H.B. No. 1032 1-1 By: Thierry, et al. 1-2 1-3 (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado, West) (In the Senate - Received from the House May 17, 2021; May 18, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 24, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 4; May 24, 2021, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5 1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE 1-7 1-8 Absent PNV Yea Nav 1-9 Taylor Х 1-10 1-11 Lucio Х Χ Bettencourt 1-12 Hall Х 1-13 Х Hughes Х 1-14 <u>Menéndez</u> 1**-**15 1**-**16 Paxton Х Perry Х 1-17 Powell Х 1-18 Schwertner Х 1-19 West Х 1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-21 AN ACT 1-22 relating to authorizing school districts to provide funding using 1-23 money received under the Foundation School Program to 1-24 community-based organizations for purposes of reimbursing private 1-25 employers for paid internships provided to certain students in career and technology education programs in the district. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-26 1-27 1-28 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.1871 to read as follows: 1-29 Sec. 29.1871. CONTRACT TO REIMBURSE FOR PAID INTERNSHIP. 1-30 (a) In this section, "community-based organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 303.001, Labor Code. (b) To encourage private employers to participate with 1-31 1-32 1 - 33school districts in providing career and technology education to 1-34 assist students in developing the knowledge, skills, and 1-35 competencies necessary for a broad range of career opportunities, the board of trustees of a school district may contract with a community-based organization to: 1-36 1-37 1-38 1-39 (1) match students in grade 11 12 or who are participating in a career and technology education program in the 1-40 district with paid internships or similar programs provided by 1-41 private employers; and 1-42 1-43 (2) reimburse private employers for all or part of the 1-44 cost of providing paid internships or similar programs to students 1-45 described by Subdivision (1) using funds provided to the 1-46 community-based organization by the district. 1-47 <u>A contract described by Subsection (b) must:</u> (1) require each paid internship or similar program ( c ) 1-48 1-49 provided to the school district's students to primarily promote a 1-50 public purpose of the district relating to career and technology 1-51 education; 1-52 (2) include provisions under which the school district is granted sufficient control to ensure that the public purpose 1-53 1-54 under Subdivision (1) is accomplished and the district receives the 1-55 return benefit; and 1-56 (3) ensure that each student employed under a paid 1-57 internship or similar program is paid at least the minimum wage 1-58 required by law. 1-59 (d) In providing funds to a community-based organization for the purposes of reimbursing a private employer under a contract under Subsection (b), the school district may use funds allocated 1-60 1-61

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- 2-1 to the district for career and technology education under Section 2-2 48.106.
- 2-3 (e) A community-based organization with which a school 2-4 district contracts under Subsection (b) may serve as the employer 2-5 of record for a student employed under a paid internship or similar 2-6 program provided under a contract described by Subsection (b).
- 2-7 (f) Completion of a paid internship or similar program 2-8 provided under a contract described by Subsection (b) may satisfy a 2-9 requirement to complete a practicum as part of a school district's 2-10 career and technology\_education program.
- 2-10 career and technology education program. 2-11 SECTION 2. Section 48.106(c), Education Code, is amended to 2-12 read as follows:
- 2-13 (c) At least 55 percent of the funds allocated under this 2-14 section must be used:
- 2-15 (1) in providing career and technology education 2-16 programs in grades 7 through 12; or
- 2-17 (2) in providing funding to a community-based 2-18 organization under a contract entered into under Section 29.1871 2-19 for purposes of reimbursing private employers for providing paid 2-20 internships or similar programs to students in career and 2-21 technology education programs.

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2-22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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