CHAPTER 858

H.B. No. 432

AN ACT

relating to charitable contributions by state employees to assist domestic victims of human trafficking.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 531.383, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) For purposes of Subchapter I, Chapter 659:

(1) the commission, for the sole purpose of administering the grant program under this section, is considered an eligible charitable organization entitled to participate in the state employee charitable campaign; and

(2) a state employee is entitled to authorize a deduction for contributions to the commission for the purposes of administering the grant program under this section as a charitable contribution under Section 659.132, and the commission may use the contributions as provided by Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 24, 2013: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 859

H.B. No. 437

AN ACT

relating to career and technical education and workforce development grant programs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

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

Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The comptroller shall establish and administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants to public junior colleges [and public technical institutes] and eligible nonprofit organizations that apply to the advisory board in the manner prescribed by the advisory board. The comptroller shall award the grants on the advice and recommendations of the advisory board.

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

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

(2) to defray the start-up costs associated with the development of new career and technical education programs at public junior colleges and public technical institutes that meet the requirements of Section 134.006; and

(3) to provide scholarships for students in career and technical education programs who meet the requirements of Section 134.007].

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