

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 756
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 11, 2019; March 1, 2019,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 April 25, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 25, 2019,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 756 By: Menéndez

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the administration of the Jobs and Education for Texans
 1-22 (JET) Grant Program.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 134.001, Education Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

1-26 (1-a) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization
 1-27 exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal
 1-28 Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described by Section
 1-29 501(c)(3) of that code.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 134.003, Education Code, is amended by
 1-31 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
 1-32 follows:

1-33 (b) The advisory board is composed of eight [~~six~~] members
 1-34 who serve two-year terms and are appointed as follows:

- 1-35 (1) one member appointed by the governor;
- 1-36 (2) one member appointed by the lieutenant governor;
- 1-37 (3) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of
 1-38 representatives;

1-39 (4) one member appointed by the Texas Higher Education
 1-40 Coordinating Board;

1-41 (5) one member appointed by the commissioner of
 1-42 education;

1-43 (6) two members [one member] appointed by the
 1-44 commission, one of whom must represent a nonprofit organization
 1-45 located in this state that provides, or has experience in
 1-46 providing, training services that prepare low-income students for
 1-47 careers in high-demand occupations; and

1-48 (7) [~~(6)~~] the chair of the commission, who serves as
 1-49 the presiding officer.

1-50 (b-1) Before appointing the members described by Subsection
 1-51 (b)(6), the commission shall publish a request for applications and
 1-52 must consider appointing qualified individuals from among the
 1-53 resulting applicant pool.

1-54 SECTION 3. Section 134.004, Education Code, is amended to
 1-55 read as follows:

1-56 Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT
 1-57 PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the
 1-58 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants
 1-59 to public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public
 1-60 state colleges, eligible nonprofit organizations, and independent

2-1 school districts described under Section 134.007 that apply to the
2-2 advisory board in the manner prescribed by the advisory board. The
2-3 commission shall award the grants on the advice and recommendations
2-4 of the advisory board.

2-5 (b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs
2-6 and Education for Texans (JET) fund for the following purposes:

2-7 (1) to develop, support, or expand programs of
2-8 nonprofit organizations that meet the requirements of Section
2-9 134.005 and that prepare low-income students for careers in
2-10 high-demand occupations; and

2-11 (2) to defray the start-up costs associated with the
2-12 development of new career and technical education programs at
2-13 public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state
2-14 colleges, and independent school districts described under Section
2-15 134.007 that meet the requirements of Section 134.006.

2-16 SECTION 4. Chapter 134, Education Code, is amended by
2-17 adding Section 134.005 to read as follows:

2-18 Sec. 134.005. GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR
2-19 INNOVATIVE AND SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS. (a) The commission may award
2-20 a grant to a nonprofit organization eligible under Subsection (b)
2-21 for the development, support, or expansion of programs to prepare
2-22 low-income students for careers in high-demand occupations.

2-23 (b) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a
2-24 nonprofit organization must:

2-25 (1) provide a program to offer assistance to
2-26 low-income students in preparing for, applying to, and enrolling in
2-27 a public junior college or public technical institute;

2-28 (2) be governed by a board or other governing
2-29 structure that includes recognized leaders of broad-based
2-30 community organizations and members of the local business
2-31 community;

2-32 (3) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the advisory
2-33 board that the organization's program has achieved or will achieve
2-34 the following measures of success among program participants to the
2-35 extent applicable to the type of program the organization provides:

2-36 (A) above-average completion of developmental
2-37 education among participating public junior college or public
2-38 technical institute students;

2-39 (B) above-average persistence rates among
2-40 participating public junior college or public technical institute
2-41 students;

2-42 (C) above-average certificate or degree
2-43 completion rates by participating students within a three-year
2-44 period compared to demographically comparable public junior
2-45 college and public technical institute students; and

2-46 (D) employment of participating students at an
2-47 average full-time starting wage that is equal to or greater than
2-48 the prevailing wage for the occupation entered; and

2-49 (4) provide matching funds in accordance with rules
2-50 adopted under Section 134.008.

2-51 (c) The matching funds required under Subsection (b)(4) may
2-52 be obtained from any source available to the nonprofit
2-53 organization, including in-kind contributions, community or
2-54 foundation grants, individual contributions, and local
2-55 governmental agency operating funds.

2-56 (d) Grants awarded under this section must be awarded in a
2-57 manner that takes a balanced geographical distribution into
2-58 consideration.

2-59 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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