

Article III – Higher Education

Adopted Riders

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**The University of Texas at Arlington
UT Arlington Research Institute (UTARI)**

Overview

The following action would increase funding for the UT Arlington Research Institute (UTARI) by \$2 million for the biennium.

UT Arlington is seeking a \$2 million investment to promote strategic research collaboration, augment technology transfer and commercialization, and support its advancement as a major national research university.

Required Action

On page III-69 of the bill pattern of The University of Texas at Arlington (agency #714):

- Increase funding for Strategy C.2.1, by \$1 million annually, or a total of \$2 million for the biennium. Current annual funding is \$887,108. The new annual funding level would be \$1,887,108.

	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>
Strategy: C.2.1.		
<u>UT Arlington Research Institute (UTARI)</u>	\$ 887,108	\$ 887,108
<u>UT Arlington Research Institute (UTARI)</u>	<u>\$1,887,108</u>	<u>\$1,887,108</u>

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By: Hinojosa/Zaffirini/Lucio

**The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Proposed Funding and Rider
School of Medicine**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/23/2015

Overview

The following action would increase funding by \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for the School of Medicine. The action also provides a rider providing for the purpose of the funds and ability to transfer funds to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for services relating to the School of Medicine and the Regional Academic Health Center and also includes a rider providing for unexpended balance authority for the funds between fiscal years of the biennium.

Required Action

1. On page III-80 of Senate Bill 2 – Introduced, within The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley’s bill pattern, increase the General Revenue appropriation in Strategy C.4.1., School of Medicine by \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017.

2. Strike Rider 5 on page III-83 and substitute the following new rider.

Appropriations in Support of the School of Medicine and the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC). Included in appropriations above to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Strategy C.4.1, School of Medicine, is \$25,698,950 in fiscal year 2016 and \$25,698,950 in fiscal year 2017 to support the establishment, operation, or administration of a medical school and the Regional Academic Health Center. Notwithstanding Article III, Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Sec. 4 Transfer Provisions of this Act, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley may transfer appropriations to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio from Strategy C.4.1, School of Medicine in an amount not to exceed \$15,698,950 in fiscal year 2016 and \$15,698,950 in fiscal year 2017, to be used for services related to the Regional Academic Health Center or the medical school.

For purposes of the requirements of Article IX, Sec. 6.08 Benefits Proportional by Fund of this Act, appropriations made to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and transferred to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio to be used for services related to the Regional Academic Health Center or the medical school shall be counted as if the transferred funds were directly appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

3. Strike Rider 6 on page III-83 and substitute the following new rider.

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.

By Deliger

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
The Rural Digital University

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$1,500,000 in each year of the 2016-17 biennium for the creation and support of online courses and programs that target rural area students, teachers, administrators and businesses, providing education, courses, programs, webinars, and workshops designed to enhance college readiness and success.

Required Action

On page III-84 of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's bill pattern, add the following appropriately numbered rider:

	2016	2017
Rural Digital University	1,500,000	1,500,000

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By 

Texas A&M University at Galveston
Coastal Viability and Protection

Overview

The following action adds General Revenue in FY 16 for \$1,000,000 and in FY 17 for \$1,000,000 to support coastal research and provide these results to the communities in this region.

Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) provides extension services, outreach, research, and policy findings to support coastal viability and protection. This effort supports the needs of various state agencies and creates significant opportunity to leverage multiple units at Texas A&M. Expected outcomes with this initiative include translational research and extension services such as economic and engineering options for hazard protection and mitigation; development of rapid response on critical events such as harmful blooms, oil and chemical spills, sargassum landings, coastal erosion, wetlands loss, and impact of fresh water diversions. This request was submitted in TAMUG's Legislative Appropriations Request.

Required Action

On page III-93 of Texas A&M University at Galveston's bill pattern, add Strategy C.____ Coastal Viability and Protection and add of \$1,000,000 in FY 2016 and \$1,000,000 in FY 2017 from the General Revenue Fund.

By: Kolkhorst/West

Prairie View A&M University
Proposed Funding and Rider Modification
Academic Development Initiative
 Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/15/2015

Overview

The following action would appropriate an additional \$2,333,984 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$2,333,984 in fiscal year 2017 for Academic Development Initiative funding.

Required Action

1. On page III-95 of Senate Bill 2 – Introduced, within Prairie View A&M University’s bill pattern, increase funding to Strategy D.1.1., Academic Development Initiative:

	2016	2017
D.1.1. Academic Development Initiative	\$10,166,016	\$10,166,016
D.1.1. Academic Development Initiative	<u>\$12,500,000</u>	<u>\$12,500,000</u>

2. On page III-97 of Senate Bill 2 – Introduced, Prairie View A&M University’s bill pattern, modify Rider 3, Academic Development Initiative, as follows:

Academic Development Initiative. Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Academic Development Initiative, in the amount of \$12,500,000 ~~\$10,166,016~~ in fiscal year 2016 and \$12,500,000 ~~\$10,166,016~~ in fiscal year 2017, are to be used for: (1) proven academic success programs such as Access, the University College, and the Undergraduate Medical Academy, (2) proven graduate programs, (3) undergraduate education, and (4) initiatives to target enrollment growth. Prairie View A&M University and Texas A&M University System shall jointly create and submit an accountability report outlining use of these funds by November 1 of each fiscal year to the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor. This accountability report shall set forth goals to be achieved with the Academic Development Initiative funding, establish milestones and timelines showing progress toward meeting the goals. For milestones that are not met, the report will include recommended actions to achieve the milestones or recommended changes to more efficiently meet the goals of the Academics Development Initiative. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, (estimated to be \$0) appropriated by the Legislature

for the Academic Development Initiative, are hereby appropriated to Prairie View A&M University for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.

By: Hinojosa

**Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
Proposed Funding and Rider
Engineering Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/23/2015

Overview

The following action would increase funding by \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 to Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. This rider and associated funding would allow Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi to expand the mechanical engineering program, STEM pipeline initiative (South Texas Engineering Alliance), and industry collaborations, as well as establish the electrical engineering program.

Required Action

1. On page III-101 of Senate Bill 2 – Introduced, within Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue for Strategy C.1.1. Engineering Program by the following amounts:

	2016	2017
C.1.1. Engineering Program	\$2,725,000	\$2,225,000
C.1.1. Engineering Program	<u>\$3,725,000</u>	<u>\$3,225,000</u>

2. Amend the following rider on page III-103.

Engineering Program. Funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Engineering Program in the amount of ~~\$2,725,000~~\$3,725,000 in fiscal year 2016 and ~~\$2,225,000~~\$3,225,000 in fiscal year 2017 shall be used to support an engineering programs, including mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and the STEM pipeline initiative.

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By Seliger

**West Texas A&M University
Electrical Engineering Program**

Overview

This one-time exceptional item is designed to increase the number of engineering graduates from West Texas A&M University. Specifically, funding of this request provides the resources necessary to commence offering a degree program in electrical engineering. This program will complement current offerings in mechanical, environmental, and civil engineering, and engineering technology.

This request is included in the institution's LAR.

Amount Requested: FY 16-\$650,000 FY 17-\$480,000

Required Action

Rider Language: On page III-110 under the West Texas A&M University bill pattern, add General Revenue in the amount of \$650,000 in FY 2016 and \$480,000 in FY 2017 in a newly created strategy entitled Strategy C. . . ., Electrical Engineering Program

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By: Taylor

University of Houston System Administration
Proposed Funding and Rider
NASA Programs

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/23/2015

Overview

The following action would increase funding by \$318,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$318,000 in fiscal year 2017 to the University of Houston System Administration. This rider and associated funding would allow the University of Houston System to expand its existing NASA programs.

Required Action

1. On page III-116 of Senate Bill 2 – Introduced, within the University of Houston System Administration’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue for Strategy C.1.1. NASA Programs by the following amounts:

	2016	2017
C.1.1. NASA Programs	\$711,961	\$711,961
C.1.1. NASA Programs	<u>\$1,029,961</u>	<u>\$1,029,961</u>

2. Add the following rider on page III-116.

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.



RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Senatory Larry Taylor

Affected Agency: University of Houston - Clear Lake

Purpose: University of Houston - Clear Lake Downward Expansion

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$6,500,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue 0001

Rider Language: In addition to the funds appropriated above, \$3,250,000 of undedicated general revenue shall be provided in support of the university's downward expansion in each year the 2016-17 biennium.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016 are hereby appropriated to fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.

By: West

**University of North Texas System Administration
Proposed Funding and Rider
Law School**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/23/2015

Overview

The following action would increase funding by \$848,713 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,595,854 in fiscal year 2017 to Strategy B.1.3. Law School, in the University of North Texas System's bill pattern.

Required Action

1. On page III-126 of Senate Bill 2 – Introduced, within the University of North Texas System's bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding in Strategy B.1.3., Law School, by \$848,713 in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,595,854 in fiscal year 2017:

	2016	2017
B.1.3. Law School	\$1,470,000	\$1,470,000
B.1.3. Law School	\$2,318,713	\$3,065,854

2. Add the following rider to page III-127.

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 support operations of the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law, including the development of a new instructional model for student success.

By: West

Rodney Ellis

**Texas Southern University
Proposed Funding and Rider
Academic Development Initiative**

Overview

The following action amends and restates the rider 4 on page III-137 rider and a revised strategy that directs an additional \$3,730,468 for the biennium for the following specific purposes. These funds are to be used for (1) proven academic success programs; (2) existing graduate programs; (3) undergraduate education; (4) initiatives to target enrollment growth. This increased amount brings this Strategy D.1.1 to an agreed amount between the State and the US Department of Education Office of Civil Rights.

Proposed Rider

4. Academic Development Initiative. Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Academic Development Initiative, in the amount of ~~\$10,634,766~~ \$12,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and ~~\$10,634,766~~ \$12,500,000 in fiscal year 2017, are to be used for (1) proven academic success programs; (2) existing graduate programs; (3) undergraduate education; and (4) initiatives to target enrollment growth. Not later than November 1 of each fiscal year, the University shall submit to the Texas Southern University Board of Regents, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor a report describing the use of the funds appropriated by Subsection (a) that states the goals to be achieved through use of the funds and established timelines and milestones for showing progress in meeting the goals. The report shall include proposed actions to be taken in the event a milestone is not met. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016, (estimated to be \$0) appropriated by the Legislature for the Academic Development Initiative, are hereby appropriated to Texas Southern University for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.

Required Action

On page III-136 of Texas Southern University's bill pattern, restate the following:

Strategy D.1.1: Academic Development Initiative	2016	2017
	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000

By: West

**The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Proposed Funding and Rider
Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/15/2015

Overview

The following action would increase funding by \$8,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 for the Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine at The University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical Center. The following action would also increase the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions by 58.3 FTEs per year.

Required Action

1. On page III-159 of Senate Bill 2 -- Introduced, within UT Southwestern Medical Center's bill pattern, add the following new General Revenue special item strategy:

	2016	2017
<u>D.X.X. Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine</u>	<u>\$8,000,000</u>	<u>\$8,000,000</u>

2. On page III-158, increase the number of FTEs by 58.3 in fiscal year 2016 and 58.3 in fiscal year 2017:

	2016	2017
Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	<u>1,799.7</u>	<u>1,799.7</u>
Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	<u>1,858.0</u>	<u>1,858.0</u>

3. Add the following rider to page III-161.

Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.X.X. 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.

By: [Signature]
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University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler
Mental Health Workforce Training Programs

Purpose: The 83rd Texas Legislature invested resources into expanded mental health services, but finding mental health providers in small cities and rural areas is particularly difficult. In some communities, the ration of people to mental health providers is 25,000:1, seven times the statewide average.

- 85,000 individuals in the region have a serious mental illness
- 113,000 need treatment for substance abuse
- The region has a suicide rate that is 65% higher than the statewide average

These workforce shortages negatively impact two state mental health facilities - Rusk State Hospital and Terrell State Hospital - as well as the local mental health authorities, local hospitals and other mental health facilities.

UTHSCT has a successful record training medical professional and retaining those providers in underserved areas. They believe they can have similar success in training mental health providers for underserved areas. The funding will be used to support mental health workforce training programs in underserved areas.

Required Action:

On page III-177 of the bill pattern for the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, add the following new rider:

Mental Health Workforce Training for Underserved Areas. In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, General Revenue funds in the amount of \$4,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2016 and \$4,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2017 are hereby appropriated to the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler to support mental health workforce training programs in underserved areas including but not limited to Rusk State Hospital and Terrell State Hospital.

By: Hinojosa

**Texas A&M University Health Science Center
Proposed Funding and Rider
Healthy South Texas 2025**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/23/2015

Overview

The following action would increase funding by \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 to Texas A&M University Health Science Center for a partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to reduce preventable diseases and their consequences in South Texas by 25 percent by the year 2025. This initiative will provide evidence-based education, monitoring, and interventions to prevent disease and improve public health through an integrated Texas A&M Institute for Public Health Improvement (IPHI) in South Texas. The A&M IPHI will focus on the highest impact diseases in the region, including diabetes, asthma, and infectious disease, with the potential to save the state tens of millions in health care costs annually.

Required Action

1. On page III-180 of Senate Bill 2 – Introduced, within Texas A&M University Health Science Center’s bill pattern, add the following new General Revenue special item strategy:

	2016	2017
<u>E.X.X. Healthy South Texas 2025</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

2. Add the following rider to page III-183.

Healthy South Texas 2025. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.X.X., 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.

Author: Huffman

Texas A&M Health Science Center
Forensic Nursing

Overview

The following action adds \$1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2016 and \$1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2017 for Texas A&M Health Science Center's creation of the first Department of Forensic Nursing in Texas. Forensic nurses specialize in health examinations and criminal evidence collection from live victims under evaluation and in acute care clinics. The objective of this program, to be led by the Texas A&M College of Nursing, is to build a statewide capability in clinical forensic excellence by generating nursing professionals who are experts in evidence collection, thus leading to improved ability to prosecute criminals and reduce certain crimes in Texas. This program will provide specialized training of nurses in sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, elder mistreatment, death investigation, corrections, and nursing in the aftermath of mass disasters.

Required Action

On page III-183 of Texas A&M University System Health Science Center's bill pattern, add General Revenue in the amount of \$1,000,000 in FY 2016 and \$1,000,000 in FY 2017 in a newly created strategy entitled Strategy E.x.x. Forensic Nursing.

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By Nelson

Agency: 763 - University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth
Texas Missing Persons and Human Identification Program

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$2,298,000 for the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth's Texas Missing Persons and Human Identification Program. The program works closely with the Texas law enforcement community, which depends upon the program services. Presently, there has been a SIX FOLD increase in the submissions of unidentified deceased presumed to be undocumented persons coming from the border counties. The funding for this program would maintain and extend services in the face of increasing demands from Texas agencies from the border region, which lack medicolegal support to provide scene assistance, laboratory analysis, reports, depositions, and expert testimony.

Required Action

On page III-186 of University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

- ____. **Texas Missing Persons and Human Identification Program.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, \$1,298,000 in FY2016 and \$1,000,000 in FY 2017 is hereby appropriated to the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth to support the Texas Missing Persons and Human Identification Program.

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By: Kolkhorst

**Public Community/Junior Colleges
Proposed Funding and Rider
Appropriations for Blinn College**



Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/16/2015

Overview

The following action would increase funding by \$392,346 in General Revenue for the 2016-17 biennium to the Star of the Republic Museum at Blinn College, and amend a rider to allow the use of funds 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.

Required Action

- 1. On page III-193 of Senate Bill 2 – Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior Colleges, Blinn College’s bill pattern, amend the following General Revenue strategy:

	2016	2017
Strategy F.1.1, Star of the Republic Museum	<u>\$253,827</u>	<u>\$253,827</u>
Strategy F.1.1, Star of the Republic Museum	<u>\$450,000</u>	<u>\$450,000</u>

- 2. On page III-201 of the bill pattern for Public Community/Junior Colleges amend the following rider:

17. Promote Educational Programs-Texas Revolution. Out of 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 for the purpose of supporting a web-based tool on the Texas Revolution 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.

By 

**Article III - Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education
Performance Based Designated Tuition**

Overview

The following contingency rider would, contingent upon enactment of legislation, require that the performance measures contained within the legislation be considered key measures within the General Appropriations Act.

Required Action

1. On page III-255 if Senate bill 2- Introduced within the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education bill pattern, add the following contingency:

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.