

1-1 By: Rosenthal, Tinderholt H.B. No. 626
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 12, 2021;
 1-4 April 13, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Veteran Affairs & Border Security; April 23, 2021, reported
 1-6 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following
 1-7 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 23, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12			X	
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15			X	
1-16	X			

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 626 By: Taylor

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the expansion of the Texas Innovative Adult Career
 1-21 Education (ACE) Grant Program to include certain nonprofit
 1-22 organizations providing job training to veterans.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 136.001, Education Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subdivision (5) to read as follows:

1-26 (5) "Veteran" means a person who has served in:

1-27 (A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or
 1-28 marine corps of the United States;

1-29 (B) the state military forces as defined by
 1-30 Section 431.001, Government Code, other than the Texas State Guard;
 1-31 or

1-32 (C) an auxiliary service of one of those branches
 1-33 of the armed forces.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 136.005, Education Code, is amended to
 1-35 read as follows:

1-36 Sec. 136.005. TEXAS INNOVATIVE ADULT CAREER EDUCATION (ACE)
 1-37 GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The grant administrator shall establish and
 1-38 administer the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant
 1-39 Program to provide grants to:

1-40 (1) eligible nonprofit workforce intermediary and job
 1-41 training organizations; and

1-42 (2) eligible nonprofit organizations providing job
 1-43 training to veterans.

1-44 (a-1) In awarding grants under the program, the grant
 1-45 administrator shall take into consideration the recommendations of
 1-46 the program advisory board.

1-47 (b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Texas
 1-48 Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant fund only to develop,
 1-49 support, or expand programs of eligible nonprofit workforce
 1-50 intermediary and job training organizations and of eligible
 1-51 nonprofit organizations providing job training to veterans to
 1-52 prepare low-income students or veterans, as applicable, to enter
 1-53 careers in high-demand and significantly higher-earning
 1-54 occupations.

1-55 SECTION 3. Section 136.006, Education Code, is amended by
 1-56 adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as
 1-57 follows:

1-58 (a-1) To be eligible for a grant under the program, a
 1-59 nonprofit organization providing job training services to veterans
 1-60 must:

