

**Rider Comparison Packet**

**Conference Committee on House Bill 1**

**2016-17 General Appropriations Bill**

**Article III – Higher Education**

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- 8. Benefits Proportionality Audit Requirement.**
- a. Each institution of higher education, excluding Public Community/Junior Colleges, shall conduct an internal audit of benefits proportional by fund and submit a copy of the internal audit to the Legislative Budget Board, Comptroller of Public Accounts, and State Auditor's Office no later than August 31, 2016. The audit must examine, at a minimum, fiscal years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, and must be conducted using a methodology approved by the State Auditor's Office.
  - b. If the internal audit conducted by an institution identifies any instances in which an institution has not been compliant with the proportionality requirements provided by Article IX, Sec. 6.08, Benefits Paid Proportional by Fund in the prior five fiscal years and received excess General Revenue as a result of this noncompliance, the institution shall submit a reimbursement payment to the Comptroller of Public Accounts within five years from the conclusion of the institution's audit. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and State Auditor's Office of all reimbursement payments submitted by an institution of higher education. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Comptroller of Public Accounts determine a methodology to incorporate interest payments into the reimbursement amount submitted by each applicable institution. This methodology is subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Board.
  - c. If an institution has previously conducted an internal audit of benefits proportional by fund for the fiscal years included in subsection (a) using a methodology determined to be acceptable by the State Auditor's Office, the State Auditor's Office may waive the requirement that the institution conduct an additional internal audit. The State Auditor's Office shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and Comptroller of Public Accounts of any institutions who receive such a waiver. Any institution that receives a waiver from the audit requirement from the State Auditor's Office is still subject to the provisions of subsection (b) for any instances of noncompliance that were identified.

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**39. Research Programs.** The appropriations made by this Act for the Norman Hackerman Advanced Research Program shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of Education Code, Chapter 142. However, no more than 70 percent of the funds shall be designated for The University of Texas and the Texas A&M University Systems in the 2016-17 biennium. The Coordinating Board shall report to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board. Funds allocated for this research program are exempt from Comptroller of Public Accounts rules and regulations. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2017.

**41. Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Assistance Program.**

a. Of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.10, Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2017.

b. Any payments received from students are hereby appropriated for the same purposes as the original Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

**40. Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Assistance Program.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.8, Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Program, is \$1,287,500 in General Revenue in each year of the 2016-17 biennium for repayment assistance awards pursuant to this rider. In awarding 75 percent of funds identified in this rider, the Commissioner shall prioritize applicants who:

- a. are teachers with a degree in mathematics or science who graduated with at least a 3.0 grade point average;
- b. are either certified to teach mathematics or science, or are enrolled in an educator preparation program to obtain that certification; and
- c. are teaching in schools that are in communities identified by the Commissioner as experiencing a critical shortage of teachers.

Of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.8, Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2017.

Any payments received from students are hereby appropriated for the same purposes as the

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original Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

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**OAG Lawyer's Loan Repayment Program.** The funds provided to Strategy B.1.10, OAG Lawyer's Loan Repayment Program, are appropriated in accordance with Education Code §§61.9721-61.9732 for providing education loan repayments for attorneys who agree to work have been employed for by the Attorney General's Office for one year Receipts deposited in the General-Revenue-Dedicated account established in the State Treasury under §61.9731 regarding law school tuition set asides, limited to \$186,027 per year, are hereby appropriated for loan repayment on behalf of qualifying attorneys. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 may be carried over to fiscal year 2017 and such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.
45.

**B-On-Time Program-Public.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, B-On-Time Program-Public, are for renewal awards. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 may be carried over to fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.
45.

**B-On-Time Program-Public.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, B-On-Time Program-Public, are for initial and renewal awards. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 may be carried over to fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.
47.

**Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program-Public Community Colleges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.5, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant-Public Community Colleges, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute funding to Public Community Colleges for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program. For all funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.5, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant-Public Community Colleges, and funds transferred into the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public Community Colleges, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 may be carried over to fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.
47.

**Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program.** For all funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.5, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program, and funds transferred into the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 may be carried over to fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.
48.

**Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program-Public State and Technical Colleges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.6, Texas Educational

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Opportunity Grant-Public State and Technical Colleges, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute funding to Public State and Technical Colleges for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program. For all funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.6, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant-Public State and Technical Colleges, and funds transferred into the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public State and Technical Colleges, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 may be carried over to fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.

- 52. Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion.** Out of the funds appropriated in Strategy D.1.7, GME Expansion, \$5,210,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$5,850,000 in fiscal year 2017 shall be used by the Higher Education Coordinating Board to award grants of \$65,000 per resident to graduate medical education programs to enable those programs to fill accredited but unfilled first-year residency positions pursuant to Education Code Section 58A.023. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2016 may be carried over to fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.

Out of the funds appropriated in Strategy D.1.7, GME Expansion, \$6,795,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$10,745,000 in fiscal year 2017 shall be used by the Higher Education Coordinating Board to award grants of \$65,000 per resident to existing graduate medical education programs to increase the number of first-year residency positions or to provide for the establishment of new graduate medical education programs with first-year residency positions pursuant to Education Code Section 58A.024. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2016 may be carried over to fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.

- 60. Advise TX.** The Higher Education Coordinating Board may solicit and accept gifts for additional support for the Advise TX College Advising Corps. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 may be carried over to fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.

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62.

**Texas Research Incentive Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Texas Research Incentive Program, shall be distributed in accordance with Education Code, Sections 62.121-62.124.
61.

**Contingency for Senate Bill 686.** Contingent upon enactment of Senate Bill 686, or similar legislation allowing the Legislature to appropriate amounts to the Mathematics and Science Teacher Investment Fund for the Math and Science Scholars Loan Repayment Program, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.8., Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Program, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall allocate \$1,287,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,287,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 for the Math and Science Scholars Loan Repayment Program. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2016 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2017.
62.

**Doctoral Incentive Program.** The funds provided in Strategy B.1.11, Doctoral Incentive Program, are appropriated in accordance with Education Code §§ 56.091 - 56.095, for repayment of eligible student loans received by Texas residents employed full-time as doctoral faculty or administrators in Texas who meet the stipulated requirements. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 are appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2017.
63.

**Graduate Medical Education Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall allocate \$30,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$30,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 as follows:

a.

\$1,750,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,750,000 in fiscal year 2017 in Strategy D.1.8, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to award one-time graduate medical education planning and partnership grants to hospitals, medical schools, and community-

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based ambulatory patient care centers to develop new graduate medical education programs.

- b. \$10,275,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$10,275,000 in fiscal year 2017 in Strategy D.1.8, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to enable new or existing graduate medical education programs to increase the number of first year residency positions in critical shortage areas.
- c. \$4,875,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$4,875,000 in fiscal year 2017 in Strategy D.1.8, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to award grants to graduate medical education programs to enable those programs to fill first year residency positions that are unfilled as of July 1, 2013.
- d. \$3,600,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$3,600,000 in fiscal year 2017 in Strategy D.1.8, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to award grants to graduate medical education programs that received a grant award for the New and Expanded Graduate Medical Education Program in fiscal year 2015.
- e. \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 in Strategy D.1.1, Family Practice Residency Program, to support the Family Practice Residency Program.
- f. \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 in Strategy D.1.2, Preceptorship Program, to support the Preceptorship Program.

Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2016 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2017.

Notwithstanding Article IX, Sec. 14.01 of this Act related to Appropriations Transfers, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall not transfer appropriations made above to another strategy within the agency's bill pattern to be used for a different purpose.

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**63. Graduate Medical Education Formula.** Out of funds appropriated above in strategy D.1.10, Graduate Medical Education Formula Funding, \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2016, and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 in General Revenue-Dedicated Account 5111, Designated Trauma Facility and EMS funds, is provided for the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Formula based on a per medical resident basis. The funds shall be transferred to health related institutions and Baylor College of Medicine according to the listing below no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> each year of the biennium.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	\$1,209,336	\$1,209,336
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	\$399,708	\$399,708
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	\$667,396	\$667,396
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	\$552,152	\$552,152
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	\$98,468	\$98,468
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	\$60,540	\$60,540
Texas A&M University Health Science Center	\$454,413	\$454,413
University of North Texas Health Science Center	\$177,972	\$177,972
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	\$300,511	\$300,511
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso	\$169,949	\$169,949
Baylor College of Medicine	\$909,555	\$909,555
Total:	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

The funds appropriated above through the Graduate Medical Education Formula Funding strategy at the Higher Education Coordinating Board and distributed to the institutions shall be spent by the institutions to increase the number of resident slots in the State of Texas as well as faculty costs relating to GME.

**64. Grant Funding for Educational Aide Program.** The Coordinating Board is directed to pursue additional funds, in addition to funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.9, Educational Aide



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Program, for this program from the U.S. Department of Education "Transition to Teaching" grant program and from foundations interested in promoting education and training for current school employees pursuing teacher certification.

65.

**Local Institution Match for Educational Aide Program.** The Coordinating Board is directed to prioritize the distribution of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.9, Educational Aide Program, to institutions providing a match of at least 10 percent for each exemption awarded.
64.

**Permanent Fund Supporting Graduate Medical Education.** Contingent on the enactment of SB 18, or similar legislation relating to the Permanent Fund Supporting Graduate Medical Education, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, the proceeds of the Permanent Fund Supporting Graduate Medical Education available for allocation are appropriated in Strategy D.1.8, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Other Funds for each year of the biennium ending August 31, 2017 for the purpose of implementing that Act.
65.

**Autism Programs.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy D.1.11, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) shall distribute to autism research centers at institutions of higher education that currently provide evidence-based behavioral services and training, in the amounts and for the purposes as follows:

1) Parent-directed Treatment: \$2,250,000 per fiscal year to serve 750 children per year;

2) Board-certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) Training for Teachers/Paraprofessionals: \$950,000 per fiscal year to serve 2,547 children per year. The research centers may contract with educational service centers to provide this training;

3) Research, development and evaluation of innovative autism treatment models: \$700,000 per fiscal year; and

4) Administrative support of the programs in subsections b(1) through b(3): \$150,000 per fiscal
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year.

THECB shall gather data on the above programs from the each institution's autism research center and submit an annual report on the effectiveness of each program, including the number of children served, the number of parents and/or teachers/paraprofessionals trained, and the results of the research on innovative treatment models. The report shall be submitted no later than September 1 of each year, beginning on September 1, 2016, to the Legislative Budget Board, Office of the Governor, the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.

- 66. Private-Sector Work-Study Partnership Feasibility Study.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall, in cooperation with public community colleges, undertake a study to determine the feasibility of offering off-campus Texas College Work-Study placements with private-sector entities. The study must examine:
- a. Current barriers public community colleges face in partnering with private-sector entities to provide Texas College Work-Study job placements;
  - b. If particular industries are better suited to provide Texas College Work-Study placements in accordance with Texas Education Code §56.076;
  - c. Best practices relating to partnerships between academic institutions and private-sector entities in regards to apprenticeships, internships, and workforce development;
  - d. Identify community colleges that show strong potential for piloting Private-Sector Work-Study Partnerships.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report the results of the study to the House Committee on Higher Education, House Appropriations Committee, Senate Education Committee, Senate Finance Committee, the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board by January 1, 2017.

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66.

**Contingency for SB 632.** Contingent on the enactment of SB 632 or similar legislation relating to the transfer of unexpended balances in General-Revenue-Dedicated Emerging Technology Fund Account No. 5124, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, \$46,000,000, is appropriated to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in fiscal year 2016 to establish the Governor's University Research Initiative. The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall provide matching funds to Texas public universities for the recruitment of Nobel Laureates and National Academy members. Texas colleges and universities should specifically focus on recruiting nationally and internationally recognized researcher in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Any Texas public institution of higher education-including medical institutions - seeking to recruit a Nobel Laureate, National Academy member, or their equivalent is eligible to seek matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis from the Governor's University Research Initiative. No funds shall be used for the recruitment of researchers from another Texas public university. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016 for the same purpose.
67.

**Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Rulemaking for Obstetrics and Gynecology.** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in consultation with the Texas Health & Human Services Commission, is directed to implement any necessary rules for the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program to address the qualifications for the participation of providers in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology, taking into account the field's lower number of unduplicated clients in comparison to other specialties participating in the program.
68.

**Report on Certain Incidents.** (a) Not later than June 1 of each year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2017, each public institution of higher education receiving an appropriation under this Act shall report to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:

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- 1) Incidents involving students enrolled at the university that occurred either on campus, or on physical property located off campus and owned or leased by a student organization registered with the university, for which a complaint or report of racial, ethnic, or gender discrimination or bias was made to campus police during the preceding year;
- 2) Any student groups, including a fraternal or sorority organization or athletic team, who have been involved in the above reported incidents, and
- 3) The institution's policies concerning incidents described by Subdivision (1).
- 4) In the aggregate, any incidents of sexual assault, stalking, domestic or dating violence on or off campus, for which a complaint or report was made either to the Title IX Coordinator's Office or the campus or local police during the preceding year.

b) Not later than August 31 of each year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2017, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall compile the information reported under Subsection (a) and report the information to the legislature.

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- 2. Contingency for Senate Bill 1191.** Contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 1191, or similar legislation relating to the amount and allocation of the annual constitutional appropriation to certain agencies and institutions of higher education, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, the Higher Education Fund is appropriated \$131,250,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium in Strategy A.1.1., Higher Education Fund.

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| <p>4. <b>Appropriation Limitation and Reporting Requirement for Investigations of System Components.</b> None of the funds appropriated by this Act, including General Revenue Funds, General Revenue-Dedicated Funds, or the Available University Fund, may be expended in any review of an investigative nature, including investigations, inquiries, audits, and other similar endeavors, of system component institutions or of their executive management without prior notification of the anticipated investigation, including cause and scope, to the Legislative Budget Board at least 7 days prior to the beginning of the review. The University of Texas System Administration shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor a report on investigative activities conducted regarding component institutions and their executive management. The report shall contain, at a minimum, the purpose of the investigation, evidence or rationale for conducting the investigation, total cost of conducting the investigation including the source of funds used to conduct the review, and any findings or results of investigative activities conducted. In addition, The University of Texas System shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, not later than December 1 of each year, a summary report on all reviews of investigative nature conducted during the previous year.</p> <p>5. <b>Appropriation Limitations and Reporting Requirement for Capital Projects for The University of Texas System.</b></p> | <p>4. <b>Darrell K Royal Alzheimer's Initiative.</b> Amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Darrell K Royal Texas Alzheimer's Initiative, are funds trustee to The University of Texas System, and The University of Texas System may not transfer the amount appropriated to other purposes. All amounts, net of cost of administration, shall be allocated at the direction of the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders as provided by law to the Consortium of Alzheimer's Disease Centers and for other disease-specific purposes that are part of the Darrell K Royal Texas Alzheimer's Initiative as approved by the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2016 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2017.</p> <p>5. <b>Appropriation Limitation and Reporting Requirement for Investigations of System Components.</b> No funds appropriated above may be expended in the investigation of system component institutions or of their executive management without prior notification of anticipated investigation, including cause and scope, to the Legislative Budget Board and the State Auditor's Office at least 7 days prior to the beginning of the investigation. The University of Texas System Administration shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, the State Auditor's Office, and the Office of the Governor, not later than December 1 of each year, a report on investigative activities conducted regarding component institutions and their executive management. The report shall contain, at a minimum, the purpose of the investigation, evidence or rationale for conducting the investigation, total cost of conducting the investigation, and any findings or results of investigative activities conducted during the past year.</p> |
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- a. None of the funds appropriated by this Act, including General Revenue funds, General Revenue-Dedicated funds, and the Available University Fund, shall be used for any expenditures on capital construction projects that will be used to directly support the administration and operation of The University of Texas System Administration or The University of Texas System Board of Regents without prior approval from the Legislative Budget Board. A submission for review and approval shall be made for any capital project in which a certificate of occupancy has not been issued and in which appropriated funds will be used for all or part of the capital project cost. A submission for review and approval of any existing capital project intended to be used by The University of Texas System Administration shall include a plan for repurposing the capital project to support the instructional or research activities of an institution within The University of Texas System eligible to receive capital funding pursuant to Article VII, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution.
- b. The University of Texas System shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board by December 1 each fiscal year that includes information on all capital construction projects in the prior fiscal year that will be used primarily by The University of Texas System Administration or The University of Texas System Board of Regents that are funded with funds not appropriated by the Act. The report must include at a minimum for each capital project: (1) the purpose of the project; (2) the total cost of the project; (3) the source of funding for the project; and (4) any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board.

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- 3. The University of Texas System Share.** There is hereby appropriated for the biennium ending August 31, 2017 that portion of the Available University Fund No. 011 apportioned to The University of Texas System by Article VII, §18(f) of the Texas Constitution, together with interest and any balance in the Available University Fund No. 011 for any previous years, except that portion appropriated by §18 for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System. This appropriation and any amounts derived from refinancing and/or early retirement of debt or other obligations derived from funds from the Permanent University Fund and/or Available University Fund may only be used for:
- (1) new construction, major repairs and rehabilitation, equipment, maintenance, operation, salaries, and support, including the matching of private grants for the endowment of scholarships, fellowships, library support, and academic positions for The University of Texas at Austin; and
  - (2) necessary direct administration operations of The University of Texas System Administration and for necessary expenses to provide administrative support for Board operations.

The University of Texas System is prohibited from using Available University Fund appropriations for Board travel, food, and the Board's meeting expenses. This prohibition does not include functions of the Board that are statutorily required, or reimbursements for the student regent. The University of Texas System Administration and Board of Regents must use Available University Fund appropriations for the purposes consistent with Article VII, Section 18(f) of the Texas Constitution and are prohibited from using Available University Fund appropriations not expressly authorized above.

- 7. Reporting Requirements for System Office Operations and System Initiatives.**
- a. In addition to the reporting requirements in Rider 5, The University of Texas System and Texas A&M University System shall report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than

- 3. The University of Texas System Share.** There is hereby appropriated for the biennium ending August 31, 2017, that portion of the Available University Fund No. 011 apportioned to The University of Texas System by Article VII, §18(f) of the Texas Constitution, together with interest and any balance in the Available University Fund No. 011 for any previous years, except that portion appropriated by §18 for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System. This appropriation may be used for new construction, major repairs and rehabilitation, equipment, maintenance, operation, salaries, and support, including the matching of private grants for the endowment of scholarships, fellowships, library support, and academic positions for The University of Texas at Austin and for The University of Texas System Administration and is to be used as the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System may determine other than expenses to support the Board operations and activities. The University of Texas System's prohibition of the use of AUF fund amounts includes, but is not limited to, Board travel, food and the Board's meeting expenses. This prohibition does not include functions of the Board that are statutorily required, or reimbursements for the student regent.



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December 1 of each fiscal year additional information regarding the use of the Available University Fund for system office operations and system initiatives for the two previous fiscal years, the current fiscal year, and two future fiscal years (projected). The report shall include the following:

- (1) Available University Fund support and maintenance allocations and expenditures for system office operations and system initiatives by activity (which must include an activity for the Board of Regents), including the object of expense detail for each activity, the number of full-time equivalents (FTEs) funded by the Available University Fund in each activity, a detailed description of the purpose and authority for each activity, and a reconciliation between Available University Fund allocations and expenditures each fiscal year including the resulting Available University Fund surplus or deficit;
  - (2) A detailed listing of the role and function of any FTEs included in the Board of Regents activity;
  - (3) A listing of funds outside of the Available University Fund used for each activity each fiscal year; and
  - (4) Any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board.
- b. Additionally, The University of Texas System and Texas A&M University System shall report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than February 28, May 31, and August 31 of each fiscal year an update of any changes to the information reported in subsection (a), including:
- (1) Expenditure amounts to date for the current fiscal year for each activity, including object of expense detail;
  - (2) Updated Available University Fund allocations to system office operations and system initiatives for the current and two future fiscal years (projected), including any new activities and changes to existing activities, and an explanation for those changes;
  - (3) A summary of any actions taken by the Board of Regents since the most recent report that relate to system office operations or system initiatives; and

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(4) Any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board.

**8. Appropriation Limitation for System Initiatives.**

- a. Notwithstanding Rider 2 and Rider 3, no funds appropriated above shall be used for system initiatives at the Texas A&M University System or The University of Texas System without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board. A request by the Texas A&M University System or University of Texas System to expend the appropriations for system initiatives must include at a minimum: (1) a detailed description of each requested system initiative activity funded by the Available University Fund; (2) the amount of Available University Fund appropriations for each activity each fiscal year, including object of expense detail; and (3) the number of full-time equivalent positions supported by the requested Available University Fund amounts for each activity.
- b. The Texas A&M University System and The University of Texas System may use funds appropriated above without prior approval for the following purposes:
  - 1) The payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the Board of Regents at either system; and
  - 2) Support and maintenance funding allocated directly to The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, including Texas A&M University Health Science Center, and Prairie View A&M University.

**9. Limitation on Expenditure Growth for The University of Texas System.** For the 2016-17 biennium, The University of Texas System Board of Regents shall not increase Available University Fund appropriations used for system office operations and system initiatives by more than two percent above the amounts allocated for system office operations and system initiatives in the 2014-15 biennium, as determined by the Legislative Budget Board (estimated to be \$258,532,402). This limitation does not apply to Available University Fund

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appropriations used to support The University of Texas at Austin as authorized by Article VII, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution or for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by The University of Texas Board of Regents.

- 10. Program Categories.** All expenditures made with Available University Fund appropriations must be categorized in one of the following program categories:
- (1) Debt service, including the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System or the Texas A&M University System;
  - (2) System office operations;
  - (3) System initiatives; or
  - (4) Support of eligible component institutions, including appropriations for the support and maintenance of The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, and Prairie View A&M University.

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12.

**Darrell K Royal Alzheimer's Initiative.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Darrell K Royal Texas Alzheimer's Initiative, are funds trusteeed to The University of Texas at Austin, and The University of Texas at Austin may not transfer the amount appropriated to other purposes. All amounts, net of cost of administration, shall be allocated at the direction of the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders as provided by law to the Consortium of Alzheimer's Disease Centers and for other disease-specific purposes that are part of the Darrell K Royal Texas Alzheimer's Initiative as approved by the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2016 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2017.
13.

**TexNet Seismic Monitoring Program.** Out of funds appropriated above to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.2.3, Bureau of Economic Geology, \$2,471,800 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 will be used for the purchase of seismic equipment, deployment and maintenance of seismic networks, and personnel costs associated with the TexNet Seismic Monitoring Program.
14.

**Marine Science Institute.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.2.1, Marine Science Institute, \$2,503,977 in General Revenue in each fiscal year shall be used for the Marine Science Institute. Additionally, out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Marine Science Institute, \$2,850,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 shall be used for the repair of the Marine Science Boat Basin.

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**746 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**  
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**5. Transferability of Appropriations in Support of School of Medicine.**

- a. Notwithstanding Article III, Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Sec. 4 Transfer Provisions of this Act, appropriations made to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley may be transferred to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine for the support and operation of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine.
- b. Funds transferred under Subsection (a) may be used by The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine ("the School of Medicine") to enter into an agreement to allow The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley to provide administrative services to the School of Medicine during the period from September 1, 2015 until the time that the School of Medicine becomes fully operational with sufficient staffing to perform the School of Medicine's administrative functions.

**6. Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years: School of Medicine.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, from the appropriations identified in Strategy C.4.1, School of Medicine, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.

**9. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.

- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.

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**746 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**  
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- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any General Revenue, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2015, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2015, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2016, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2017.

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**715 Prairie View A&M University**  
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- 4. Office of International Affairs.** Out of funds appropriated above to Prairie View A&M University in Strategy C.4.1, Institutional Enhancement, \$175,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$175,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 will be used for the Office of International Affairs at Prairie View A&M University.

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**760 Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

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**4. Engineering Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Engineering Program in the amount of \$2,725,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$2,225,000 in fiscal year 2017 shall be used to support an engineering program.

**4. Engineering Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Engineering Program in the amount of \$3,725,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$3,225,000 in fiscal year 2017 shall be used to support engineering programs, including mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and the STEM pipeline initiative.



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**783 University of Houston System Administration**  
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2.

**Health Science Center.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston System pursuant to Section 111.31, Education Code, the University of Houston System may prescribe courses leading to customary degrees offered in American universities of the first rank, including, if appropriate, an initiative consolidating all health-related courses into one institution, and to the extent allowed by other law, may investigate the creation of a health science center.
2.

**NASA Programs.** Included in amounts appropriated above, \$1,029,961 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,029,961 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated to Strategy C.1.1, NASA Programs.

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**730 University of Houston**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

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- 4. College of Pharmacy.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston in Strategy C.1.1, College of Pharmacy, \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 will be for the College of Pharmacy.

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**759 University of Houston - Clear Lake**  
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2.     **Downward Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated above, \$3,250,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$3,250,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 is provided for downward expansion. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, are hereby appropriated in fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.

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**769 University of North Texas System Administration**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

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- 4. Law School.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Law School, \$2,318,713 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$3,065,854 in fiscal year 2017 shall be used to support operations of the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law, including the development of a new instructional model for student success.

**ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION**  
**729 The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

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- 4. Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.2.7, Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine, \$8,000,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year shall be used for the Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine.

**ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION**  
**744 The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

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8.
- Contingency for Behavioral Health Funds.** Notwithstanding appropriation authority granted above, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the expenditure of General Revenue-Related behavioral health funds for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in Strategy E.3.5, Psychiatric Services in fiscal year 2017, as identified in Art. IX, Sec. 10.04, Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures, if the Legislative Budget Board provides notification to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the agency's planned expenditure of those funds in fiscal year 2017 does not satisfy the requirements of Art. IX, Sec. 10.04, Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures.

**ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION**  
**745 The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

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- 7. Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years: San Antonio Life Sciences Institute.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, from the appropriations identified in Strategy E.3.2, Life Sciences Institute, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.

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**748 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

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- 2. Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years: School of Medicine.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, from the appropriations identified in Strategy A.1.1, School of Medicine, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016. Funds expended from appropriations identified in this strategy may be used to cover student travel expenses associated with rotations between the San Antonio, Harlingen and Edinburg campuses.
- 3. Transferability of Appropriations in Support of School of Medicine.**

  - a. Notwithstanding Article III, Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Sec. 4 Transfer Provisions of this Act, appropriations made to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine may be transferred to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for the support and operation of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine.
  - b. Funds transferred under Subsection (a) may be used by The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine ("the School of Medicine") to enter into an agreement to allow The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley to provide administrative services to the School of Medicine during the period from September 1, 2015 until the time that the School of Medicine becomes fully operational with sufficient staffing to perform the School of Medicine's administrative functions.
- 4. Reporting Requirement on Research Expenditures.**

  - a. The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, jointly with The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, shall report, by December 1 of each year of the biennium, to the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor, the amount of



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**748 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine**  
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research expenditures at each of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

- b. A report submitted under Subsection (a) must:
  - 1. be in a form prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board;
  - 2. account for research expenditures for the School of Medicine separately from programs at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; and
  - 3. report both restricted research expenditures and total research expenditures.

**5. Reporting Requirement on Benefit Expenditures.**

- a. The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, jointly with The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, shall report, by December 1 of each year of the biennium, to the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor, the amount of benefit expenditures at each of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.
- b. A report submitted under Subsection (a) must:
  - 1. be in a form prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board;
  - 2. account for benefit expenditures for the School of Medicine separately from programs at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; and
  - 3. report expenditures for the Teachers Retirement System, Optional Retirement Program, group insurance, and social security.

**ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION**  
**785 The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

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6. **Mental Health Workforce Training for Underserved Areas.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.2, Mental Health Workforce Training Programs, \$4,000,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler shall be used to support mental health workforce training programs in underserved areas including, but not limited to, Rusk State Hospital and Terrell State Hospital.
  
7. **Contingency for Behavioral Health Funds.** Notwithstanding appropriation authority granted above, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the expenditure of General Revenue-Related behavioral health funds for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler in Strategy D.1.2, Mental Health Workforce Training Programs in fiscal year 2017, as identified in Art. IX, Sec. 10.04, Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures, if the Legislative Budget Board provides notification to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the agency's planned expenditure of those funds in fiscal year 2017 does not satisfy the requirements of Art. IX, Sec. 10.04, Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures.

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**709 Texas A&M University System Health Science Center**  
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**9. Multiple Locations.** The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center has physical locations and campuses throughout the State of Texas, including Austin, Bryan, College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, Kingsville, McAllen, Round Rock, Lufkin, and Temple. In order to assure maximum efficiency in the use of those facilities and campuses and to provide the greatest availability of academic programs and health related services to the citizens of the State of Texas, the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center is authorized to locate and relocate the various degree programs of its colleges and schools which have been authorized by the board of regents and approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, if applicable, at any one or more of its physical locations or campuses. The intent of this section is to recognize individual programs offered at the physical locations and campuses of the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center as qualifying for the small class supplement component of the instruction and operations formula and the multi-campus adjustment component of the space projection model.

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**11. Healthy South Texas 2025.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.6, Healthy South Texas 2025, \$5,000,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium shall be used to support the operations of the program.

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**763 University of North Texas Health Science Center**  
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6. **Texas Missing Persons and Human Identification Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.2.3, Texas Missing Persons and Human Identification Program, \$1,298,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth shall be used to support the Texas Missing Persons and Human Identification Program.

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**704 Public Community/Junior Colleges**  
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- 4. Vouchers for Disbursement of Appropriated Funds.** Vouchers for disbursement of the sums appropriated hereinabove shall be prepared by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the basis of the provisions in the paragraphs above and the warrants issued in payment thereof shall be issued in compliance with Education Code, §130.0031.

Funds appropriated above to Howard County College for the operation of the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf shall be distributed in accordance with the installment schedule for Category 1 junior colleges.

The total amount of funds appropriated above in each year of the biennium to Midland College in Strategy AB.1.1, Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, should be distributed on September 1 of the year funds are appropriated. Prior to the disbursement of any state funds, Midland College shall implement a grant agreement with Permian Basin Petroleum Museum specifying the use of funds, and that funds shall be spent according to state law and the General Appropriations Act.

In submitting vouchers for disbursement of the funds herein appropriated, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, shall certify to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts that each school listed has qualified and is entitled to receive such funds under the provisions set forth in this Act under the heading "Public Community/Junior Colleges."

- 17. Texas Revolution.** Out of the funds appropriated above for Strategy F.1.1, Star of the Republic Museum, \$50,000 in General Revenue funds in each year of the 2016-17 biennium may be used for the purpose of supporting a web-based tool on the Texas Revolution.

- 4. Vouchers for Disbursement of Appropriated Funds.** Vouchers for disbursement of the sums appropriated hereinabove shall be prepared by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the basis of the provisions in the paragraphs above and the warrants issued in payment thereof shall be issued in compliance with Education Code, §130.0031.

Funds appropriated above to Howard County College for the operation of the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf shall be distributed in accordance with the installment schedule for Category 1 junior colleges.

In submitting vouchers for disbursement of the funds herein appropriated, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, shall certify to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts that each school listed has qualified and is entitled to receive such funds under the provisions set forth in this Act under the heading "Public Community/Junior Colleges."

- 17. Promote Educational Programs.** Out of the funds appropriated above for Blinn College, Strategy F.1.1, Star of the Republic Museum, \$50,000 in General Revenue funds in each year of the 2016-17 biennium may be used to promote educational and public awareness programs at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Park, Star of the Republic Museum, and Barrington Living History Farm.

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**704 Public Community/Junior Colleges**  
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- 22. Appropriations for Blinn College.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy F.2.1, Core Operations, Strategy F.2.2, Student Success, and Strategy F.2.3, Contact Hour Funding, Blinn College shall allocate no less than a proportional share of appropriated funds in each year of the biennium to each campus of Blinn College with an enrollment of 1,000 students or more based on each campus' proportional share of total contact hours.

**ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION**  
**556 Texas A&M AgriLife Research**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

**House**

**Senate**

- 7. Controlling Exotic and Invasive Insect Transmitted Pathogens.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research, \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 in General Revenue shall be used to establish comprehensive research programs to control exotic and invasive insect transmitted pathogens in Texas.

**ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION**  
**712 Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

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- 4. Prevention of Wildfires Caused By Power Lines.** All unexpended balances for the Wildfire Prevention Pilot Project as of August 31, 2015 (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated for the same purpose during the biennium beginning September 1, 2015.



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**727 Texas A&M Transportation Institute**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

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**Senate**

- 5. Study of Transit Systems in Certain Municipalities.** Out of funds appropriated to the above, the Texas A&M Transportation Institute shall conduct a study of the Grand Prairie and Arlington transit systems. The study must: identify the needs in the municipalities' transit systems; identify the causes of the needs; identify options to address the needs; suggest improvements to the transit systems; identify the economic benefits of the suggested improvements; identify the demographic and economic makeup of the population most affected by the suggested improvements; identify the geographic areas most affected by the improvements; identify the cost of the improvements and possible sources of funding; and study the merits of the municipalities joining existing/surrounding transit authorities. In addition to using peer research, the study must include community outreach. The Texas A&M Transportation Institute shall submit the study to the legislature no later than December 31, 2016.

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**576 Texas A&M Forest Service**  
**DIFFERENCES ONLY**

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- 6. Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grants.** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$1,467,750 from the Insurance Companies Maintenance Tax in each year of the biennium shall be used for Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System Grants. In accordance with Government Code Section 614.105, these funds shall be transferred to a separate account within the Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 and expended in accordance with the provisions contained in the same statute.
- 7. Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (Wildfire Protection Plan).** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$18,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$18,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 in General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 shall be used to assist volunteer fire departments and provide for equipment and training needs, including specific training for handling industrial emergency incidents and response involving ammonium nitrate used as fertilizer, by building their capacity to respond to fires locally. The Texas A&M Forest Service shall submit a report to the Legislature regarding expenditures of all grants under this program, including enrollment numbers and type of training administered through the expenditure of these funds. An amount not to exceed 7 percent of total appropriations per fiscal year from General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 shall be used to administer grants.
- 8. Feasibility Study.** The Texas Forest Service may use funds appropriated above to test the feasibility of available atmospheric water extraction technology as a water source for fire engines and helicopters during wildfire operations, and as a source of potable water for All-Hazard Incident responses when local water systems are impacted.

- 6. Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grants.** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$1,000,000 from the Insurance Companies Maintenance Tax in each year of the biennium shall be used for Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System Grants. In accordance with Government Code Section 614.105, these funds shall be transferred to a separate account within the Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 and expended in accordance with the provisions contained in the same statute.
- 7. Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (Wildfire Protection Plan).** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$18,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$18,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 in General-Revenue Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 shall be used to assist volunteer fire departments and provide for equipment and training needs by building their capacity to respond to fires locally. An amount not to exceed 7 percent of total appropriations per fiscal year from General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 shall be used to administer grants.

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**Sec. 45. Program to Encourage Certification to Teach Bilingual Education, English as a Second Language, or Spanish.** Of the funds appropriated by this Act to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Coordinating Board may use an amount that is not less than \$150,000 for each year of the 2016-17 biennium to develop and operate a program at the University of North Texas, University of North Texas at Dallas, Texas Woman's University, University of Texas Dallas, University of Texas Arlington, Texas A&M Commerce and DFW Tech Teach - Texas Tech University the University of North Texas at Dallas, in consultation with the university, to provide financial incentives in the form of tuition assistance, to encourage students who enroll in an educator preparation program at the university to become certified to teach bilingual education, English as a Second Language, or Spanish in school districts with high critical needs.

The program shall make awards to qualified students admitted to the Teacher Education Program in Bilingual Education. Qualified students must: 1) have demonstrated financial need, as determined by the completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form and the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships; 2) Successfully pass the State Board of Educator Certification Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test; and 3) Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. The program shall submit a report not later than January 1, 2017 to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board detailing annual information on the following performance measures:

- Student graduation rates from the program;
  
- Passage rates for the Texas Examination of Education Standards Bilingual Education Supplemental exam and/or the English as a Second Language Supplemental exam; and Graduate employment data at Texas public school districts.

**Sec. 45. Program to Encourage Certification to Teach Bilingual Education, English as a Second Language, or Spanish.** Of the funds appropriated by this Act to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Coordinating Board may use an amount that is not less than \$150,000 for each year of the 2016-17 biennium to develop and operate a program at the University of North Texas at Dallas, in consultation with the university, to provide financial incentives, such as tuition assistance and loan forgiveness, to encourage students who enroll in an educator preparation program at the university to become certified to teach bilingual education, English as a Second Language, or Spanish.

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**Sec. 52. Appropriations for the Research Development Fund.** The amounts listed below for informational purposes are appropriated in each affected institution's "Research Development Fund" strategy and shall be expended only for the purpose defined in Education Code 62.091. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
The University of Texas at Arlington	\$3,252,080	\$3,252,080
The University of Texas at Dallas	4,595,961	4,595,961
The University of Texas at El Paso	4,396,347	4,396,347
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	1,221,040	1,221,040
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	82,100	82,100
The University of Texas at San Antonio	3,173,222	3,173,222
The University of Texas at Tyler	240,552	240,552
Texas A&M University at Galveston	343,654	343,654
Prairie View A&M University	287,013	287,013
Tarleton State University	614,864	614,864
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi	1,047,021	1,047,021

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House	Senate	
		Texas A&M University - Kingsville
	1,052,267	1,052,267
		Texas A&M International University
	240,427	240,427
		West Texas A&M University
	259,891	259,891
		Texas A&M - Commerce
	165,493	165,493
		Texas A&M - Texarkana
	10,622	10,622
		University of Houston
	5,725,721	5,725,721
		University of Houston - Clear Lake
	135,875	135,875
		University of Houston - Downtown
	149,471	149,471
		University of Houston - Victoria
	791	791
		Midwestern State University
	38,802	38,802
		University of North Texas
	1,683,488	1,683,488
		University of North Texas - Dallas
	1,640	1,640
		Stephen F. Austin State University
	246,580	246,580
		Texas Southern University
	112,814	112,814
		Texas Tech University
	4,729,503	4,729,503
		Texas Woman's University
	160,409	160,409

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		Angelo State University
	23,954	23,954
		Lamar University
	271,458	271,458
		Sam Houston State University
	295,651	295,651
		Texas State University
	2,132,182	2,132,182
		Sul Ross State University
	133,798	133,798
		Total
	\$36,824,691	\$36,824,691

**Sec. 54. Appropriations for the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund.** The amounts listed below for informational purposes are appropriated out of the General Revenue fund elsewhere in this Act in each affected institution's "Texas Competitive Knowledge" strategy and shall be expended to support faculty for the purpose of instructional excellence and research. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016 elsewhere in this Act, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.

	2016	2017
The University of Texas at Austin	\$26,609,546	\$26,609,546
Texas A&M University	\$29,144,615	\$29,144,615
University of Houston	\$4,422,600	\$4,422,600

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	Texas Tech University	\$6,216,280 \$6,216,280
	The University of Texas at Dallas	\$4,257,518 \$4,257,518
	The University of Texas at Arlington	\$3,236,996 \$3,236,996
	The University of Texas at El Paso	\$3,284,948 \$3,284,948
	The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$2,448,863 \$2,448,863
	Total	\$79,621,366 \$79,621,366

**Sec. 61. B-On-Time General Revenue Dedicated Balances.** Contingent on enactment of legislation relating to the elimination of the tuition set aside under Education Code Section 56.465 for the B-On-Time Program, institutions of higher education are hereby appropriated \$86,825,500 in unexpended balances as of August 31, 2015, in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas B-On-Time Account 5103.

Appropriations made to the Higher Education Coordinating Board from General Revenue-Dedicated Texas B-On-Time Account 5103 in that agency's bill pattern include \$55,222,000 which shall be used for renewal awards at public institutions of higher education.

**Sec. 62. Research Funding for General Academic Institutions.** Below are informational amounts related to the Texas Research University Fund and the Comprehensive Research Fund.

- 1. Texas Research University Fund.** The Texas Research University Fund shall provide funding to The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University based on each

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institution's average research expenditures for the previous three-year period as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The amounts listed below for informational purposes are appropriated out of the General Revenue fund elsewhere in the Act in each affected institution's "Texas Research University Fund" strategy and shall be expended to support faculty for the purpose of instructional excellence and research. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
The University of Texas at Austin	\$28,761,593	\$28,761,593
Texas A&M University	\$33,526,303	\$33,263,304
Total	\$62,287,896	\$62,287,897

**2. Comprehensive Research Fund.** The Comprehensive Research Fund shall provide funding to promote increased research capacity at general academic institutions, excluding The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, and institutions of higher education designated as an emerging research university under the Higher Education Coordinating Board's accountability system. Funding to eligible institutions shall be allocated among institutions based on the average amount of restricted research funds expended by each institution per year for the three preceding state fiscal years as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The amounts listed below for informational purposes are appropriated out of the General Revenue fund elsewhere in the Act in each affected institutions' "Comprehensive Research Fund" strategy and shall be expended for the support and maintenance of educational and general activities, including research and student services, that promote increased research capacity at the institution. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	\$ 49,950	\$ 49,950
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	\$ 1,169,648	\$ 1,169,648
The University of Texas at Tyler	\$ 169,235	\$ 169,235



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Texas A&M University at Galveston	\$	297,347	\$	297,347
Prairie View A&M University	\$	824,691	\$	824,691
Tarleton State University	\$	534,104	\$	534,104
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	\$	1,041,937	\$	1,041,937
Texas A&M International University	\$	213,309	\$	213,309
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	\$	1,084,285	\$	1,084,285
Texas A&M San Antonio	\$	5,090	\$	5,090
Texas A&M University-Commerce	\$	144,572	\$	144,572
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	\$	6,488	\$	6,488
West Texas A&M University	\$	221,695	\$	221,695
University of Houston-Clear Lake	\$	104,877	\$	104,877
University of Houston-Downtown	\$	166,790	\$	166,790
University of Houston-Victoria	\$	1,316	\$	1,316
Angelo State University	\$	18,066	\$	18,066
University of North Texas-Dallas	\$	2,438	\$	2,438
Midwestern State University	\$	40,893	\$	40,893
Stephen F. Austin State University	\$	215,494	\$	215,494
Texas Southern University	\$	102,421	\$	102,421
Texas Woman's University	\$	135,042	\$	135,042
Lamar University	\$	211,092	\$	211,092
Sul Ross State University	\$	119,625	\$	119,625
Sam Houston State University	\$	255,781	\$	255,781
Total	\$	7,136,187	\$	7,136,187

**Sec. 64. Emerging Research Universities Research Funding.** Funding to support research at Emerging Research Universities shall consist of appropriations from two research programs.

- 1. Texas Research Incentive Program.** Pursuant to Education Code, Sec. 62.121-62.124, the Texas Research Incentive Program shall provide matching funds to emerging research universities, designated under the Higher Education Coordinating Board's accountability

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system, to assist institutions in leveraging private gifts for the enhancement of research productivity. The amounts lists below for each emerging research university are for informational purposes only.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
The University of Texas at Arlington	\$ 4,180,000	\$ 2,671,423
The University of Texas at Dallas	\$ 3,793,113	\$ 6,912,983
The University of Texas at El Paso	\$ 373,845	\$ 419,550
The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$ 1,509,764	\$ 1,966,000
University of Houston	\$ 7,555,350	\$ 3,814,536
Texas Tech University	\$ 15,206,537	\$ 18,371,448
University of North Texas	\$ 1,455,037	\$ 668,017
Texas State University	\$ 1,238,855	\$ 488,544
Total	\$ 35,312,500	\$ 35,312,500

**2. Core Research Support:** Provides core research at the Emerging Research Universities. The amounts listed below for each institution are for informational purposes only:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
The University of Texas at Arlington	\$ 7,847,043	\$ 7,847,042
The University of Texas at Dallas	\$ 8,814,047	\$ 8,814,047
The University of Texas at El Paso	\$ 7,926,253	\$ 7,926,253
The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$ 6,545,163	\$ 6,545,162
University of Houston	\$ 9,805,487	\$ 9,805,487
Texas Tech University	\$ 12,768,384	\$ 12,768,384
University of North Texas	\$ 2,183,081	\$ 2,183,080
Texas State University	\$ 2,666,248	\$ 2,666,248
Total	\$ 58,555,704	\$ 58,555,704

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**Sec. 65. Contingency for House Bill 100.**

- (a) Contingent upon enactment of House Bill 100, or similar legislation relating to the authorization of tuition revenue bonds for institutions of higher education by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, \$250,000,000, is hereby appropriated out of the General Revenue fund to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in fiscal year 2017 for distribution to the institutions of higher education for debt service on the authorized tuition revenue bonds.
- (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall present a plan for allocation of the appropriations made in subsection (a) to the Legislative Budget Board by January 1, 2016.
- (c) Appropriations made in subsection (a) may not be expended without the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board.
- (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may not expend appropriations made in subsection (a) for administrative purposes.

**Sec. 64. Contingency for Senate Bill 150.**

- (a) Contingent upon enactment of Senate Bill 150, or similar legislation relating to the authorization of revenue bonds for institutions of higher education by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, \$240,000,000, is appropriated out of the General Revenue fund to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in fiscal year 2017 for distribution to the institutions of higher education for debt service on the authorized revenue bonds.
- (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall present a plan for allocation of the appropriations made in subsection (a) to the Legislative Budget Board by January 1, 2016.
- (c) Appropriations made in subsection (a) may not be expended without the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board.
- (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may not expend appropriations made in subsection (a) for administrative purposes.

**Sec. 65. Contingency for Senate Bill 778.** Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 778 or similar legislation by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, relating to performance-based tuition limitations for certain public institutions of higher education, all performance measures contained within the enacted legislation shall be designated as key measures in each general academic institution's bill pattern for the 2016-17 biennium.