

Article III, Public Education Total, Article III Public Education	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions				
	Items Not Included in HB 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2014-15 Biennial Total		Adopted 2014-15 Biennial Total		Article XI 2014-15 Biennial Total		
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
<b>Texas Education Agency</b>									
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 101,200,738	\$ 101,479,924	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,692,346	\$ 54,665,346	\$ -	\$ -	
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	
<b>Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired</b>									
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 772,661	\$ 772,661	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 772,661	\$ 772,661	\$ -	\$ -	
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
<b>Texas School for the Deaf</b>									
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 5,646,589	\$ 5,646,589	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,646,589	\$ 5,646,589	\$ -	\$ -	
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	
<b>Special Provisions for TSBVI/TSD</b>									
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
<b>Teacher Retirement System</b>									
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 374,113,160	\$ 395,720,208	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138,382,668	\$ 159,384,156	\$ -	\$ -	
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	13.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	28.0	28.0	0.0	0.0	
<b>Optional Retirement Program</b>									
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,051,088	\$ 9,051,088	\$ -	\$ -	
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
<b>Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	<b>\$ 481,733,148</b>	<b>\$ 503,619,382</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 209,545,352</b>	<b>\$ 229,519,840</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>COST-OUT ADJUSTMENTS</b>									
1 FSP: BRE conforming adjustment	\$ (5,027,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,027,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2 Specialty License Plates: BRE conforming adjustment	\$ (64,930)	\$ (64,930)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (64,930)	\$ (64,930)	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Cost-out Adjustments</b>	<b>\$ (5,091,930)</b>	<b>\$ (64,930)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (5,091,930)</b>	<b>\$ (64,930)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Total GR &amp; GR-Ded Adopted Items less Cost-out Adjust</b>	<b>\$ 476,641,218</b>	<b>\$ 503,554,452</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 204,453,422</b>	<b>\$ 229,454,910</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions</b>	25.0	27.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	

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<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. <b>Foundation School Program.</b> BRE conforming adjustment. BRE amounts for Property Tax Relief Fund are \$5.0 million less than amounts included in SB 1, Introduced, offset by a net increase in General Revenue Funds. ASF: \$47.3 million Lottery: (\$17.6 million) FSF: (\$24.7 million)	\$ 5,027,000	\$ -			\$ 5,027,000	\$ -		
2. <b>Specialty License Plates.</b> BRE conforming adjustment	\$ 64,930	\$ 64,930			\$ 64,930	\$ 64,930		
3. <b>Juvenile Justice Department.</b> Increase transfer to Juvenile Justice Department by \$90,000 due to a typographical error in the introduced bill.	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000			\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000		
4. <b>Instructional Materials Allotment.</b> Decrease funding to the Instructional Materials Allotment because of updated estimated transfer from Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund.	\$ (3,089,584)	\$ (3,089,584)			\$ (3,089,584)	\$ (3,089,584)		

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<b><u>Performance Review &amp; Other Budget Recommendations:</u></b>								
1. <b>Contingency Rider: State Cost of School District Participation in Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones.</b> Item would decrease General Revenue funding for the Foundation School Program by \$64.0 million in the 2014-15 biennium contingent on the passage and enactment of legislation which suspends supplemental state funding to certain school districts participating in tax increment reinvestment zones.	\$ (64,000,000)	\$ (64,000,000)						
<b><u>Agency Requests:</u></b>								
1. <b>Assessment Costs.</b> Item would fully fund the anticipated contract cost associated with implementing the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). This includes restoration of \$98.4 million in General Revenue funds that were not included in the recommendations and an additional \$22.1 million in General Revenue funds required to replace an anticipated reduction of federal funds and an increase in contract costs required to administer the assessments program.	\$ 120,546,031	\$ 120,546,031			\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000		
2. <b>Professional Development and Support.</b> Item would fund additional \$24 million for professional development and support through Project Share.	\$ 24,000,000	\$ 24,000,000						

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3. <b>Restore Agency Administrative Reduction.</b> Item would restore \$1.3 million per fiscal year, which was reduced due to recommendation to prevent TEA from using fee revenue to support agency's administrative budget.	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 2,600,000			\$ 2,600,000	\$ 2,600,000		
4. <b>Information Technology/Texas Student Data System.</b> Item would fund additional \$10.7 million to support the Texas Student Data System, including \$5.2 million in hosting and software costs, and \$5.4 million in staffing costs. The item includes an increase in the FTE cap of 3.	\$ 5,349,723	\$ 10,655,909			\$ 4,000,000	\$ 8,000,000		
5. <b>Windham School District.</b> Item would include: 1. \$6 million to continue funding 59 teaching positions; 2. \$2.0 million for GED testing materials and testing stations; 3. \$2.7 million to reinstate literacy services at six prison locations	\$ 10,612,638	\$ 10,612,638			\$ 8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000		
<b>Rider Requests:</b>								
None.								

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<b><u>Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:</u></b>								
1. <b>Adult Basic Education</b> Restore funding for Adult Basic Education Services to 2010–11 levels, which is estimated to serve about 10,000 additional students.					\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000		
2. <b>Teach for America</b>					\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000		
3. <b>Texas Advanced Placement Incentive</b> Increase funding for AP/IB exam fee subsidies for students demonstrating financial need and amend rider to specify that expenditures in 2014-15 for professional development under the provisions of the rider be no less than in 2010-11.					\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000		
						Amend Rider 52		
<b>Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	<b>\$ 101,200,738</b>	<b>\$ 101,479,924</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 55,692,346</b>	<b>\$ 54,665,346</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions</b>	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0

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Article III, Public Education Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. <b>Performance Measure Update</b> Item would revise performance measure targets to reflect the new recently released proficiency standards for STAAR testing.	\$ -	\$ -					ADOPT	
<b>Performance Review &amp; Other Budget Recommendations</b>								
None.								
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
1. <b>Contingency Rider</b> Item would add a rider to offset the loss of IDEA-D Deafblind federal funds with General Revenue Funds if federal legislation does not reauthorize these funds.	\$ 575,000	\$ 575,000			\$ 575,000	\$ 575,000		
							Add Contingency Rider	
2. <b>Educational Professional Salaries</b> Item would continue funding for a one-time 3.0 percent annual salary increase to provide statutory teacher salary increases to match AISD if AISD board reauthorizes the increase or requests voter approval.	\$ 197,661	\$ 197,661			\$ 197,661	\$ 197,661		
3. <b>Superintendent Salary Increase</b> Item would provide authority only to increase the superintendent's salary cap from \$118,450 to \$127,220 and from a Group 4 to Group 5.	\$ -	\$ -					ADOPT	
<b>Rider Requests:</b>								
None.								
<b>Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ 772,661	\$ 772,661	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 772,661	\$ 772,661	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. <b>Performance Measure Update</b> Item would revise performance measure targets to reflect the new recently released proficiency standards for STAAR testing.	\$ -	\$ -				ADOPT		
<b>Performance Review &amp; Other Budget Recommendations</b>								
None.								
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
1. <b>Specialized Instructional Staff Positions (9.0 FTEs)</b> Item would provide funding for the following positions (not all positions equate to a full FTE): --\$121,200 - Autism Teacher Specialist --\$ 47,537 - Intervener for Deaf/Visually Impaired Students --\$107,987 - Elementary Counselor --\$127,200 - Response to Intervention (RTI) Coordinator --\$ 92,920 Early Childhood (0-5) Speech/Language Specialist --\$121,200 - Early Childhood (0-3) Lead Teacher --\$ 92,920 - Behavior Support Teacher --\$94,940 - Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Facilitator --\$ 92,920 - Outreach Teacher --\$ 47,537 - Career & Transition Job Coach	\$ 946,361	\$ 946,361			\$ 946,361	\$ 946,361		
2. <b>Repair and Renovation</b> Item would provide funding for life/safety related repairs identified in a recent facility condition assessment report. This funding would be in addition to \$707,680 provided for this purpose in the baseline recommendation.	\$ 4,506,320	\$ 4,506,320			\$ 4,506,320	\$ 4,506,320		

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Article III, Public Education Texas School for the Deaf	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in HB 1 <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
3. <b>Educational Professional Salaries</b> Item would continue funding for a one-time 3.0 percent annual salary increase to provide statutory teacher salary increases to match AISD if AISD board reauthorizes increase or requests voter approval.	\$ 193,908	\$ 193,908			\$ 193,908	\$ 193,908		
4. <b>Superintendent Salary Increase</b> Item would provide authority only to increase the superintendent's annual salary by six percent in each year of the biennium.	\$ -	\$ -					ADOPT	
<b>Rider Requests:</b>								
None.								
<b>Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ 5,646,589	\$ 5,646,589	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,646,589	\$ 5,646,589	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalent / Tentative Decisions</b>	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0



LBB Analyst: Jody Wright

Article III, Public Education Special Provisions for the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and School for the Deaf	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in HB 1 <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
None.								
<b>Performance Review &amp; Other Budget Recommendations</b>								
None.								
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
None.								
<b>Rider Requests:</b>								
None.								
<b>Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

LBB Analyst: Jody Wright

Article III, Public Education Teacher Retirement System	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in HB 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2014-15 Biennial Total		Adopted 2014-15 Biennial Total		Article XI 2014-15 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
None.								
<b>Performance Review &amp; Other Budget Recommendations</b>								
None.								
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
1. <b>State Retirement Contributions</b> Item would provide for incremental state matching retirement increases to 6.9 percent in FY14 and 7.4 percent in FY15.	\$ 374,113,160	\$ 374,718,720						
2. <b>TRS Enterprise Application Modernization (TEAM)</b> Item would provide additional funding for the TEAM technology initiative.	\$ -	\$ 19,247,242			\$ -	\$ 19,247,242		
3. <b>Full-time Equivalent Positions</b> Item would increase funding for additional TEAM and administrative operations FTE positions dedicated to TEAM related activities, open records requests, and transparency demands. (13 FTEs)	\$ -	\$ 1,754,246			\$ -	\$ 1,754,246		
<b>Rider Requests:</b>								
1. Item would add a new rider that exempts all FTEs associated with TEAM related activities from the Article IX FTE cap limitation. The rider would indicate that the exemption is temporary, expiring upon completion of the TEAM project.							ADOPT	
<b>Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:</b>								
1. <b>State Retirement Contributions</b> Item would provide for an incremental state matching retirement increase from 6.4 percent to 6.6 percent in 2014-15.					\$ 138,382,668	\$ 138,382,668		
<b>Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	<b>\$ 374,113,160</b>	<b>\$ 395,720,208</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 138,382,668</b>	<b>\$ 159,384,156</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions</b>	13.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	28.0	28.0	0.0	0.0

LBB Analyst: Jody Wright

Article III, Public Education Optional Retirement Program	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in HB 1 <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2014-15 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. <b>Performance Measure Update</b> Item would revise performance measure target to reflect updated actual 2012 membership participation in the ORP and one percent annual growth in participation for 2013, 2014, and 2015.					ADOPT			
<b>Performance Review &amp; Other Budget Recommendations</b>								
None.								
<b>Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:</b>								
1. <b>State Retirement Contributions</b> Item would provide for an incremental state matching retirement increase from 6.4 percent to 6.6 percent in 2014-15.					\$ 9,051,088	\$ 9,051,088		
<b>Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,051,088	\$ 9,051,088	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions</b>	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Texas Education Agency**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Texas Advanced Placement Initiative**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/01/2013

**Overview**

Modify Rider 52, Texas Advanced Placement Initiative in the Texas Education Agency bill pattern to increase General Revenue funding by \$2.5 million per fiscal year in the 2014-15 biennium and to require the agency to spend no less on teacher training under the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative in the 2014-15 biennium than the agency expended for this purpose in the 2010-11 biennium.

**Required Action**

On page III-19 of the Texas Education Agency's bill pattern, amend the following rider:

52. **Texas Advanced Placement Initiative.** Out of the General Revenue funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall spend ~~\$6,900,000~~ \$9,400,000 in fiscal year 2014 and ~~\$6,900,000~~ \$9,400,000 in fiscal year 2015 to fund the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative.

In the administration of the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative, funding shall be allocated for both the pre-Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate activities and for the Advanced Placement Incentive Program. In the allocation of funding for the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative, the Texas Education Agency shall prioritize the examination fee subsidies for students. For funds that are used for teacher training, the Texas Education Agency shall allocate no less than the amount expended in the 2010-11 biennium for this purpose in the 2014-15 biennium and give funding priority to teachers at public school campuses that do not offer Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate courses.

It shall be the goal of the Texas Education Agency that Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate courses are available at as many public school campuses as possible, without regard to the rural/urban status of the campus and the socioeconomic characteristics of its students. For campus incentive awards given under this program, consideration may be given to school districts and charter schools in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of operating an Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate program.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2014 are hereby appropriated to fiscal year 2015 for the same purpose.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Rider – Article III**  
**Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired**  
**Contingency Appropriation for Loss of Federal Funds**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/25/13

**Overview**

The five-year reauthorization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part D expired in 2011, but the U.S. Congress continues to fund the programs through its annual appropriation process. If the IDEA-D funds are not reauthorized or continued through annual appropriations, the agency is requesting \$575,000 in General Revenue to replace the loss of deathblind federal funds.

**Required Action**

On page III-25 of the bill pattern for the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for Deathblind Federal Funds.** Contingent on failure of the United States Congress to reauthorize federal funds from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part D received by the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired is hereby appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Technical Assistance, an additional \$575,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2014.

By: Otto

**Proposed Rider – Article III  
Teacher Retirement System  
TRS FTEs Exempted from Quarterly Reporting**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/26/13

**Overview**

The rider would exempt the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and contract workers assigned to the TRS Enterprise Application Modernization (TEAM) initiative from the Article IX, Sec. 6.10. Limitation on State Employment Levels calculation for reporting purposes. The TEAM initiative is a multi-year renovation project of the agency’s benefits delivery computer system that began in fiscal year 2012 and is scheduled to continue for a minimum of six years. Once the TEAM initiative is implemented, the FTE levels will be decreased

**Required Action**

On page III-30 of the bill pattern for the Teacher Retirement System, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Enterprise Application Modernization FTE Exemption.**

Notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Sec. 6.10. Limitation on State Employment Levels, for the Teacher Retirement System, it is the intent of the Legislature that the calculation of the number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) and contract workers assigned to the TRS Enterprise Application Modernization (TEAM) initiative for reporting purposes be exempt from the calculation. It is the intent of the Legislature that once the TEAM initiative is implemented, the Article IX.Sec.6.10 limitation will apply to all agency FTE employees and contract workers (estimated to be fiscal year 2018).