

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 2029
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2023; March 21, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
 1-4 May 4, 2023, reported favorably from Committee on Education by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0; May 4, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the administration of the Texas Innovative Adult Career
 1-24 Education (ACE) Grant Program by the Texas Higher Education
 1-25 Coordinating Board.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 136.001, Education Code, is amended by
 1-28 amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as
 1-29 follows:

1-30 (1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
 1-31 Education Coordinating Board.

1-32 (1-a) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization
 1-33 exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal
 1-34 Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described by Section
 1-35 501(c)(3) of that code.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 136.005(a), Education Code, is amended
 1-37 to read as follows:

1-38 (a) The coordinating board [~~grant administrator~~] shall
 1-39 establish and administer the Texas Innovative Adult Career
 1-40 Education (ACE) Grant Program to provide grants to:

1-41 (1) eligible nonprofit workforce intermediary and job
 1-42 training organizations; and

1-43 (2) eligible nonprofit organizations providing job
 1-44 training to veterans.

1-45 SECTION 3. Section 136.006, Education Code, is amended to
 1-46 read as follows:

1-47 Sec. 136.006. ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS. (a) To be eligible
 1-48 for a grant under the program, a nonprofit workforce intermediary
 1-49 and job training organization must:

1-50 (1) apply to the coordinating board [~~grant~~
 1-51 ~~administrator~~] in the manner prescribed by the coordinating board
 1-52 [~~grant administrator~~];

1-53 (2) provide to eligible low-income students, in
 1-54 partnership with public junior colleges, public state colleges, or
 1-55 public technical institutes:

1-56 (A) job training; and

1-57 (B) a continuum of services designed to move a
 1-58 program participant from application to employment, including
 1-59 outreach, assessment, case management, support services, and
 1-60 career placement;

1-61 (3) be governed by a board or other governing

2-1 structure that includes recognized leaders of broad-based
2-2 community organizations and executive-level or managerial-level
2-3 members of the local business community;

2-4 (4) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the
2-5 coordinating board [~~program advisory board~~] that the
2-6 organization's program has achieved or will achieve the following
2-7 measures of success among program participants:

2-8 (A) above-average completion of developmental
2-9 education among participating public junior college, public state
2-10 college, or public technical institute students;

2-11 (B) above-average persistence rates among
2-12 participating public junior college, public state college, or
2-13 public technical institute students;

2-14 (C) above-average certificate or degree
2-15 completion rates by participating students within a three-year
2-16 period compared to demographically comparable public junior
2-17 college, public state college, and public technical institute
2-18 students; and

2-19 (D) entry into careers with significantly higher
2-20 earnings for program participants than previously achieved; and

2-21 (5) provide matching funds in accordance with rules
2-22 adopted under this chapter.

2-23 (a-1) To be eligible for a grant under the program, a
2-24 nonprofit organization providing job training services to veterans
2-25 must:

2-26 (1) apply to the coordinating board [~~grant~~
2-27 ~~administrator~~] in the manner prescribed by the coordinating board
2-28 [~~grant administrator~~];

2-29 (2) provide to veterans, in partnership with public
2-30 junior colleges, public state colleges, or public technical
2-31 institutes:

2-32 (A) job training; and

2-33 (B) a continuum of services designed to move a
2-34 program participant from application to employment, including
2-35 outreach, assessment, case management, support services, and
2-36 career placement;

2-37 (3) be governed by a board or other governing
2-38 structure that includes recognized leaders of broad-based
2-39 community organizations and executive-level or managerial-level
2-40 members of the local business community;

2-41 (4) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the
2-42 coordinating board [~~program advisory board~~] that the
2-43 organization's program has achieved or will achieve the following
2-44 measures of success among program participants:

2-45 (A) the measures prescribed by Subsections
2-46 (a)(4)(A)-(C);

2-47 (B) rapid attainment of civilian workforce
2-48 credentials; and

2-49 (C) entry into careers with significantly higher
2-50 earnings for program participants than previously achieved; and

2-51 (5) provide matching funds in accordance with rules
2-52 adopted under this chapter.

2-53 (b) The matching funds required under Subsection (a)(5) or
2-54 (a-1)(5) may be obtained from any source available to the
2-55 organization, including in-kind contributions, community or
2-56 foundation grants, individual contributions, and local
2-57 governmental agency operating funds. The coordinating board [~~grant~~
2-58 ~~administrator~~] may adopt rules requiring an organization to
2-59 demonstrate compliance with the matching funds requirement before
2-60 the payment of the next installment under an awarded grant.

2-61 SECTION 4. Section 136.007, Education Code, is amended to
2-62 read as follows:

2-63 Sec. 136.007. RULES. [~~(a)~~] The coordinating board [~~grant~~
2-64 ~~administrator~~] shall adopt rules as necessary for the
2-65 administration of this chapter, including [~~in the manner provided~~
2-66 ~~by Chapter 2001, Government Code, for a state agency.~~

2-67 [~~(b) The grant administrator, with recommendations of the~~
2-68 ~~program advisory board, shall adopt~~] rules regarding eligibility,
2-69 program tuition and fees, administrative costs, matching funds, and

3-1 case management and other supports for the program. The rules may
3-2 include provisions for the payment in periodic installments of
3-3 grant awards.

3-4 SECTION 5. The following provisions of Chapter 136,
3-5 Education Code, are repealed:

3-6 (1) Sections 136.002 and 136.004; and

3-7 (2) Section 136.005(a-1).

3-8 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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