

1 **FY 2022 Jobs and Education for Texans Advisory Board Recommendation**

2 **Discussion Paper**

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4 **Background**

5 On September 30, 2021, the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Advisory Board met to discuss the
6 program parameters and funding for FY 2022.

7 HB 1525 (87R) requires the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to create programs that support school
8 districts and open-enrollment charter schools to implement intensive supports using state discretionary
9 funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and American
10 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to ensure students perform at grade level and graduate demonstrating college,
11 career, or military readiness. Such programs must provide expanded learning options for P-TECH
12 programs, the Texas Regional Pathways Network, and the TWC-administered Jobs and Education for
13 Texas (JET) Grant program and include supplemental instructional supports and COVID-19 learning
14 acceleration supports. According to the TEA, \$50 million dollars will be available for open enrollment
15 charter schools and school districts during the FY 2022-2023 biennium (5% of the \$50 million dollars can
16 be used towards administrative costs).

17 Additionally, TWC was appropriated \$7.52 million in General Revenue per year for the FY 2022-2023
18 biennium.

19 At the meeting, the JET Advisory Board made the following recommendation to the Commission
20 regarding the FY 2022 Program Parameters:

21 1. Funding Allocation:

22 General Revenue - 100% IHEs; 0% open enrollment charter schools and school districts,
23 with the flexibility to move to charter schools and school districts should insufficient
24 qualifying applications be received from IHEs

25 2. Min/Max Grant Amount:

26 \$40,000 – \$350,000: IHEs

27 \$40,000 – \$750,000: open-enrollment charter schools and school districts

28 3. Minimum 50-point Threshold

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30 4. Maximum Grants per Eligible Entity:

31 IHEs - 2 applications

32 Open-enrollment charter schools and school districts - 3 applications

33 **Decision Point**

34 Staff seeks direction on Commission approval of the advisory board’s recommendation, as outlined
35 above, regarding FY 2022 Program Parameters.