's students; or

19 (B) offering dual credit courses to the  
20 district's or school's students; [~~or~~]

21 (2) the Windham School District; or

22 (3) the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, a juvenile  
23 board, or a juvenile probation department.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.