

Senate Finance Workgroup on Community Colleges
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Formula Funding Requests																		
	1.	Restoration of funding because of contact hour decrease. Instruction and Administration Formula: \$1.6 billion in General Revenue in 2014-15 Senate Introduced Bill provides for a rate of \$5.54 per contact hour. The annual contact hour rate is \$2.77. Workgroup recommendation is to fund \$50 million in core operations (\$1 million per district) and distribute remaining funding with 10% (\$174.5 million) through success points and 90% (\$1.57 billion) through contact hours. Recommendation includes contact hour rate of \$2.64. Recommendations eliminate small institution supplement funding and roll that funding into the three components of funding listed above.	\$ 88,925,950		\$ 88,925,950			\$ -	\$ 146,768,651		\$ 146,768,651	\$ 18,551,635		\$ 18,551,635				
Non-Formula Funding Requests																		
	2.	Dallas County Community College - Restore Appropriations for STARLINK	\$ 161,480		\$ 161,480			\$ -	\$ 322,960		\$ 322,960			\$ -				
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:																		
	3.	Adjust the appropriation for the Bachelor of Applied Technology Program to align with the General Academic Instruction and Operations formula rate.			\$ -			\$ -	\$ 79,334		\$ 79,334			\$ -				
	4.	Increase in funds appropriated directly to Texas Southmost College for vocational/technical hours trusteeed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Senate Bill 1 as Introduced. Funding trusteeed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Strategy F.1.5. UTB/TSC Transition Funding is decreased by a like amount. Core Operations, Success Points funding, and increased formula funding for vocational/technical hours will also be appropriated directly to Texas Southmost College and are included in item #1 above.			\$ -			\$ -	\$ 4,552,103		\$ 4,552,103			\$ -				

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	5.	Amend Rider 1, Administration of Appropriated Funds, to eliminate the reallocation of formula funds based on updated contact hour data in the second year of the biennium.			\$ -			\$ -	Priority 1					\$ -
	6.	Transition funding for Texas Southmost College associated with ending the partnership with The University of Texas at Brownsville.			\$ -			\$ -			\$ -	\$ 5,900,000		\$ 5,900,000
	7.	Adopt a new rider to direct the community colleges and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop an allocation system for student success points in the 2016-17 biennium associated with student achievement. The allocation system would compare the performance of the community college to itself using the allocation for student success as the baseline for comparison .			\$ -			\$ -	Priority 1					\$ -
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions			\$ 89,087,430	\$ -	\$ 89,087,430	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151,723,048	\$ -	\$ 151,723,048	\$ 24,451,635	\$ -	\$ 24,451,635

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Article III - Higher Education Employees Group Insurance Contributions Teachers Retirement System Optional Retirement System	Items Not Included in SB 1			Pended Items			Priority 1			Priority 2		
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Technical Adjustments:												
	1.	Revise junior college retiree headcounts per ERS report.	\$ (122,943)		\$ (122,943)		\$ -	\$ (122,943)		\$ (122,943)		\$ -
	2.	Revise Article IX Section 6.08, Benefits Paid Proportional by Fund, to clarify that the Introduced Bill does not apply proportionality to Higher Education Group Insurance for Public Community and Junior Colleges.			\$ -		\$ -	Priority 1				\$ -
Performance Review & Other Budget Recommendations												
System Requests:												
	3.	Return premium contribution rate for public community and junior colleges to 60% of ERS rates (currently funded at 42.1%). Workgroup recommendation: premium contribution rate of 50%.	\$ 100,718,751		\$ 100,718,751		\$ -	\$ 45,121,058		\$ 45,121,058		\$ -
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	4.	Fund General Revenue for Teacher Retirement System and Optional Retirement System retirement benefits at 50%.			\$ -		\$ -	\$ 7,787,331		\$ 7,787,331		\$ -
	5.	Adopt a contingency rider for legislation relating to contribution rates of 50% for HEGI, TRS, and ORP.						Priority 1				
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions							\$ 100,595,808	\$ -	\$ 100,595,808	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -