

# **Issue Docket**

**Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1**

## **2018-19 General Appropriations Bill**

**Article III Higher Education**

**As of 5/20 @ 8:00AM**

30M HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Spring Data Update State Contribution, ERS Institutions, Not including Public Community and Junior Colleges	III-37	III-36		Senate includes a reduction proportionate to the reduction made to ERS based on the Senate healthcare costs savings, pursuant to Sec. 62. Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, page III-235. See also Art. IX, Sec. 10.07, Cross-agency Collaboration on Value-based Payment Strategies, Senate, page IX-56.
	\$ 350,697,808	\$ 367,873,568	<b>ADOPT</b> Spring Data Update as of Dec. 1, 2016 \$ 11,754,118	
			<b>SENATE as amended to align with funding decision for Employees Retirement System</b>	
	\$ 356,119,450			
See also Article IX See also Article XI	Page IX-56	Page XI-6		

**781 HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD**

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Budget Structure	III-42	III-41	<b>HOUSE</b>	Senate includes program based budget structure. House includes strategy based budget structure.
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	262.9	262.9		
Appropriations Made in Riders	\$ 30,000,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000,000	Senate includes \$30.0 million in General Revenue contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 18 or similar legislation that establishes the Texas Student First Program financial aid program.
A.1.1 College Readiness And Success	\$ 5,188,134	\$ 5,208,134	\$ 20,000	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of \$20,000 in General Revenue.
	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>		<b>SENATE as amended</b>	
Program: College Readiness And Success	\$ 5,188,134	\$ 5,208,134	\$ 20,000	
A.1.4 Academic Quality And Workforce	\$ 3,687,225	\$ 3,737,225	\$ 50,000	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of \$50,000 in General Revenue.
	<b>\$ 3,500,000</b>		<b>SENATE as amended</b>	
Program: Academic Quality And Workforce	\$ 3,687,225	\$ 3,737,225	\$ 50,000	
A.1.5 Strategic Planning And Funding	\$ 5,308,042	\$ 5,358,042	\$ 50,000	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of \$50,000 in General Revenue.
	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>		<b>SENATE as amended</b>	
Program: Strategic Planning And Funding	\$ 5,308,042	\$ 5,358,042	\$ 50,000	
A.1.7 Oversight For Profit Institution	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	Senate provides \$500,000 in General Revenue for agency to create a centralized repository for closed postsecondary educational institutions to provide centralized access to student records.
Program: Oversight Of For Profit Institutions	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	
A.1.8 Fields Of Study	\$ 375,954	\$ -	\$ 375,954	Senate provides \$375,954 in General Revenue and 1 FTE for agency to facilitate the applicability of courses transferred from community colleges to universities.
Program: Fields Of Study	\$ 375,954	\$ -	\$ 375,954	

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B.1.1 Central Administration	\$ 10,222,974	\$ 11,093,142	\$ 870,168	Senate includes a decrease of \$725,906 in General Revenue. This decrease reduces General Revenue in program by 10 percent.
	<b>\$ 10,744,262 and 1 FTE</b>		<b>SENATE as amended</b>	House provides an increase of \$144,262 in General Revenue and one FTE for Dual Credit Program Evaluation.
Program: Central Administration	\$ 10,222,934	\$ 11,093,142	\$ 870,168	
C.1.1 Texas Grant Program	\$ 760,105,114	\$ 802,758,610	\$ 42,653,496	Senate provides an increase of \$45,000,000 in General Revenue. The 2018-19 total, \$760.1 million, would support approximately 83 percent of eligible students for the biennium.
	<b>\$ 786,459,744</b>		<b>SENATE as Amended</b>	House provides an increase of \$87,653,496 in Economic Stabilization Funds in Article IX. The 2018-19 total, \$802.8 million, would support approximately 95 percent of eligible students for the biennium.
Program: Towards Excellence, Access And Success Grant Program	\$ 760,105,114	\$ 802,758,610	\$ 42,653,496	
C.1.2 Texas B-On-Time Program - Public	<b>\$ 18,158,606</b>	\$ 83,482,663	\$ 65,324,057	House includes \$65.3 million in B-On-Time unexpended balances.
Program: Texas B-On-Time Program-Public	\$ 18,158,606	\$ 83,482,663	\$ 65,324,057	
C.1.4 Tuition Equalization Grants	\$ 171,810,294	\$ 182,688,756	\$ 10,878,462	Senate includes a decrease of \$20.5 million in General Revenue. Senate reduces funding for program by 11 percent and would fully implement agency's ten percent reduction option.
				House includes a decrease of \$9.6 million in General Revenue. House reduces funding for program by 5 percent.
Program: Tuition Equalization Grants	\$ 171,810,294	\$ 182,688,756	\$ 10,878,462	

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
C.1.5 TEOG Pub Community Colleges	\$ 88,472,917	\$ 139,233,043	\$ 50,760,126	Senate provides an increase of \$2,000,000 in General Revenue. The 2018-19 total, \$88.5 million, would support approximately 21 percent of eligible students for the biennium.  House provides an increase of \$52,760,126 in Economic Stabilization Funds in Article IX. The 2018-19 total, \$139.2 million, would support approximately 35 percent of eligible students for the biennium.
Program: Texas Educational Opportunity Grants Public Community Colleges	\$ 88,472,917	\$ 139,233,043	\$ 50,760,126	
C.1.6 TEOG Pub State/Technical Colleges	\$ 7,519,384	\$ 12,269,375	\$ 4,749,991	Senate maintains 2016-17 funding level and would support approximately 20 percent of eligible students for the biennium.  House provides an increase of \$4,749,991 in Economic Stabilization Funds in Article IX. The 2018-19 total, \$12.3 million, would support approximately 35 percent of eligible students for the biennium.
Program: Texas Educational Opportunity Grants Public State And Technical Colleges	\$ 7,519,384	\$ 12,269,375	\$ 4,749,991	
C.1.9 Educational Aide Program	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 750,000	Senate reduces program by 50 percent.
	<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>		<b>SENATE as amended</b>	
Program: Educational Aide Program	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 750,000	
D.1.1 Advise TX	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	Senate provides an increase of \$4.0 million in General Revenue.
Program: Advise TX	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	
D.1.2 Developmental Education Program	\$ 3,650,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 350,000	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of \$350,000 in General Revenue.
	<b>\$ 2,650,000</b>		<b>SENATE as amended</b>	
Program: Developmental Education Program	\$ 3,650,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 350,000	
D.1.3 Accelerate Tx Cc Grants	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	Senate eliminates funding for program and re-allocates \$2,000,000 in General Revenue to TEOG Public Community College Program and \$2,000,000 in General Revenue to Community College formula for success points.
Program: Accelerate Texas Community College Grants	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	

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E.1.1 Border Faculty Loan Repayment Pgm	\$ -	\$ 375,626	\$ 375,626	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of eliminating program funding, \$375,626 in General Revenue.
Program: Border Faculty Loan Repayment Program	\$ -	\$ 375,626	\$ 375,626	
E.1.3 Engineering Recruitment Program	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of eliminating program funding, \$500,000 in General Revenue.
Program: Engineering Recruitment Program	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	
E.1.4 Teach For Texas Loan Repayment	\$ 2,675,000	\$ 4,425,000	\$ 1,750,000	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of \$1,750,000 in General Revenue.
Program: Teach For Texas Loan Repayment Assistance	\$ 2,675,000	\$ 4,425,000	\$ 1,750,000	
E.1.5 Teacher Education	\$ -	\$ 3,040,706	\$ 3,040,706	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of eliminating program funding, \$3,040,706 in General Revenue.
Program: Centers For Teacher Education	\$ -	\$ 3,040,706	\$ 3,040,706	
E.1.7 Texas Teacher Residency Program	\$ -	\$ 1,298,305	\$ 1,298,305	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of eliminating program funding, \$1,298,305 in General Revenue.
Program: Texas Teacher Residency Program	\$ -	\$ 1,298,305	\$ 1,298,305	
E.1.10 Bilingual Education Program	\$ -	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 2,100,000	House provides \$2,100,000 in General Revenue for program.
		<b>\$ 1,500,000</b>	<b>HOUSE as amended</b>	
Program: Bilingual Education Programs	\$ -	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 2,100,000	
F.1.1 Family Practice Residency Program	\$ 15,780,000	\$ 16,780,000	\$ 1,000,000	Senate includes a decrease of \$1,000,000 in General Revenue.
	<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>		<b>SENATE as amended</b>	
Program: Family Practice Residency Program	\$ 15,780,000	\$ 16,780,000	\$ 1,000,000	
F.1.3 GME Expansion	\$ 97,050,000	\$ 82,800,000	\$ 14,250,000	Senate provides an increase of \$22.3 million in General Revenue.
				House provides an increase of \$8.0 million in General Revenue.
				Senate and House both include \$21.8 million in Other Funds, which are distributions from the Permanent Fund Supporting Graduate Medical Education.
Program: Graduate Medical Education Expansion	\$ 97,050,000	\$ 82,800,000	\$ 14,250,000	

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F.1.4 Primary Care Innovation Grant Pgm	\$ -	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 2,100,000	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of eliminating program funding, \$2,100,000 in General Revenue.
Program: Primary Care Innovation Grant Program	\$ -	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 2,100,000	
F.1.5 Trauma Care Program	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 500,000	Senate includes a decrease of \$500,000 in General Revenue.
	<b>\$ 4,250,000</b>		<b>SENATE as amended</b>	
Program: Emergency And Trauma Care Education Partnership Program	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 500,000	
F.1.7 Prof Nursing Shortage Reduction Pgm	\$ 23,319,628	\$ 29,982,378	\$ 6,662,750	Senate includes a decrease of \$10.0 million in General Revenue. Senate reduces funding for program by 30 percent and would fully implement agency's ten percent reduction option.  House includes a decrease of \$3.3 million in General Revenue. House reduces funding for program by 10 percent and re-allocates funding to Strategy F.1.12, Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program.
	<b>\$ 20,000,000</b>		<b>SENATE as amended</b>	
Program: Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program	\$ 23,319,628	\$ 29,982,378	\$ 6,662,750	
F.1.8 Physician Ed. Loan Repay. Program	\$ 25,350,000	\$ 33,800,000	\$ 8,450,000	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of \$8,450,000 in Physician Education Loan Repayment Account 5144.
Program: Physician Education Loan Repayment Program	\$ 25,350,000	\$ 33,800,000	\$ 8,450,000	
F.1.9 Dental Ed. Loan Repay. Program	\$ -	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	Senate implements agency's ten percent reduction option of eliminating program funding, \$220,000 in General Revenue.
Program: Dental Education Loan Repayment Program	\$ -	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	
F.1.12 Nursing Faculty Ln Repay Pgm	\$ -	\$ 3,331,375	\$ 3,331,375	House provides \$3.3 million in General Revenue for program.
		<b>\$ 3,000,000</b>	<b>HOUSE as amended</b>	
Program: Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program	\$ -	\$ 3,331,375	\$ 3,331,375	

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I.1.1 Texas Research Incentive Program	\$ 131,062,367	\$ 64,500,000	\$ 66,562,367	Senate funding level provides state match for gifts received by emerging research institutions as of January 2017.  House decreases General Revenue funding for program by 50 percent.  The 2016-17 funding level for program was \$129.1 million in General Revenue and \$9.0 million in Emerging Technology Funds.
		<b>\$ 35,000,000</b>	<b>HOUSE as amended</b>	
Program: Texas Research Incentive Program	\$ 131,062,367	\$ 64,500,000	\$ 66,562,367	
<b>Riders</b>				
Capital Budget	III-46, Rider #2 Rider Packet, Supplemental	III-46, Rider #2 Rider Packet, Supplemental		Senate rider allows unused administrative funds to be used for capital projects related to security upgrades to the agency's identity and access management services and cybersecurity improvements.
Retention of Economically Disadvantaged Students	III-47, Rider #10 Rider Packet, page III-1			House removes rider requiring the agency to include in the college comparison web profile the percentage of economically disadvantaged freshmen retained at public institutions of higher education.
Disparity Study for Institutions of Higher Education	III-47, Rider #12 Rider Packet, page III-1			House removes rider requiring the agency to update the disparity study conducted by the Comptroller of Public Accounts in the 75th Legislature which determined whether past acts of discrimination by institutions of higher education have created any present effects of discrimination.
Graduation and Persistence Rates	III-48, Rider #14 Rider Packet, page III-1			House removes rider requiring the agency to report graduation and persistence rates for each public general academic institution to the Governor and the Legislature.
Girl Scout Scholarships	III-49, Rider #18 Rider Packet, page III-2	III-48, Rider #15 Rider Packet, page III-2		House provides unexpended balance authority from fiscal year 2017 into fiscal year 2018 for the Girl Scout Scholarships Program.
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarships	III-49, Rider #19 Rider Packet, page III-3	III-49, Rider #16 Rider Packet, page III-3		House provides unexpended balance authority from fiscal year 2017 into fiscal year 2018 for the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Scholarships Program.
Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships	III-49, Rider #20 Rider Packet, page III-3	III-49, Rider #17 Rider Packet, page III-3		House provides unexpended balance authority from fiscal year 2017 into fiscal year 2018 for the Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships program.



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"College for Texans" Campaign License Plate	III-49-50, Rider #22 Rider Packet, page III-3	III-49, Rider #19 Rider Packet, page III-3		House provides unexpended balance authority from fiscal year 2017 into fiscal year 2018 for the "College for Texans" License Plate Scholarships program.
Boy Scout Scholarships	III-50, Rider #23 Rider Packet, page III-4	III-49, Rider #20 Rider Packet, page III-4		House provides unexpended balance authority from fiscal year 2017 into fiscal year 2018 for the Boy Scout Scholarships program.
Cotton Boll Scholarships	III-50, Rider #24 Rider Packet, page III-4	III-49, Rider #21 Rider Packet, page III-4		House provides unexpended balance authority from fiscal year 2017 into fiscal year 2018 for the Cotton Boll Scholarships Program.
Align Adult Basic Education and Postsecondary Education	III-50, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page III-5			House removes rider requiring the agency, in collaboration with TEA and TWC, to submit a report on the alignment of Adult Education and Literacy and postsecondary education.
Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Retention Rates	III-51, Rider #30 Rider Packet, page III-6	III-50, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page III-6		a. Senate includes rider requiring agency to report information on physician education loan repayment program retention rates to LBB and Governor's Office.  b. House includes rider requiring agency to report information on physician education loan repayment program retention rates in Annual Financial Aid Report.
Accelerate Texas Community College Grants		III-51, Rider #30 Rider Packet, page III-6		Senate eliminates funding and rider for the Accelerate Texas Community College Grants program.
Teacher Education Centers		III-52, Rider #31 Rider Packet, page III-6		Senate eliminates funding and rider for the Teacher Education Centers program.
Border Faculty Loan Repayment Program		III-52, Rider #35 Rider Packet, page III-7		Senate eliminates funding and rider for the Border Faculty Loan Repayment Program.
Developmental Education	III-53, Rider #37 Rider Packet, page III-7	III-52, Rider #36 Rider Packet, page III-7		House includes rider that would allow funding to be used for emporium models.

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Towards Excellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program	III-53, Rider #38 Rider Packet, page III-8	III-52, Rider #37 Rider Packet, page III-8		House provides unexpended balance authority from fiscal year 2017 into fiscal year 2018 for the TEXAS Grant program.
B-On-Time Program-Public	III-53, Rider #39 Rider Packet, page III-8	III-53, Rider #38 Rider Packet, page III-8		Senate includes rider requiring agency to allocate funding for renewal awards only.  House includes rider that does not specify that funding is for renewal awards only. Also see Strategy C.1.2, B-On-Time Public.
Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) Program	III-53, Rider #40 Rider Packet, page III-9	III-53, Rider #39 Rider Packet, page III-9		House provides unexpended balance authority from fiscal year 2017 into fiscal year 2018 for the Tuition Equalization Grant program.
Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program-Public Community Colleges	III-53, Rider #41 Rider Packet, page III-9	III-53, Rider #40 Rider Packet, page III-9		House provides unexpended balance authority for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public Community Colleges, from fiscal year 2017 into fiscal year 2018.
Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program-Public State and Technical Colleges	III-53, Rider #42 Rider Packet, page III-9	III-53, Rider #41 Rider Packet, page III-9		House provides unexpended balance authority for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public State and Technical Colleges, from fiscal year 2017 into fiscal year 2018.
College Work-Study (CWS) Program	III-54, Rider #43 Rider Packet, page III-10	III-53, Rider #42 Rider Packet, page III-10		House provides unexpended balance authority from fiscal year 2017 into fiscal year 2018 for the Texas College Work Study program.
Mathways Project		III-54, Rider #46 Rider Packet, page III-10		Senate eliminates requirement that Higher Education Coordinating Board transfer funds from Strategy D.1.2, Developmental Education to The University of Texas at Austin for the Mathways Project.
Teacher Residency Program		III-54, Rider #50 Rider Packet, page III-10		Senate eliminates funding and rider for the Teacher Residency Program.
Primary Care Innovation Grant Program		III-55, Rider #51 Rider Packet, page III-11		Senate eliminates funding and rider for the Primary Care Innovation Grant Program.
Dental Education Loan Repayment Program		III-55, Rider #52 Rider Packet, page III-11		Senate eliminates funding and rider for the Dental Education Loan Repayment Program.

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Autism Grant Program	III-55, Rider #53 Rider Packet, page III-11	III-55, Rider #56 Rider Packet, page III-11		Senate includes rider that Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute funding to institutions of higher education.  House includes rider that Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute funding to public and private institutions of higher education.
Fields of Study	III-56, Rider #56 Rider Packet, page III-13			Senate includes rider providing unexpended balance authority for Fields of Study program. This program is not funded by House.
Contingency for Senate Bill 18	III-56, Rider #57 Rider Packet, page III-13			Senate includes a contingency rider that \$30.0 million in General Revenue will be used for the Texas Student First Program financial aid program.
B-On-Time Public Balances		III-56, Rider #59 Rider Packet, page III-13		House includes rider that requires \$65.3 million in B-On-Time Public Balances be used by institutions to help defray costs of tuition and fees or student success initiatives for current students. The rider requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board to distribute these funds to the institutions pursuant to the allocation methodology agreed by the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on B-On-Time Tuition Set-Asides Reimbursement on April 20th, 2016.
Advise TX Reporting Requirement		III-56, Rider #60 Rider Packet, page III-14  <b>House as Amended</b>		House includes rider that requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the Advise TX program and report the results of the study to the LBB and Governor's Office.  The rider revision would require the agency to report information regarding the effectiveness of the Advise TX program to the Legislature.
Program to Encourage Certification to Teach Bilingual Education, English as Second Language, or Spanish		III-56, Rider #61 Rider Packet, page III-14		House includes rider specifying how funds for Strategy E.1.10, Bilingual Education Program are to be used.
Collaborative Dual Credit Program Evaluation		III-56, Rider #62 Rider Packet, page III-15		House includes rider specifying how funds for Dual Credit Program Evaluation are to be used. See also B.1.1, Central Administration.

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See also Article IX		Article IX, House, IX-82 and IX-85		House includes Article IX provisions on Contract Cost Containment and Appropriations from the Economic Stabilization Fund. See also Strategy C.1.1, Texas Grants, C.1.5 TEOG-Public Community Colleges Grants and C.1.6, TEOG-Public State and Technical Colleges.
Statewide Information Technology & Cybersecurity Initiatives			<b>ADOPT \$215,000</b>	House provides \$215,000 in Economic Stabilization Funds for Security Upgrades Access Management Services out of the \$50,000,000 appropriation to the Department of Information Resources in Article IX, Section 17.13 for Statewide Information Technology & Cybersecurity Initiatives.
			<b>ADOPT \$225,000</b>	House provides \$225,000 in Economic Stabilization Funds for Cybersecurity Improvements out of the \$50,000,000 appropriation to the Department of Information Resources in Article IX, Section 17.13 for Statewide Information Technology & Cybersecurity Initiatives.
				House provides \$500,000 in Economic Stabilization Funds for Cybersecurity Hardware Services out of the \$50,000,000 appropriation to the Department of Information Resources in Article IX, Section 17.13 for Statewide Information Technology & Cybersecurity Initiatives.
See also Article XI	Page XI-3	Page XI-6		
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions</b> Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program	III-54, Rider #46	III-54, Rider #45	<b>ADOPT</b>	The rider revision would allow the agency to transfer any unexpended balances from fiscal year 2018 into fiscal year 2019 and clarify how funding is used.
Northeast Texas Initiative and TC3			<b>ADOPT</b>	Conference workgroup adopted \$2.5 million in funding for Notheast Texas Initiative at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler and \$2.5 million in funding for the Texas Community College Consortium at Texarkana College and new rider.

799 AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	III-58	III-59		
McDonald Observatory	III-61, Rider #10 Rider Packet, page III-17			Senate provides legislative intent that a minimum of \$3,765,190 per fiscal year be expended for the McDonald Observatory at The University of Texas at Austin out of The University of Texas System's Available University Fund appropriations (Other Funds). Also, no General Revenue Funds may be appropriated for the McDonald Observatory.
Bureau of Economic Geology	III-61, Rider #11 Rider Packet, page III-17			Senate provides legislative intent that a minimum of \$3,753,537 per fiscal year be expended for the Bureau of Economic Geology at The University of Texas at Austin out of The University of Texas System's Available University Fund appropriations (Other Funds). Also, no General Revenue Funds may be appropriated for the Bureau of Economic Geology.
Bureau of Economic Geology: Project STARR	III-61, Rider #12 Rider Packet, page III-17			Senate provides legislative intent that a minimum of \$4,950,000 per fiscal year be expended for the Bureau of Economic Geology: Project STARR at The University of Texas at Austin out of The University of Texas System's Available University Fund appropriations (Other Funds). Also, no General Revenue Funds may be appropriated for the Bureau of Economic Geology: Project STARR.
Marine Science Institute	III-61, Rider #13 Rider Packet, page III-17			Senate provides legislative intent that a minimum of \$2,503,977 per fiscal year be expended for the Marine Science Institute at The University of Texas at Austin out of The University of Texas System's Available University Fund appropriations (Other Funds). Also, no General Revenue Funds may be appropriated for the Marine Science Institute.
Agriculture Match	III-61, Rider #14 Rider Packet, page III-18			Senate provides legislative intent that a minimum of \$3,207,051 per fiscal year be expended for the Agriculture Match at Prairie View A&M University out of Texas A&M University System's Available University Fund appropriations (Other Funds). Also, no General Revenue Funds may be appropriated for the Agriculture Match.

795 AVAILABLE NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY FUND

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	III-61	III-62		
Distribution to Eligible Institutions	III-62, Rider #1 Rider Packet, page III-19			Senate provides authority to eligible institutions of higher education to earn and retain interest on funds received from the National Research University Fund (Other Funds).
See also Article XI		Page XI-6		

GENERAL ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS (GAIs), LAMAR STATE COLLEGES, AND TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

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Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	III-56 43,476.1	III-57 45,213.0	1,736.9	
	44,991.0		<b>ADOPT as amended to reflect funding decisions</b>	
<b>Technical Adjustment</b>	(255.2)		<b>ADOPT</b>	In UTRGV's bill pattern, correct FTE cap.
<b>Formula Funding</b>				
GAIs - Instruction and Operations Formula General Revenue	\$ 2,955,839,305	\$ 2,870,078,366	\$ 85,760,939	Senate increases General Revenue by \$38.7 million and provides for an annual rate of \$58.53, adjusted as necessary to provide funding for special item phase out support. The 2016-17 rate was \$55.39.  House maintains the 2016-17 annual rate of \$55.39, a decrease of \$47.1 million in General Revenue. House provides an additional \$381,696 in I&O formula funding for Sul Ross - Rio Grande College.
			<b>HOUSE as amended to include updated data</b>	
Infrastructure Support Formula	\$ 632,361,886	\$ 551,111,881	\$ 81,250,005	Both Senate and House provide for an annual rate of \$5.57. The 2016-17 rate was \$5.62. The Senate added an additional \$81.3 million into the Small Institution Supplement.
			<b>HOUSE as amended to include updated data</b>	
General Revenue-Dedicated 770	\$ 2,028,043,112	\$ 2,028,043,112	\$ -	Conference Data Update: General Revenue-Dedicated 770 decreases by \$15.2 million due to the use of updated statutory tuition information and updated non-resident tuition rate for fiscal year 2018.
	\$ 2,012,797,503		<b>ADOPT as amended</b>	

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Lamar State Colleges Instruction & Operations Formula (I&O)	\$ 29,513,312	\$ 26,100,200	\$ 3,413,112	Senate increases General Revenue by \$3.4 million and provides for an annual rate of \$4.31, adjusted as necessary to provide funding for special item phase out support. The 2016-17 rate was \$3.53.
		\$ 27,156,985	House as amended, and includes updated data	House provides for an annual rate of \$3.46, maintaining the 2016-17 level of General Revenue funding which included a rate of \$3.53.
Texas State Technical Colleges Instruction and Operations Formula (I&O)	\$ 85,982,248	\$ 93,956,591	\$ 7,974,343	Conference provides for an annaul contact hour rate of \$3.53 per contact hour equal to the 2016-17 rate.
			HOUSE as amended to include updated data	Senate includes a returned-value percentage of 30.7 percent, adjusted as necessary to provide funding for special item phase out support. This results in a total decrease of \$8 million from 2016-17 funding levels which provided a returned value percentage of 35.5 percent.
Special Item Phase-Out Funding	\$ 162,115,492	\$ -	\$ 162,115,492	House includes a returned-value percentage of 27.6 percent, maintaining General Revenue formula funding from 2016-17 which provided a returned-value percentage of 35.5 percent.
				Senate provides special item phase-out funding in which any GAI, Lamar State College or Texas State Technical College receiving more than a six percent decrease from 2016-17 formula and special item funding levels is redistributed to remaining institutions, so that all institutions experience between a six to ten percent reduction from 2016-17 formula and special item General Revenue funding levels.



Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Non-formula Funding</b>				
Special Item Funding - General Revenue	\$ -	\$ 561,891,514	\$ 561,891,514	<p>Senate zero-funds all special items.</p> <p>House reduces special item funding by \$48.3 million in General Revenue from the 2016-17 biennium. In addition to the four percent baseline reduction applied to each institution, House: (1) reduced funding for downward expansion and special items identified by institutions as receiving formula funding by 10 percent from 2018-19 requested amounts; (2) reduced funding for Small Business Development Centers and all other previously revenue neutral special items by 10 percent from 2016-17 levels; and (3) reduced all other General Revenue Special Items by five percent from 2018-19 requested amounts.</p> <p><b>See Workgroup Revisions and Additions.</b></p>
Special Item Funding - General Revenue - Dedicated	\$ -	\$ 16,878,691	\$ 16,878,691	<p>Senate zero-funds all special items.</p> <p>House reduces special item support from General Revenue-Dedicated accounts by \$3.1 million from 2016-17 base levels using method described in above section.</p> <p><b>See Workgroup Revisions and Additions.</b></p>
Special Item Funding - Other Funds	\$ -	\$ 1,524,104	\$ 1,524,104	<p>Senate zero-funds all special items.</p> <p>House reduces special item support from Other Funds by \$10.8 million from 2016-17 base levels, of which \$10.6 million was from the Real Estate Fee Trust Account No. 969 which is no longer an active account in the state treasury. House includes special item support from Other Funds at 2018-19 requested amounts. Funding includes \$0.7 million in Interagency Contracts as well as \$0.8 million from the License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 802.</p> <p><b>See Workgroup Revisions and Additions.</b></p>

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Trusted Funds	\$ -	\$ 17,950,783	\$ 17,950,783	Senate zero-funds all trusted funds.  House increases trusted funds by \$3.6 million due primarily to the addition of Stroke Clinical Research at The University of Texas System which was previously appropriated at the Department of State Health Services.  <b>See Workgroup Revisions and Additions.</b>
		\$ 13,118,062	<b>HOUSE as amended</b>	
Tuition Revenue Bond Debt Service	\$ 729,047,645	\$ 729,047,645	\$ -	Senate provides tuition revenue bond debt service funding at requested levels, an increase of \$146.3 million in General Revenue.  House provides tuition revenue bond debt service funding at requested levels, composed of \$582.8 million in General Revenue and \$146.3 million in Economic Stabilization Funds in Article IX, Sec. 17.13(8). This is an All Funds increase of \$146.3 million.
Tarleton State University - Disaster Recovery	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	House provides \$15.0 million for disaster recovery for tornado damage to Tarleton State University from the Economic Stabilization Fund in Article IX, Sec. 17.13(1).
Texas State Technical College System Administration - Returned Value Development	\$ 1,800,000	\$ -	\$ 1,800,000	Senate provides \$1.8 million to TSTC System Administration for Returned Value Development Funding associated with the East Williamson County Higher Education Center.

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Riders</b>				
<b>The University of Texas System Administration</b>				
Stroke Clinical Research		III-59, Rider #5 Rider Packet, page III-16	<b>ADOPT as amended to reflect funding decision</b>	House directs that out of funds appropriated, \$4.5 million is for the administration of the statewide stroke clinical research network, Stroke System of Care Coordination (Lone Star Stroke). In the 2016-17 biennium, the appropriations were made to the Department of State Health Services and rider 67 in DSHS's bill pattern directed \$4.5 million be allocated to UT System. The House bill appropriates the funds in 2018-19 directly to UT System.
<b>The University of Texas at Arlington</b>				
Robotics Engineering Research Program Transfer Authority	III-65, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page III-20	III-66, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page III-20		Both Senate and House include rider language allowing for transfer from funds appropriated above an amount not to exceed \$356,250 for the Robotics Engineering Research Program. Senate strikes rider language that stated "in addition to the amount specified for that item."
Study of Transit Systems in Certain Municipalities		III-67, Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-20		House includes rider requiring from funds appropriated above, UT Arlington shall conduct a study of the Grand Prairie and Arlington transit systems.
<b>University of Houston</b>				
Medical School Study		III-114, Rider #4 Rider Packet, page III-42		House includes rider that out of funds appropriated the University of Houston shall conduct a study on the need for an additional medical school in Houston that prepares students for primary care in urban and rural communities.
<b>Texas Southern University</b>				
Thurgood Marshall School of Law	III-123, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page III-50	III-135, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page III-50		Senate removes 2016-17 rider language stating that in addition to General Revenue amounts identified above for the operation and maintenance of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law.
Texas Southern University Formula Funding Disparity Review		III-135, Rider #5 Rider Packet, page III-50		House includes rider requiring LBB to review if Texas Southern is disproportionately affected by the funding formula in 2018-19.

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Special Item Related Riders</b>	Rider Packet, page III-20 through page III-59 and page III-78 through page III-80	Rider Packet, page III-20 through page III-59 and page III-78 through page III-80		Senate includes special item phase-out riders for affected institutions.
See also Article IX				House includes riders for special item related funding at affected institutions.
See also Article XI		Pages IX-85 and IX-88 page XI-6		<b>See Workgroup Revisions and Additions.</b>
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions</b>				
	\$ 437,546,704		<b>ADOPT</b>	Add \$437.5 million in General Revenue for non-formula support items.
Non-Formula Item Support General Revenue				
Non-Formula Item Support General Revenue-Dedicated	\$ 12,618,304		<b>ADOPT</b>	Add \$12.6 million in General Revenue-Dedicated for non-formula support items.
Non-Formula Item Support Other Funds	\$ 1,546,580		<b>ADOPT</b>	Add \$1.5 million in Other Funds for non-formula support items.
	\$ 145,525,880		<b>ADOPT</b>	Add \$145.5 million in General Revenue for hold harmless funding for various institutions of higher education.
Hold Harmless General Revenue			<b>ADOPT</b>	
Non-Formula Item Support Riders			<b>ADOPT</b>	Adjust non-formula support riders to conform with funding decisions.

HEALTH RELATED INSTITUTIONS (HRIs)

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	III-143 13,123.8	III-159 13,026.9	96.9	FTEs for The University of Texas (UT) at Austin Dell Medical School and UT Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) School of Medicine are included in the GAI section.
	13,036.8		<b>ADOPT as amended to reflect funding decisions</b>	
Technical Adjustment	III-156			In UT Health Science Center San Antonio's bill pattern, delete Rider 4, Services Provided in Support of the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) and UTRGV School of Medicine, to align with Senate decisions for UTRGV.
Formula Funding				
Instruction and Operations Formula	\$ 1,247,832,894	\$ 1,099,648,773	\$ 148,184,121	Senate provides an increase of \$156.6 million over 2016-17 funding levels, resulting in an annual rate of \$11,112, adjusted as necessary to provide funding for special item phase out support. Senate does not provide formula funding for UT Austin Dell Medical School.
				House provides for an annual rate of \$9,531, resulting in a total increase of \$8.5 million over 2016-17 funding levels.  The 2016-17 rate was \$9,829.
			<b>HOUSE as amended to include updated data</b>	

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Infrastructure Support Formula	\$ 249,228,072	\$ 250,103,104	\$ 875,032	<p>Senate provides for an annual rate of \$6.37 for all HRIs and medical schools, except UT Austin Dell Medical School. This results in a total increase of \$2.4 million over 2016-17 funding levels.</p> <p>House provides for an annual rate of \$6.37 for all HRIs and medical schools, resulting in a total increase of \$3.3 million over 2016-17 funding levels.</p> <p>The 2016-17 rate was \$6.65 for all HRIs except UT M.D. Anderson and UTHSC Tyler, which were funded at a rate of \$6.26.</p>
General Revenue-Dedicated 770 - excluding UT Austin Dell Medical School	\$ 148,865,057	\$ 148,865,057	\$ -	Conference Data Update: General Revenue-Dedicated 770 decreases by \$0.8 million due to the use of updated staff group insurance amounts and updated data from UTRGV School of Medicine to align tuition estimate calculations between the two new medical schools.
		\$ 148,060,553	<b>ADOPT as amended</b>	
Research Enhancement Formula	\$ 191,573,434	\$ 80,628,376	\$ 110,945,058	<p>Senate provides an increase of \$117.0 million over 2016-17 funding levels. This results in an annual rate of 6.11 percent of reported research expenditures, plus a base rate of \$1,412,500 for each institution, adjusted as necessary to provide funding for special item phase out support. Senate does not provide formula funding for UT Austin Dell Medical School.</p> <p>House provides for an annual rate of 1.21 percent of reported research expenditures, plus a base rate of \$1,412,500 for each institution, resulting in a total increase of \$6.1 million over 2016-17 funding levels.</p> <p>The 2016-17 rate was 1.23 percent plus a base rate of \$1,412,500 for each institution.</p>

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
			<b>HOUSE as amended to include updated data</b>	
Graduate Medical Education Formula	\$ 72,587,126	\$ 90,138,291	\$ 17,551,165	<p>Senate provides for an annual rate of \$4,857, resulting in a total decrease of \$13.3 million from 2016-17 funding levels. Senate GME formula funding is based on the total number of residency positions at each institution as of September 1, 2016, and does not provide formula funding for UT Austin Dell Medical School.</p> <p>House provides for an annual rate of \$6,219, resulting in a total increase of \$4.3 million over 2016-17 funding levels. House GME formula funding is based on the number of residency positions in the GME formula for the 2016-17 biennium and any new residency positions added to the statewide total after September 1, 2014.</p> <p>The 2016-17 rate was \$6,266.</p> <p>These amounts include GME appropriations for Baylor College of Medicine, which are trusteeed to the THECB.</p>
Special Item Phase-Out Funding	\$ 111,389,938	\$ -	<b>HOUSE as amended</b> \$ 111,389,938	<p>Senate provides special item phase-out funding to limit the reduction for each legacy HRI to no more than 2.6 percent of 2016-17 formula and special item General Revenue funding levels.</p>

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Baylor College of Medicine - Undergraduate Education Formula	\$ 72,151,159	\$ 76,281,990	\$ 4,130,831	<p>Baylor College of Medicine's Undergraduate Medical Education appropriations are calculated on a per Full-Time Student Equivalent basis using the prior year's average appropriations for UT Southwestern Medical Center and UT Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) for medical education, including employee benefits. These appropriations are trusteeed to THECB.</p> <p>Senate provides \$8.8 million General Revenue less than the maximum authorized appropriation based on appropriations to UT Southwestern and UTMB in the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1. This results in a decrease of \$5.9 million.</p> <p>House provides the maximum authorized appropriation based on appropriations to UT Southwestern and UTMB in Senate Bill 1, as Passed 2nd House. This results in a decrease of \$1.7 million from 2016-17 funding levels.</p>
<b>Non-formula Funding</b>				
Special Item Funding - General Revenue	\$ 20,000,000	<div>\$ 76,091,974</div> <div>HOUSE as amended</div>	\$ 395,475,673	<p>Senate provides special item funding for two behavioral health special items at UTHSC Houston and UTHSC Tyler, resulting in a decrease of \$445.5 million in General Revenue from the 2016-17 biennium.</p> <p>House reduces special item funding by \$50.4 million in General Revenue from the 2016-17 biennium. In addition to the four percent baseline reduction applied to each institution, House: (1) maintained special item funding for behavioral health special items and institutional enhancement; (2) reduced funding for special items that receive formula funding by 10 percent from 2018-19 requested amounts; (3) reduced funding for the Economic Development and Technology Commercialization special item at the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) by 10 percent from 2016-17 funding levels; and (4) reduced all other special items by 5 percent from 2018-19 requested amounts.</p> <p><b>See Workgroup Revisions and Additions.</b></p>



Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Special Item Funding - Interagency Contracts	\$ -	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,650,000	House provides Interagency Contract funding from the Department of Public Safety for the DNA Laboratory at UNTHSC.  <b>See Workgroup Revisions and Additions.</b>
Special Item Funding - License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 802	\$ -	\$ 4,328	\$ 4,328	House provides License Plate Trust Fund Account No 802 funding for Institutional Enhancement at UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.  <b>See Workgroup Revisions and Additions.</b>
Tuition Revenue Bond Debt Service	\$ 292,671,208	\$ 292,671,208	\$ -	Senate provides tuition revenue bond debt service funding at requested levels, resulting in an increase of \$56.7 million General Revenue above 2016-17 funding levels.  House provides tuition revenue bond debt service funding at requested levels, composed of \$235.4 million in General Revenue and \$57.3 million in Economic Stabilization Funds pursuant to Article IX, Sec. 17.13(8). This results in an All Funds increase of \$56.7 million above 2016-17 funding levels.
<b>The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School</b>				
General Revenue-Dedicated 770	\$ 1,074,200	\$ 1,074,200	\$ -	Senate provides General Revenue-Dedicated 770 appropriations for UT Austin Dell Medical School in Goal D, Dell Medical School, instead of in formula funding goals.  House provides General Revenue-Dedicated 770 appropriations for UT Austin Dell Medical School in formula funding Goal F, Instruction/Operations Med School, and Goal H, Infrastructure Support Med School.
	\$ 759,800		<b>ADOPT as amended</b>	Conference Update: General Revenue-Dedicated 770 decreases by \$0.3 million due to the use of updated staff group insurance amounts and updated data from UT Austin Dell Medical School to align tuition estimate calculations between the two new medical schools.

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine</b>				
G.1.1. Rio Grande Valley Medical School	\$ 8,560,930	\$ -	\$ 8,560,930	Senate provides support funding for UTRGV School of Medicine in Goal G, Rio Grande Valley Medical School.
				House provides \$55.3 million for UTRGV School of Medicine in Goal H, Special Item Support Medical School, which is included in special item totals above.
<b>Riders</b>				
<b>The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston</b>				
Appropriation of Costs for Health Care to Inmates	III-149, Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-61	III-166, Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-61		Senate allows UTMB to expend institutional funds and funds appropriated in Strategy D.1.1, Medical Branch Hospitals, to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at UTMB Hospital Galveston when necessary.
				House prohibits the use of funds appropriated in UTMB's bill pattern to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of TDCJ and provides Legislative intent that all costs for providing health care to inmates of TDCJ shall come from appropriations made to TDCJ.
<b>Texas Tech University Health Science Center</b>				
Appropriation of Costs for Health Care to Inmates	III-172, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page III-	III-192, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page III-71		Senate allows UTMB to expend institutional funds and funds appropriated in Strategy D.1.1, Medical Branch Hospitals, to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at UTMB Hospital Galveston when necessary.
				House prohibits the use of funds appropriated in UTMB's bill pattern to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of TDCJ and provides Legislative intent that all costs for providing health care to inmates of TDCJ shall come from appropriations made to TDCJ.

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Special Item Related Riders</b>	Rider Packet, page III-27 through page III-73	Rider Packet page III-27 through page III-73		Senate includes special item phase-out riders for affected institutions.
See also Article IX See also Article XI	Page XI-3	Page IX-88 Page XI-7		House includes riders related to special item funding for affected institutions.
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions</b>				<b>See Workgroup Revisions and Additions.</b>
Non-Formula Support Items - General Revenue	\$ 387,945,280		<b>ADOPT</b>	Add \$387.9 million in General Revenue for non-formula support items.
Non-Formula Support Items - Other Funds	\$ 1,654,328		<b>ADOPT</b>	Add \$1.7 million in Other Funds for non-formula support items.
Hold Harmless - UT Southwestern			<b>ADOPT</b>	Add \$21.8 million in General Revenue for hold harmless funding for UT Southwestern.
Non-formula Support Item Riders			<b>ADOPT as Amended</b>	Adjust non-formula support riders to conform with funding decisions.

**704 PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES**

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Formula Funding</b>	III-176	III-197		
Success Points	\$ 213,212,503	\$ 188,515,089	\$ 24,697,414	Senate includes a success point funding rate of \$211.20. This is an increase of \$44.0 million over 2016-17 funding levels.  House includes a success point funding rate of \$186.74. This is an increase of \$19.3 million over 2016-17 funding levels.  Both Senate and House remove the 90/10 split between contact hours and success points.
	\$ 179,955,685		<b>SENATE as amended</b>	
<b>Non-formula Funding</b>				
Bachelor of Applied Technology	\$ 368,218		<b>ADOPT as amended to align with General Academic Institutions I&amp;O rate</b>	Senate and House continue the Bachelor of Applied Technology programs funded at the General Academic Institutions Instruction and Operations General Revenue funding rate.
Special Items	\$ -	\$ 21,378,000	\$ 21,378,000	Senate does not include funding for special items.  House includes a decrease of \$2.8 million from 2016-17 funding levels.  <b>See Workgroup Revisions and Additions.</b>
V.2.1 SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF (SWCID)	\$ 5,302,586	\$ 6,652,806	\$ 1,350,220	Senate maintains the 2016-17 funding level for SWCID in mission specific funding.  House increases funding for SWCID by \$1.3 million and includes it as a special item.  <b>See Workgroup Revisions and Additions.</b>
Reporting Requirement	III-184, Rider #16 Rider Packet, page III-75	III-205, Rider #21 Rider Packet, page III-75		House expands reporting requirement for the community colleges and includes the term instructional site instead of campus.

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Additional Student Success Funding		III-206, Rider #25 Rider Packet, page III-77	<b>HOUSE as amended</b>	House includes rider relating to the additional funding for success points.
<b>Special Item Related Riders</b>	Rider Packet, page III-74 through page III-77	Rider Packet, page III-74 through page III-77		House includes riders and rider text related to special item funding for affected institutions.
See also Article XI		page XI-8		
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions</b>				
Core Operations	\$ 68,040,595		<b>ADOPT</b>	Conference Committee added an additional \$18,040,595 in core operations.
Non Formula Support Items	\$ 27,118,809			Conference Committee adopted the House special item funding levels in non formula support items including SWCID and excluding one-time items at Howard College and Brazosport College.
Non Formula Support Item Riders				Adjust riders relating to non formula support items to reflect funding.

556 TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	III-196	III-219		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	759.1	762.1	3.0	
A.1.1 AGRICULTURAL/LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH	\$ 98,226,177	\$ 99,773,229	\$ 1,547,052	a. Senate includes a decrease of \$697,678 in General Revenue and 3.0 FTEs for feedyard beef cattle production research, which eliminates funding and FTEs for that purpose in 2018-19. (See also Rider #8, House, page III-225.)
			SENATE	
			HOUSE	b. Senate includes a decrease of \$849,374 in General Revenue for agricultural and life sciences research.
	\$ 99,075,551			
B.1.1 HONEY BEE REGULATION	\$ 510,723	\$ 516,070	\$ 5,347	Senate includes a decrease of \$5,347 in General Revenue for the agency's honey bee regulation costs.
D.1.1 INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 10,481,112	\$ 10,583,210	\$ 102,098	Senate includes a decrease of \$102,098 in General Revenue for the agency's indirect administration.
D.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO	\$ 11,544,718	\$ 12,039,494	\$ 494,776	Senate maintains 2018-19 General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County at the 2016-17 appropriations level.
			HOUSE as amended to include updated data	House provides an increase of \$494,776 in General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County to align with the General Academic Institutions' Infrastructure Formula rate.
		\$ 12,562,289		
Feedyard Beef Cattle Production Research		III-222, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page III-83		House requires that \$697,678 in General Revenue out of A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research shall be used for feedyard beef cattle production research.
See also Article XI		Page XI-8		

555 TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Cross-Strategy Issue</b> - Funding for the agency's services for Developing Adult Community Leaders.	III-199	III-222		Senate includes a decrease of \$1,579,766 in General Revenue and 10.6 FTEs across three strategies for the agency's services for Developing Adult Community Leaders, which eliminates all General Revenue funding for this purpose. (See also C.1.1, E.1.2, & E.1.3.)
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	980.0	990.6	10.6	
A.1.1 HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION	\$ 22,350,130	\$ 22,501,790	\$ 151,660	Senate includes a decrease of \$151,660 in General Revenue for education programs in health and wellness.
			<b>HOUSE plus \$1,185,176 for Surplus Agricultural Products Grant Program and rider</b>	
		\$ 23,686,966		
B.1.1 EXTEND ED ON AG, NAT RES & ECON DEV	\$ 69,078,779	\$ 71,513,548	\$ 2,434,769	a. Senate includes a decrease of \$434,769 in General Revenue for education programs in agriculture and natural resources.
			<b>HOUSE</b>	
			<b>HOUSE to align with TPWD decision</b>	b. Senate includes a decrease of \$2,000,000 in Interagency Contracts (Other Funds) from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for quail research and education programs, which eliminates funding for that purpose in 2018-19.
				House provides \$2,000,000 in GR-D Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 to TPWD and a TPWD rider that requires \$1.0 million per fiscal year from GR-D Account No. 9 to be used to contract with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for quail research and education programs. (See also TPWD Rider #8, House, page VI-42)
C.1.1 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$ 22,449,652	\$ 24,182,604	\$ 1,732,952	a. See Cross-Strategy Issue
			<b>HOUSE plus \$320,000</b>	b. Senate includes a decrease of \$162,760 in General Revenue for the agency's services for leadership development.
		\$ 24,502,604		

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
D.1.1 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT	\$ 5,470,387	\$ 6,427,970	\$ 957,583	a. Senate includes a decrease of \$57,583 in General Revenue for wildlife management services.
				b. House provides an increase of \$900,000 in General Revenue for the Feral Hog Abatement Program moved to this agency from the Texas Department of Agriculture. (See also Rider #7, House, page III-225.)
E.1.2 WORKERS' COMP INSURANCE	\$ 480,628	\$ 489,100	\$ 8,472	See Cross-Strategy Issue
E.1.3 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$ 99,320	\$ 100,422	\$ 1,102	See Cross-Strategy Issue
F.1.1 INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 5,218,076	\$ 5,270,466	\$ 52,390	Senate includes a decrease of \$52,390 in General Revenue for the agency's indirect administration.
F.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO	\$ 1,265,390	\$ 1,319,622	\$ 54,232	Senate maintains 2018-19 General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County at the 2016-17 appropriations level.
			HOUSE as amended to include updated data	House provides an increase of \$54,232 in General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County to align with the General Academic Institutions' Infrastructure Formula rate.
		\$ 1,427,160		
Feral Hog Abatement Program		III-225, Rider #7 Rider Packet, page III-84		House requires that \$900,000 in General Revenue out of D.1.1, Wildlife Management shall be used for the feral hog abatement program. (See also D.1.1.)
Appropriation Restriction on Feral Hog Abatement Using Toxic Substances		III-225, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page III-84		House prohibits General Revenue being used for the implementation of warfarin on feral hogs.
See also Article XI		Page XI-8		



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Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	III-202	III-225		
A.1.1 RESEARCH PROGRAMS	\$ 200,314,692	\$ 200,323,933	\$ 9,241	Senate includes a decrease of \$9,241 in General Revenue for research programs.
A.3.1 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 6,919,302	\$ 6,959,302	\$ 40,000	Senate includes a decrease of \$40,000 in General Revenue for workforce development programs.
			HOUSE plus \$1,888,744 for Nuclear Power Institute	
		\$ 8,848,046		
C.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 11,154,440	\$ 11,632,490	\$ 478,050	Senate maintains 2018-19 General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County at the 2016-17 appropriations level.
			HOUSE as amended to include updated data	House provides an increase of \$478,050 in General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County to align with the General Academic Institutions' Infrastructure Formula rate.
		\$ 11,375,585		
See also Article XI		Page XI-8		

727 TEXAS A&M TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	III-204	III-228		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	419.7	434.7	15.0	
A.1.1 SPONSORED RESEARCH	\$ 112,832,147	\$ 116,098,566	\$ 3,266,419 <b>SENATE</b>	a. Senate includes a decrease of \$3,168,000 in General Revenue and 15.0 FTEs for the agency's Transportation Policy Research Center, which eliminates funding and FTEs for that purpose in 2018-19. (See also Rider #4, House, page III-229)
			<b>HOUSE</b>	b. Senate includes a decrease of \$81,419 in General Revenue for research programs. The 2018-19 total is \$111,217,147.
			<b>HOUSE</b>	c. Senate includes a decrease of \$17,000 in General Revenue for the agency's Center for International Intelligent Transportation. The 2018-19 total is \$1,615,000.
	\$ 112,930,566			
A.1.2 NATIONAL CENTERS	\$ 8,273,056	\$ 8,293,056	\$ 20,000	Senate includes a decrease of \$20,000 in General Revenue for the agency's Transportation Safety Center. The 2018-19 total is \$1,900,000.
C.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 4,230,724	\$ 4,412,042	\$ 181,318	Senate maintains 2018-19 General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County at the 2016-17 appropriations level.
			<b>HOUSE as amended to include updated data</b>	House provides an increase of \$181,318 in General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County to align with the General Academic Institutions' Infrastructure Formula rate.
		\$ 4,539,031		
Transportation Policy Research Center		III-229, Rider #4 Rider Packet, page III-85		House requires \$3,168,000 in General Revenue be used for the agency's Transportation Policy Research Center. (See also A.1.1.)
Review of County Expenditure Data		III-229, Rider #5 Rider Packet, page III-85		House requires the agency to conduct a review of county road and bridge expenditure data submitted to the Comptroller by each county as required by Transportation Code Section 256.009.

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Vision Zero		III-230, Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-85		House requires the agency to develop a strategy to reduce traffic fatalities by fifty percent in 2029 and with the goal of eliminating all fatalities by 2050 using emerging technology research.
Intelligent Transportation Systems for Efficient and Secure Border Crossing at International Ports of Entry		III-230, Rider #7 Rider Packet, page III-86		House requires the agency to conduct a study to identify: 1) the economic impact and public safety issues associated with the wait times experienced by commercial cargo carriers and shippers at the International Ports of Entry in El Paso and Laredo; and 2) the cost and benefits of implementing an Intelligent Transportation System designed to increase security measures and expedite trade.
See also Article XI		Page XI-8		

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Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	III-206	III-231		
C.1.1 PROVIDE TX TASK FORCE 1 CAPABILITY	\$ 12,293,940	\$ 12,293,940	\$ -	
			HOUSE plus \$2.0 million for Texas Task Force 2 capability and related rider revision	
		\$ 14,293,940		
E.1.1 INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 20,455,834	\$ 20,483,367	\$ 27,533	Senate includes a decrease of \$27,533 in General Revenue for the agency's indirect administration.
E.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 3,387,848	\$ 3,533,044	\$ 145,196	Senate maintains 2018-19 General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County at the 2016-17 appropriations level.
			HOUSE as amended to include updated data	House provides an increase of \$145,196 in General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County to align with the General Academic Institutions' Infrastructure Formula rate.
		\$ 3,531,783		
See also Article XI		Page XI-8		

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Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Budget Structure	III-208	III-233	HOUSE	
B.1.1 TWPP - TFS OPERATIONS	\$ 55,792,306	\$ 55,975,005	\$ 182,699	Senate includes a decrease of \$182,699 in General Revenue for the agency's Texas Wildfire Protection Plan operations.
Program: Texas Wildfire Protection Plan - Operations	\$ 55,792,306	\$ 55,975,005	\$ 182,699	
*B.1.2 TWPP - VFD GRANTS	\$ 25,911,241	\$ 49,396,991	\$ 23,485,750 HOUSE	Senate includes a decrease of \$485,750 in General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 funds for pass-through grants to local volunteer fire departments.
			HOUSE as amended	House includes an increase of \$23.0 million in General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 funds in a contingency rider. (See also Rider #8, House, page III-236)
		\$ 37,896,991		
*Program: Texas Wildfire Protection Plan - Volunteer Fire Department Grants	\$ 25,911,241	\$ 49,396,991	\$ 23,485,750	
D.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO	\$ 249,372	\$ 260,060	\$ 10,688	Senate maintains 2018-19 General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County at the 2016-17 appropriations level.
			HOUSE as amended to include updated data	House provides an increase of \$10,688 in General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County which aligns with the General Academic Institutions' Infrastructure Formula rate.
		\$ 270,295		
Program: Infrastructure Inside Brazos County	\$ 249,372	\$ 260,060	\$ 10,688	
Contingency for Grants to Rural Volunteer Fire Departments		III-236, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page III-88	HOUSE as amended	House adds a contingency rider that appropriates \$23.0 million in General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 funds to the amounts in Strategy B.1.2, Texas Wildlife Protection Plan - Volunteer Fire Department Grants. The rider appropriation is contingent on the enactment of legislation that authorizes the use of the account balance in GR-D Account No. 5064. The Comptroller's Office recommends a revision to the rider text to clarify the intent of the rider.
See also Article XI		Page XI-8		

\* Amounts may include rider appropriations.  
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Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	III-211	III-236		
A.1.1 DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES	\$ 23,379,562	\$ 23,477,362	\$ 97,800	Senate includes a decrease of \$97,800 in General Revenue for diagnostic services.
C.1.1 INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,142,865	\$ 3,151,484	\$ 8,619	Senate includes a decrease of \$8,619 in General Revenue for the agency's indirect administration.
C.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO	\$ 1,099,298	\$ 1,146,412	\$ 47,114	Senate maintains 2018-19 General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County at the 2016-17 appropriations level.
			HOUSE as amended to include updated data	House provides an increase of \$47,114 in General Revenue for infrastructure support inside Brazos County to align with the General Academic Institutions' Infrastructure Formula rate.
		\$ 1,147,310		
See also Article XI		Page XI-8		

**S21 SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING ONLY TO COMPONENTS OF TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE (TSTC)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Senate 2018-19</b>	<b>House 2018-19</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	III-194	III-217		
Returned Value Funding Model for Texas State Technical Colleges	III-196 Rider Packet, page III-81	III-219 Rider Packet, page 81		Senate includes language that formula funding is adjusted as necessary to provide funding for special item phase out support.
Dual Credit		III-219 Rider Packet, page 82		House includes Legislative intent that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board work with TSTC to develop and recommend to the Eighty-sixth Legislature a new strategy separate from Returned-Value Formula Funding, to fund dual credit programs based upon the number of semester credit hours offered in dual credit by TSTC.
See also Article XI		See also Article XI, House, page XI-7		

S03 SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING ONLY TO STATE AGENCIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Technical Adjustment</b>  <b>Riders</b>  General Academic, Health Related, and State Two Year Institutions' Funding    Diversity of Student Body at National Research Universities          Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships          Contingency for Formula Funding - Providers of Direct Health Care Services	III-215	III-240	<b>ADOPT</b>	In Section 26, Rider 1, Instruction and Operations Formula, correct formula weights in the matrix.
	III-224			
	Pages III-224, III-225, and III-232 Rider Packet, page III-89 through III-94	Pages III-249, III-250, and III-253 Rider Packet, page III-89 through III-94	<b>ADOPT as amended to reflect funding decisions</b>	Both Senate and House riders reflect respective funding decisions.
	III-233, Sec. 55 Rider Packet, page III-95	III-258, Sec. 55 Rider Packet, page III-95	<b>ADOPT as amended to reflect funding decisions</b>	Senate includes Legislative intent that, in expending appropriated funds and to the extent permitted by law, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University make a good faith effort to improve the racial diversity of their respective student bodies.
				House includes Legislative intent that, in expending appropriated funds, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University shall make a good faith effort to improve the racial diversity of their respective student bodies, and shall, in determining admissions and in adopting any institutional policy, comply with the United States Constitution and the Texas Constitution.
		III-259, Sec. 57 Rider Packet, page III-95		Senate eliminates special items funded through this scholarship program.
	III-235, Sec. 62 Rider Packet, page III-96			Senate includes provision making formula funding to the HRIs and institutions of higher education providing direct health care services contingent upon those institutions contracting with the Third Party Administrators and Managed Care Organizations administering health plan services to participants of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.



Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
See also Article IX See also Article XI  <b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions</b>   Non-Formula Support Items and Formula Study	Page IX-56	Page XI-8	<b>ADOPT</b>	Art. IX, Sec. 10.07, Cross-agency Collaboration on Value-based Payment Strategies, Senate, page IX-56.   Add provision that creates a special joint interim committee that will prepare recommendations for realignment and/or possible elimination of non-formula support items and improvements of formula funding for institutions of higher education.

P03 ARTICLE III, SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Cross-Article Issue</b> - Contract Cost Containment		III-261 III-261, Sec. 63 Rider Packet, page III-98		House reduces \$4,802,750 in General Revenue funds from Article III agencies for contract cost containment pursuant to Article III, Special Provisions, Sec. 63, and allocated across agencies according to Art. IX Sec. 17.10.
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	\$	- \$ (116,000)	\$ 116,000	
See also Article IX		<div><div>\$ (97,250)</div><div>Page IX-80</div></div>	<b>HOUSE as amended</b>	

ARTICLE III HIGHER EDUCATION AGENCIES WITH NO ISSUES

Item	Senate 2018-19	House 2018-19	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Higher Education Fund (780)	III-56	III-57		
Support for Military and Veterans Exemptions (794)	III-62	III-63  See also Article XI, House page XI-6		

**Higher Education Coordinating Board  
Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program  
Prepared by LBB Staff  
May 5, 2017**

By \_\_\_\_\_

**Overview**

The following rider revision would allow the agency to transfer any unexpended balances from fiscal year 2018 into fiscal year 2019 and clarify how funds are used.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-54 of Senate Bill 1, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, amend the following rider.

**Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program.** The funds provided to the Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program are appropriated in accordance with Education Code §§ 61.9821 – 61.9828 for repayment of eligible student loans received by qualified nurses who meet the stipulated requirements. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose. In accordance with Texas Education Code Chapter 61, Subchapter II, §61.9826 which provides for the allocation of funds from the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Fund (Account 5144) for the Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Assistance Program, any reallocated funds are hereby appropriated for loan repayment assistance to qualifying nursing faculty.

Higher Education Coordinating Board  
Northeast Texas Initiative and TC3  
Prepared by LBB Staff  
May 11, 2017

**Overview**

The following action would appropriate \$1.25 million in General Revenue each fiscal year for the Northeast Texas Initiative at The University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) at Tyler and would appropriate \$1.25 million in General Revenue each fiscal year for the Texas Community College Consortium (TC3) at Texarkana College. The action would add a new rider directing the Higher Education Coordinating Board to contract with UTHSC Tyler for the Northeast Texas Initiative and Texarkana College for TC3.

**Required Action**

- 1. On page III-44 of House Bill 1, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, add the following new strategy and increase General Revenue by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2019:

	2018	2019
X.X.X, Northeast Texas Initiative and TC3	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

- 2. On page III-57 of House Bill 1, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

Northeast Texas Initiative and TC3. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy X.X.X, Northeast Texas Initiative and TC3, \$1,250,000 in General Revenue for each fiscal year shall be used to contract with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler to be used for the Northeast Texas Initiative and \$1,250,000 in General Revenue for each fiscal year shall be used to contract with Texarkana College to be used for the Texas Community College Consortium (TC3).

**The University of Texas of the Permian Basin**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**College of Engineering**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/20/17

**Overview**

Add rider to identify funding to be used for the College of Engineering at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

**Required Action**

In The University of Texas of the Permian Basin bill pattern in the Conference Committee's version of the appropriations bill, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **College of Engineering.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Strategy C.1.3, College of Engineering, \$1,390,142 in General Revenue each fiscal year shall be used for the College of Engineering.

**Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Unmanned Aircraft Systems**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/19/17

**Overview**

Add rider to identify funding to be used for unmanned aircraft systems.

**Required Action**

In the Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi bill pattern in the Conference Committee's version of the appropriations bill, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Unmanned Aircraft Systems.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi in Strategy C.2.3, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, \$3,500,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year shall be used for unmanned aircraft systems.

University of Houston  
College of Pharmacy  
Prepared by LBB Staff  
May 19, 2017

**Overview**

The following new rider would require University of Houston to allocate funds appropriated to Strategy C.1.1, College of Pharmacy to be used for the College of Pharmacy.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-107 of the bill pattern for the University of Houston, add the following rider.

**College of Pharmacy.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.1.1., College of Pharmacy, \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the College of Pharmacy.



**Texas Woman’s University**  
**Center for Women’s Leadership in Business, Politics, and Public Policy**  
**Prepared by LBB Staff**  
**May 20, 2017**

**Overview**

The following new rider would require Texas Woman’s University to allocate funds appropriated to Strategy C.3.1, Center for Women’s Leadership in Business, Politics, and Public Policy.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-129 of the bill pattern for Texas Woman’s University, add the following rider.

**Center for Women’s Leadership in Business, Politics, and Public Policy.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.3.1., Center for Women’s Leadership in Business Politics, and Public Policy, \$1,625,177 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and \$1,625,176 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Center for Women’s Leadership in Business, Politics, and Public Policy.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Surplus Agricultural Products Grant Program Serving Low Income Students**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/18/17

**Overview**

Move the Surplus Agricultural Products Grant Program Serving Low Income Students rider from the Texas Department of Agriculture to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (TAES) and revise the strategy name as applicable for TAES.

**Required Action**

In the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service bill pattern in the Conference Committee's version of the appropriations bill, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Surplus Agricultural Products Grant Program Serving Low Income Students.**  
Amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.1, Health and Safety Education, include \$592,588 each fiscal year to fund the Surplus Agricultural Products Grant Program serving low income students and their families.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service**  
**Proposed Rider Revision**  
**Ensuring Task Force 1 Operational Readiness**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/18/17

**Overview**

Revise the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) rider to identify the \$2.0 million for Texas Task Force 2 operational readiness.

**Required Action**

In the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service bill pattern in the Conference Committee's version of the appropriations bill, revise the following rider:

**3. Ensuring Texas Task Force 1 and 2 Operational Readiness.** Out of the General Revenue funds appropriated above, \$1,506,375 per fiscal year in fiscal year 2018 and \$1,506,375 in fiscal year 2019 in General Revenue shall be used to support the operational readiness of Texas Task Force 1, and \$1,000,000 per fiscal year shall be used to support the operational readiness of Texas Task Force 2.

**Texas A&M Forest Service**  
**Proposed Rider Revision**  
**Contingency for Grants to Rural Volunteer Fire Departments**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/18/17

**Overview**

Revise contingency rider to conform to:

- 1) the funding decision amount of \$11.5 million for 2018-19; and
- 2) the Comptroller office's recommended text that clarifies the rider appropriations are contingent on the enactment of legislation that authorizes the use of the account balance of the General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064.

**Required Action**

In the Texas A&M Forest Service bill pattern in the Conference Committee's version of the appropriations bill, revise the following rider:

**8. Contingency for Grants to Rural Volunteer Fire Departments.** Contingent on enactment of legislation relating to appropriations out of the ~~unexpended~~ available balance in the General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064, by the Eighty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, in addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Texas Wildfire Protection Plan - VFD Grants, the Texas A&M Forest Service is appropriated \$11,500,000 ~~in fiscal year 2018 and \$11,500,000 in fiscal year 2019~~ \$5,750,000 per fiscal year out of the ~~unexpended~~ available balance contained in the Comptroller of Public Accounts 2018-19 Biennial Revenue Estimate for the General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 reported by the Comptroller of Public Accounts as of August 31, 2017.

**Article III Special Provisions Relating Only to State  
Agencies of Higher Education**

**Proposed Rider  
Joint Interim Committee to Study Non-Formula Support Items and Formulas**

**Required Action**

On page III-236 of Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, add the following rider:

- \_\_\_\_\_. **Sec. XX. Non-Formula Support Items and Formula Study.** Out of funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act, a special joint interim committee comprised of 5 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and 5 members appointed by the Speaker, with the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker each designating a presiding co-chair from amongst their appointments. The members of the committee shall be appointed no later than September 15, 2017. The joint interim committee shall prepare recommendations for realignment and/or possible elimination of non-formula support items and improvements of formula funding for institutions of higher education.

All items receiving funding in an Article III goal or objective denoted NON-FORMULA SUPPORT are sunset effective August 31, 2019. The committee shall review the purpose, goal, and effectiveness of all non-formula support items. The joint interim committee may consider, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Options to allocate any identified non-formula support item funding reductions into existing funding formulas;
2. Review options to phase out over multiple biennia non-formula support items for items that are determined to generate formula funding and determine a standard time frame when these items will expire;
3. Review start-up and downward expansion funding and determine a standard time frame when these items will expire and parameters for formulaic support;
4. Equity of funding among similar programs, considering the varying needs of the institutions based on size, mission, location, student body, and maturity of the institution or programs;
5. Realignment of existing non-formula support items into categories such as:
  - i. Instructional Support
  - ii. Start-up and Downward Expansion
  - iii. Institutional Enhancement
  - iv. Research Support
  - v. Public Service
  - vi. Healthcare Support
  - vii. Truusted Funds
  - viii. General Revenue - Dedicated and Fee Funded Items
  - ix. Economic Development
6. Funding alternatives based on the different categories of non-formula support items, including existing I&O, Research, and Infrastructure formulas or transfer to other state agencies;

7. The historical use of each item, whether and how to reflect such items in categories or formula, and duration of support;
8. Evaluate potential formula adjustments to institutions that are growing and institutions with static enrollment;
9. The effects of the compression of the General Academic Institutions' Instruction and Operations formula's cost-based weight matrix;
10. The effects of using actual data versus the use of statutory tuition estimates on the General Academic Institutions' formulas; and
11. Review options to allocate any identified non-formula support items for Public Community/Junior Colleges into outcomes-based formula funding.

The joint select committee shall report their recommendations to the presiding officers of both chambers no later than April 15, 2018. It is the intent of the Legislature that these recommendations be considered by the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's office in developing the joint budget instructions for the 2020-21 biennium.