

1 **Policy Concept**

2 **New Chapter 839, Apprenticeship Programs - Additional**

3 **New Subchapter B. Grants to Facilitate Participation in Registered Apprenticeship Programs by**
4 **Certain Veterans and Military Personnel**

5 **Rule Project #2021-11-839 – SB 337 - Veterans Apprenticeship Training Grant Program**
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7 **Introduction and Background**

8 Senate Bill (SB) 337, enacted by the 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2021), amended Texas
9 Labor Code, Chapter 302, Subchapter A by adding §302.00341, Grants to Facilitate Participation in
10 Apprenticeship Training Programs by Certain Veterans and Military Personnel.

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12 Texas Labor Code, §302.00341(a) defines "apprenticeship training program" and "nonprofit
13 organization."

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15 Texas Labor Code, §302.00341(b) requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to "develop and
16 administer a program under which the commission may award grants to one or more nonprofit
17 organizations that facilitate the participation in apprenticeship training programs of veterans and active
18 duty military service members who are transitioning into civilian employment."

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20 Texas Labor Code, §302.00341(c) stipulates that a grant awarded under Texas Labor Code, §302.00341,
21 may only be used to recruit or assist veterans or transitioning service members.

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23 Texas Labor Code, §302.00341(d) requires TWC to adopt rules to administer this grant. The rules must
24 include a process to verify that state funds awarded to a nonprofit organization under Texas Labor Code,
25 §302.00341 are used appropriately.

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27 **Purpose for the Proposed Rule**

28 The purpose of this rulemaking is to establish the Veterans Apprenticeship Training Grant Program to
29 implement SB 337.

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31 **New Rules Required by Federal Regulation or State Statute**

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33 **Issue #1: Implementation of SB 337**

34 SB 337 added Texas Labor Code, §302.00341, which allows TWC to develop and administer a program
35 to provide grants to one or more nonprofit organizations to facilitate a veteran's or transitioning military
36 service member's participation in registered apprenticeship programs. A grant provided under this
37 program shall be used for recruitment or assistance provided to such veterans or transitioning service
38 members. TWC will need to develop a process to verify the grant is used for the intended purpose.

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40 **Other Rule Revisions**

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43 **PC Decision Point**

44 Staff recommends establishing rules in new Chapter 839, Subchapter B to implement SB 337.