

1-1 By: Dominguez (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 4279
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2021;
 1-3 May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
 1-4 Resources & Economic Development; May 21, 2021, reported favorably
 1-5 by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

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

1-20 relating to the eligibility of the Windham School District to
 1-21 participate in the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant
 1-22 Program.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 134.004, Education Code, is amended to
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT
 1-27 PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the Jobs
 1-28 and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants to
 1-29 public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state
 1-30 colleges, and ~~[independent]~~ school districts described under
 1-31 Section 134.007 that apply to the advisory board in the manner
 1-32 prescribed by the advisory board. The commission shall award the
 1-33 grants on the advice and recommendations of the advisory board.

1-34 (b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs
 1-35 and Education for Texans (JET) fund to defray the start-up costs
 1-36 associated with the development of new career and technical
 1-37 education programs at public junior colleges, public technical
 1-38 institutes, public state colleges, and ~~[independent]~~ school
 1-39 districts described under Section 134.007 that meet the
 1-40 requirements of Section 134.006.

1-41 SECTION 2. Sections 134.006(a), (c), and (d), Education
 1-42 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-43 (a) The commission may award a grant for the development of
 1-44 new career and technical education courses or programs at public
 1-45 junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state
 1-46 colleges, and ~~[independent]~~ school districts described under
 1-47 Section 134.007.

1-48 (c) In awarding a grant under this section, the commission
 1-49 shall primarily consider the potential economic returns to the
 1-50 state from the development of the career and technical education
 1-51 course or program. The commission may also consider whether the
 1-52 course or program:

1-53 (1) is part of a new, emerging industry or high-demand
 1-54 occupation;

1-55 (2) offers new or expanded dual credit career and
 1-56 technical educational opportunities in public high schools; ~~[or]~~

1-57 (3) offers new career and technical educational
 1-58 opportunities not previously available to students enrolled at any
 1-59 campus in the Windham School District; or

1-60 (4) is provided in cooperation with other public
 1-61 junior colleges, public technical institutes, or public state

2-1 colleges across existing service areas.
2-2 (d) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a
2-3 public junior college, public technical institute, public state
2-4 college, or [~~independent~~] school district described under Section
2-5 134.007 must provide matching funds in accordance with rules
2-6 adopted under Section 134.008. The matching funds may be obtained
2-7 from any source available to the public junior college, public
2-8 technical institute, public state college, or [~~independent~~] school
2-9 district, including industry consortia, community or foundation
2-10 grants, individual contributions, and local governmental agency
2-11 operating funds.

2-12 SECTION 3. Section 134.007, Education Code, is amended to
2-13 read as follows:

2-14 Sec. 134.007. GRANTS AWARDED TO [~~INDEPENDENT~~] SCHOOL
2-15 DISTRICT. The commission may award a grant to a [~~an independent~~]
2-16 school district under this chapter if the district:

2-17 (1) is an independent school district and has entered
2-18 into a partnership with a public junior college, public technical
2-19 institute, or public state college for the purpose of:

2-20 (A) [~~(1)~~] promoting career and technical
2-21 education to the district's students; or

2-22 (B) [~~(2)~~] offering dual credit courses to the
2-23 district's students; or

2-24 (2) is the Windham School District.

2-25 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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