

**Issue Docket**

**Conference Committee on House Bill 1**

**2024-25 General Appropriations Bill**

**Article III - Higher Education**



Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Community Colleges	\$385,048,102	\$385,048,102	<b>ADOPT</b> <b>\$386,026,456</b>	House and Senate increased General Revenue appropriations by \$6.1 million above 2022-23 amounts.  HEGI-funded employee headcounts increased in the spring update. Because the contribution rate for Community Colleges is set in statute, this results in an increase of \$1.0 million.
<b>Riders</b> Benefits Proportionality Audit Requirement	III-52, Rider 8 Rider Packet, page III-1	III-51, Rider 8 Rider Packet, page III-1		Senate includes language that requires institutions of higher education other than Community Colleges to conduct an internal audit to determine its compliance with benefits proportionality requirements.

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Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) <b>Cross-Strategy Issues</b>	III-52 311.9	III-52 308.9	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ADOPT House Funding Amount \$149.3m and Senate Budget Structure/Rider</b></p>	<p><b>Student Financial Aid</b>                      House provides \$149.3 million in additional funding for the following four financial aid programs in standalone strategies. Funding for these programs was included in the agency's exceptional Item #1 State Grant Funding:                      B.1.1 TEXAS Grants-\$101.3 million                      B.1.2 Tuition Equalization Grants-\$8.0 million                      B.1.10 Texas Transfer Grant Program-\$20 million                      B.1.11 Texas Leadership Scholars Program-\$20 million.                      (see also House Riders #56 and #57, page III-67)</p> <p>Senate consolidates funding for six financial aid programs, totaling \$153.0 million (Agency Exceptional Item #1), in Strategy B.1.10 Student Financial Aid. These programs include the four programs listed above and funding for the TEOG-Community Colleges Program and the TEOG-State and Technical Colleges Program. Funding for two TEOG programs total \$3.7 million.                      (see also Senate Rider #56, page III-67)</p>
A.1.1 AGENCY OPERATIONS	\$ 93,549,570	\$ 61,049,570	\$ 32,500,000  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ADOPT \$20.0m for Innovation and Collaboration Initiatives and new rider</b></p>	<p>House provides \$47.5 million and 8.0 FTEs for Innovation and Collaboration (Agency Exceptional Item #4). House includes conforming rider.                      See House Rider #58 Innovation and Collaboration on page 67.</p>

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				Senate provides \$15.0 million and 5.0 FTEs for Data Security and Modernization (Agency Exceptional Item #2).
			<b>ADOPT HOUSE</b>	House includes \$15.0 million and 4.0 FTEs for Data Security and Modernization (Agency Exceptional Item #2) in the Supplemental Bill.
B.1.1 TEXAS GRANT PROGRAM	\$ 1,051,578,080	\$ 950,276,320	\$ 101,301,760	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
B.1.2 TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANTS	\$ 203,864,884	\$ 195,826,678	\$ 8,038,206	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
B.1.10 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID	\$ -	\$ 153,000,000	\$ 153,000,000	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
	<b>ADOPT \$149,339,966</b>			
B.1.10 TEXAS TRANSFER GRANT PROGRAM	\$ 20,000,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
B.1.11 TEXAS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS PROGRAM	\$ 20,000,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
C.1.2 BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	\$ 1,462,500	\$ 2,198,964	\$ 736,464	Senate provides \$736,464 in additional funding for the Bilingual Education Program.
C.1.3 EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT	\$ 79,781,250	\$ 73,781,250	\$ 6,000,000	House provides \$6,000,000 in additional GR-D funding for the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program.
D.1.1 FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM	\$ 16,500,000	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 7,000,000	House provides \$7,000,000 in additional funding for the Family Practice Residency Program.
D.1.2 PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM	\$ 4,850,000	\$ 2,850,000	\$ 2,000,000	House provides \$2,000,000 in additional funding for the Preceptorship Program.
D.1.4 TRAUMA CARE PROGRAM	\$ 5,914,406	\$ 3,914,406	\$ 2,000,000	House provides \$2,000,000 in additional funding for the Trauma Care Program.

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D.1.5 JOINT ADMISSION MEDICAL PROGRAM	\$ 11,696,794	\$ 11,679,196	\$ 17,598	House provides \$2,000,000 in additional funding for the JAMP Program.  Senate provides \$1,982,403 in additional funding for the JAMP Program.
D.1.8 FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY FELLOWSHIP PGM	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	Senate provides \$5.0 million in a contingency rider for legislation related to the creation of a Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program.
D.1.9 NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ -	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000	Senate provides \$25.0 million in a contingency rider for legislation related to nursing scholarships.
E.1.1 BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE - UGME	\$ 76,413,492	\$ 79,428,300	\$ 3,014,808	Senate provides \$3.0 million in hold harmless funding for Baylor College of Medicine Undergraduate Medical Education.
Baylor College of Medicine	III-57, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page III-2	<b>ADOPT \$76,699,056 in E.1.1 based on spring update and \$3,497,284 in Hold Harmless Strategy</b>  III-57, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page III-2  <b>AS AMENDED</b>		Senate rider includes language that the \$3.0 million in hold harmless funding in Strategy E.1.1 for Baylor College of Medicine is one-time and is for students jointly enrolled in medical programs and other academic disciplines.
Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program	III-61, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page III-2	III-60, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page III-2  <b>AS AMENDED</b>		Senate rider includes language that requires the agency to allocate funding through different tiers, Growth Tier, Production Tier, and Faculty Tier, and requires the agency to apply different weights to nursing graduates.

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Toward Excellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program	III-62, Rider #29 Rider Packet, page III-4	III-61, Rider #29 Rider Packet, page III-4		House rider includes language that Higher Education Coordinating Board will coordinate with institutions to distribute funds appropriated for the program for eligible students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class.
Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds: College Readiness and Success	III-66, Rider #47 Rider Packet, page III-5  <b>AS AMENDED</b>	III-65, Rider #47 Rider Packet, page III-5		Both House and Senate provide funding for agency's exceptional item #3, Career and College Advising in Strategy A.1.3, College Readiness and Success. House rider includes language that this funding will be used for a one-stop advising tool, My Texas Future.
Contingency Funding for Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program		III-67, Rider #57 Rider Packet, page III-5		Senate includes contingency rider which relates to the creation of a Forensic Psychiatry Forensic Program to support the development or expansion, and administration of accredited forensic psychiatry one-year fellowship training programs and to support the salaries and benefits of the training physicians.
Contingency Funding for Nursing Scholarships		III-67, Rider #58 Rider Packet, page III-6		Senate includes contingency rider which relates to nursing scholarships.
Study on State Social Work Workforce Needs	III-67, Rider #59 Rider Packet, page III-6			House rider requires the agency, using funds appropriated above, to develop a report on social work workforce and the state's social work workforce needs.
Report on Leasing Property of Public Institutions of Higher Education for Private Use	III-68, Rider #60 Rider Packet, page III-6			House rider requires the agency, using funds appropriated above, to conduct a study to assess the feasibility of leasing to artists for practice and performance of their arts available spaces in buildings of property of public institutions of higher education in the state.
Study on Housing at Public Institutions of Higher Education for Current and Former Foster Youth.	III-69, Rider #61 Rider Packet, page III-8			House rider requires the agency, using funds appropriated above, and in collaboration with the Department of Family and Protective Services, to conduct a study assessing the opportunities and barriers for access to housing on the campuses of public institutions of higher education for current and former foster youth.

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<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>				
Computer Science Pipeline Initiative			<b>ADOPT \$10.0m</b>	Provide \$10.0 million to agency to establish a statewide Computer Science Pipeline Initiative.
Rural Residency Physician Grant Program			<b>ADOPT \$3.0m</b>	Provide \$3.0 million for Rural Residency Physician Grant Program.
Nursing Innovation Grant Program			<b>ADOPT \$6.0m</b>	Provide \$6.0 million for Nursing Innovation Grant Program.



**794 SUPPORT FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS EXEMPTIONS**

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B.1.1 REIMBURSEMENT FOR HAZLEWOOD EXEMPTS	III-75 \$ 306,000,000	III-73 \$ 30,000,000	<b>ADOPT \$214,866,466 GR as amended for Hazlewood exemption reimbursements contingent on the Higher Education Affordability Rider (see also Special Provisions for State Agencies of Higher Education)</b>	House includes an increase of \$276.0 million in General Revenue to fully fund reimbursements to institutions of higher education for waived revenues and fees from the Hazlewood Legacy Program, based on fiscal year 2022 costs.
Appropriation: Unexpended Balances	III-76 Rider #3 Rider Packet, page III-9	III-75 Rider #3 Rider Packet, page III-9		House includes carryforward authority within the biennium for any unexpended balances from the General Revenue portion of the Hazlewood Legacy Program reimbursement.
Texas Veterans Commission Veterans Exemption Data	III-76 Rider #4 Rider Packet, page III-9			House includes a new rider requiring the Texas Veterans Commission to provide an annual report on the Hazlewood program to institutions of higher education and their system offices.

**GENERAL ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, LAMAR STATE COLLEGES, AND TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

<b>Item</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Budget Structure</b>	III-69	III-68		
<b>714 The University of Texas at Arlington</b>				
C.2.3 CENTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP/ECON INNOV	\$ -	\$ -		Senate made no change to strategy name.
C.2.3 CENTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP/TECH DEV	\$ -	\$ -		House changed strategy name from Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Innovation to Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology Development.
<b>713 Tarleton State University</b>				
C.1.2 MULTI-INSTITUTION TEACHING CENTER	\$ -	\$ -		Senate made no change to strategy name.
C.1.3 SOUTHWEST METROPLEX OUTREACH	\$ -	\$ -		House changed strategy name from Multi-Institution Teaching Center to Southwest Metroplex Outreach.

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Cross-Strategy Issue			<p data-bbox="1322 207 1620 695"><b>*ADOPT additional funding for GAI Instruction &amp; Operations and Infrastructure Formulas, Research Funds, and Comprehensive Regional University funding contingent on the Higher Education Affordability Rider (see also Special Provisions for State Agencies of Higher Education).</b></p>	<p data-bbox="1631 703 2561 902">1) <b>General Academic Instruction &amp; Operations (I&amp;O) Formula</b> <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated formula data provided by the Coordinating Board, estimated tuition in the I&amp;O formula increased by \$15,617,549 over amounts used in the introduced bills. Weighted Semester Credit Hours (WSCH) declined by 307,318 compared to amounts used in the introduced bills. As a result of the changes, the funding rate per WSCH increased.</p> <p data-bbox="1631 984 2561 1081">House increased General Revenue appropriations by \$274,518,232 over 2022-23 levels resulting in a funding rate of \$59.11 per WSCH. As a result of the spring update, the All Funds funding rate per WSCH increased to \$59.78.</p> <p data-bbox="1631 1162 2561 1292">Senate maintained the 2022-23 I&amp;O formula funding rate of \$55.66 per WSCH, increasing General Revenue amounts by \$2,344,936 over 2022-23 appropriations. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate per WSCH increased to \$56.30.</p>

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				<p>2) <b>Infrastructure Formula</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated formula data provided by the Coordinating Board, estimated tuition in the infrastructure formula increased by \$2,844,151 over amounts used in the introduced bills. Predicted Square Feet (PSF) increased by 199,738 compared to amounts used in the introduced bills. As the changes were minimal, the funding rate per PSF remained the same.</p> <p>House increased General Revenue appropriations by \$274,518,232 over 2022-23 levels resulting in a funding rate of \$5.82 per PSF.</p> <p>Senate maintained the 2022-23 Infrastructure formula funding rate of \$5.47 per PSF, providing an additional \$3,374,213 in General Revenue above 2022-23 amounts.</p> <p>3) <b>Texas Research University Fund</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated research expenditure data provided by the Coordinating Board, the 3-year average of research expenditures increased by \$86.2 million compared to data used for the introduced bill. As a result, the funding rate per eligible research expenditure declined.</p> <p>House increased General Revenue appropriations by \$12,286,886 over 2022-23 levels resulting in a funding rate of 10.6% of eligible research expenditures in the introduced bill. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate decreased to 10.0%.</p> <p>Senate maintained the 2022-23 funding rate of 10.1% of eligible research expenditures, providing an additional \$4,433,853 in General Revenue funds over 2022-23 amounts. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate decreased to 9.6%.</p>

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				<p>4) <b>Core Research Support Fund</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated research expenditure data provided by the Coordinating Board, the 3-year average of eligible research expenditures increased by \$63.7 million in total research expenditures, \$23.3 million of which was restricted research expenditures. As a result, the funding rate per eligible research expenditure declined.</p> <p><i>*Passage of legislation establishing a new Texas University Fund , in its current form, would alter the name, recipients, eligible research expenditures, and therefore allocations of this funding stream.</i></p> <p>House increased General Revenue appropriations by \$9,783,626 over 2022-23 levels resulting in an effective funding rate of 10.8% of eligible research expenditures in the introduced bill. As a result of the spring update, the effective funding rate decreased to 10.2%.</p> <p>Senate maintained the 2022-23 effective funding rate of 10.4%, providing an additional \$6,395,817 in General Revenue funds over 2022-23 amounts. As a result of the spring update, the effective funding rate decreased to 9.9%.</p> <p>5) <b>Comprehensive Research Fund</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated research expenditure data provided by the Coordinating Board, the 3-year average of eligible research expenditures increased by \$6.7 million. As a result, the funding rate per eligible research expenditure declined.</p> <p><i>*Passage of legislation establishing a new Texas University Fund, in its current form, would alter the eligible research expenditures and therefore allocations of this funding stream.</i></p>

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				<p>House increased General Revenue appropriations by \$1,192,331 over 2022-23 levels resulting in an effective funding rate of 17.1% of eligible research expenditures in the introduced bill. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate decreased to 15.9%.</p> <p>Senate maintained the 2022-23 funding rate of 16.3% of eligible research expenditures, providing an additional \$490,725 in General Revenue funds over 2022-23 amounts. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate decreased to 15.2%.</p>
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	45,661.8	41,389.0	4,272.8  <b>ADOPT as amended to reflect funding decisions</b>	<p>FTEs for each institution are adjusted in each bill in proportion to the increase or decrease in total General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding. FTEs increase/decrease by the lower of 1.0 FTE for every \$100,000 change between 2022-23 and 2024-25 or the amount requested for nonformula support items, excluding capital items, which are appropriated to the institution.</p>
<b>FORMULAS AND RESEARCH FUNDING</b> GAI INSTRUCTION & OPERATIONS FORMULA	\$ 3,560,556,247	\$ 3,288,382,981	\$ 272,173,266	See Cross-Strategy Item #1
			<b>*ADOPT \$3,506,328,516</b>	
GAI, LSC, & TSTC INFRASTRUCTURE FORMULA	\$ 703,209,360	\$ 652,365,979	\$ 50,843,381	See Cross-Strategy Item #2
			<b>*ADOPT \$692,499,108</b>	
LAMAR STATE COLLEGES I&O FORMULA	\$ 69,856,750	\$ 69,856,750	<b>ADOPT Additional \$3,267,736 in GR to maintain rate of \$8.16 per contact hour.</b>	<p>House and Senate increased the funding rate for the LSCs from \$7.20 to \$8.16 per contact hour, resulting in \$11,367,061 in additional General Revenue funds over 2022-23 amounts. The spring update of the formula data saw an increase in contact hours of 167,890. As a result, the funding rate per contact hour decreased to \$7.85. The cost to maintain the introduced funding rate is \$3.3 million.</p>

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TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES I&O FORMULA	\$ 155,477,023	\$ 155,477,023	<b>ADOPT Additional \$34,730,203 in GR to maintain rate of 35.9% of the Returned Tax Value.</b>	House and Senate maintained the 2022-23 returned value funding rate of 35.9%, resulting in \$15,644,705 in additional General Revenue funds over 2022-23 amounts. The spring update of the formula data saw a significant increase in the returned value (\$96.7 million). As a result, the returned value funding rate decreased to 29.3%. The cost to maintain the introduced funding rate is \$34.7 million.
TEXAS RESEARCH UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 159,362,679	\$ 151,509,646	\$ 7,853,033 <b>*ADOPT \$156,935,504</b>	See Cross-Strategy Item #3
CORE RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND	\$ 126,895,035	\$ 123,507,226	\$ 3,387,809 <b>*ADOPT \$124,958,891</b>	See Cross-Strategy Item #4
COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	\$ 15,464,705	\$ 14,763,099	\$ 701,606 <b>*ADOPT \$15,228,407</b>	See Cross-Strategy Item #5
COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY FUNDING	\$ 80,000,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000,000 <b>*ADOPT \$71,507,517</b>	House provides \$80.0 million in General Revenue funds for 27 institutions designated as Comprehensive Regional Universities. The performance-based funding provides a base appropriation of \$500,000 to each institution and \$2,191 per degree awarded to at-risk students.

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<b>NON-FORMULA SUPPORT ITEMS</b>				
<b>720 The University of Texas System Administration</b>				
B.2.1 Trauma Research and Combat Casualty Care Collaborative (TRC4)	\$ III - 69 -	\$ III - 68 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	Senate provides \$20.0 million in General Revenue funds for the Trauma Research and Combat Casualty Care Collaborative. See also Senate Rider #5, page III-70.
<b>721 The University of Texas at Austin</b>				
C.2.6 BEG: PROJECT STARR	\$ III - 79 12,503,842	\$ III - 77 9,503,842	\$ 3,000,000	House provides additional General Revenue funds for the Bureau of Economic Geology, Project Starr at UT Austin.
C.4.1 INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	\$ 39,278,836	\$ -	\$ 39,278,836	House maintains 2022-23 Institutional Enhancement funding for UT Austin.
<b>746 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley</b>				
C.1.2 STARR COUNTY UPPER LEVEL CENTER	\$ III - 88 55,230	\$ III - 86 155,230	\$ 100,000	Senate provides additional General Revenue funds for the Starr County Upper Level Center, a program of UT Rio Grande Valley.
<b>742 The University of Texas Permian Basin</b>				
C.1.6 HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE EDUCATION	\$ III - 91 -	\$ III - 88 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for a new Healthcare Workforce Education program.
<b>711 Texas A&amp;M University</b>				
C.1.1 VIRTUAL PRODUCTION INSTITUTE	\$ III - 98 -	\$ III - 95 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for a new Virtual Production Institute.
C.3.1 INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	\$ 52,580,000	\$ -	\$ 52,580,000	House maintains 2022-23 Institutional Enhancement funding for Texas A&M University.



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<b>757 West Texas A&amp;M University</b>				
C.2.4 ADVANCING FOOD ANIMAL PRODUCTION	III - 117 \$ 4,000,000	III - 115 \$ 10,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	Senate provides additional General Revenue for the Advancing Food Animal Production Program.
<b>751 Texas A&amp;M University - Commerce</b>				
C.1.2 COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION	III - 120 \$ 866,576	III - 117 \$ 3,866,576	\$ 3,000,000	Senate provides additional funding for the Competency-Based Education program, specifically to increase teacher certification through competency-based education.
<b>783 University of Houston System Administration</b>				
C.1.1 TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM	III - 124 \$ -	III - 122 \$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for a teacher preparation program at UH System for students training to become teachers. This is intended to be a partnership with Houston ISD.
<b>765 University of Houston - Victoria</b>				
C.1.2 AVIATION ACADEMIC PROGRAM	III - 132 \$ -	III - 130 \$ 3,080,000	\$ 3,080,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for the Aviation Academic Program.
<b>773 University of North Texas at Dallas</b>				
C.1.4 CLASSROOM TO CAREER INITIATIVE	III - 137 \$ -	III - 135 \$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for the Classroom to Career Initiative.
<b>755 Stephen F. Austin State University</b>				
C.1.2 STEM TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM	III - 139 \$ -	III - 137 \$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for the STEM Teacher Preparation Program.

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<b>735 Midwestern State University</b>	III - 149	III - 147		
C.1.1 STEM EXPANSION & CTR FOR EXCELLENCE	\$ -	\$ 2,367,700	\$ 2,367,700	Senate provides General Revenue funding for the STEM Expansion & Center for Excellence program.
<b>731 Texas Woman's University</b>	III - 152	III - 150		
C.1.2 NURSING FACULTY RECRUIT & RETAIN	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding intended to help TWU recruit and retain nursing faculty.
<b>789 Lamar Institute of Technology</b>	III - 158	III - 156		
C.1.4 ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING	\$ -	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding to implement a new Associate Degree in Nursing.
<b>788 Lamar State College - Port Arthur</b>	III - 161	III - 159		
C.1.1 ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS	\$ -	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding to implement Allied Health Programs.
<b>753 Sam Houston State University</b>	III - 162	III - 161		
C.3.3 LAW ENFORCEMENT MGT INSTITUTE	\$ 7,524,546	\$ 13,524,546	\$ 6,000,000	Senate provides additional General Revenue funding for the Law Enforcement Management Institute.
<b>741 Sul Ross State University RGC</b>	III - 170	III - 168		
A.1.6 HOLD HARMLESS	\$ 65,860	\$ -	\$ 65,860	House provides additional General Revenue as part of the Affordability Decision to ensure that the institution maintains all General Revenue funding from the previous biennium.

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<b>717 Texas Southern University</b>	III - 141	III - 140		
Thurgood Marshall School of Law	III-143, Rider 2 Rider Packet, page III-113 <b>AS AMENDED</b>	III-142, Rider 2 Rider Packet, page III-113		House requires that all General Revenue funds generated by the Thurgood Marshall School of Law should only be expended for the law school.
<b>Conference Committee Revision and Additions</b>				
The University of Texas System Administration - Laredo Multi-Institutional Center			<b>ADOPT \$4,253,000</b>	Additional funding for the multi-institution teaching and research center which provides health-related programs to students in the Laredo region.
The University of Texas at Austin - Molten Salt Reactor			<b>ADOPT \$18,540,308</b>	Funding to support the Digital Molten Salt Reactor Initiative which seeks to design, build, and establish different components of and related to a digital molten salt reactor.
The University of Texas at Austin - Heart Galleries			<b>ADOPT \$3.0 million</b>	Funding for the Texas Heart Gallery which operates as a foster care awareness program to expand education and awareness around adoption recruitment and post-adoptive care.
The University of Texas at Austin - Gulf Coast Research Center			<b>ADOPT \$10.0 million</b>	Funding for the Texas Gulf Coast Research Center at the Marine Science Institute to increase applied research, expand its impact, and promote the gulf coast region.
The University of Texas at El Paso - Law School Planning Study			<b>ADOPT \$250,000</b>	Funding to conduct a needs assessment, financial plan, and feasibility study for the establishment and operation of a law school at UTEP.
The University of Texas at Tyler - Critical Care Nursing			<b>ADOPT \$7.5 million</b>	Funding to develop and implement a critical care nurse training program that would train nurses to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Acute Care Nurse Practitioners, flight nurses, and offer specializations in ER, OR, and ICU nursing.
Tarleton State University - Better Health for Rural North Texans			<b>ADOPT \$5.0 million</b>	Funding for the Better Health for Rural North Texas Initiative which would aim to increase the number of rural healthcare practitioners produced by the school in underrepresented healthcare fields.

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Texas A&M International University - Clinical Lab Sciences & Occupational Therapy			<b>ADOPT \$4.0 million</b>	Funding to support faculty, equipment, and the creation of new programs in the Clinical Laboratory Science and Occupational Therapy Programs.
Texas A&M University - Texarkana - Better East Texas Phase III			<b>ADOPT \$4.9 million</b>	Funding to establish four new degree programs and two new outreach programs to address specific health, education, and economic deficits of the East Texas region.
University of Houston - Clear Lake - Success Through Education Program			<b>ADOPT \$1.0 million</b>	Funding to allow UHCL to grow this grant-funded program which creates opportunities for students to explore teaching as a profession in collaboration with six area school districts and four community colleges.
University of North Texas at Dallas - Law Enforcement Training Facility			<b>ADOPT \$20.0 million</b>	Funding for the design and construction of a regional law enforcement training facility.
University of North Texas at Dallas - Optometry & Nursing			<b>ADOPT \$12.5 million</b>	Funding to develop a Doctor of Optometry degree and to develop a nursing programs at UNT Dallas.
Texas Southern University - Academic Development Initiative			<b>ADOPT \$5.0 million</b>	Funding to restore the 5% reduction in 2022-2023 for the Academic Development Initiative.
Texas Woman's University - Frontiers Bridge Program			<b>ADOPT \$2.8 million</b>	Funding to develop a three to five week summer bridge program to help foster care students who have aged out of the foster system as they transition to college.
Texas Woman's University - Institutional Transformation			<b>ADOPT \$3.0 million</b>	Funding to further align Texas Woman's University as the flagship institution of the TWU System.
Lamar University - Petrochemical Industries			<b>ADOPT \$10.0 million</b>	Funding to establish and operate the Institute for Energy and Petrochemical Industries' Engineering Needs focused on education, training, and research in the petrochemical industries.
Texas State University - Forensic Anthropology Center			<b>ADOPT \$300,000</b>	Funding for the Forensic Anthropology Center to assist counties and justices of the peace with complying with the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure, Section 49.04.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
National Research Support Fund (currently Core Research Support Fund) - Additional funding contingent on system matching funds.			<b>ADOPT \$50.0 million</b>	Funding to bolster the National Research Support Fund, currently the Core Research Support Fund, contingent on matching funds from the pertinent system.
Comprehensive Research Fund - Additional Funding			<b>ADOPT \$15,727,626</b>	Funding to bolster the Comprehensive Research Fund.

**HEALTH RELATED INSTITUTIONS**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Budget Structure</b>	III-171	III-170		
<b>776 The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School</b>		III-193		
Various Strategies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Senate includes new separate budget structure for UT Austin Dell Medical School.
<b>Technical Adjustment</b>				
<b>763 University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth</b>				
B.1.2. PERFORMANCE BASED RESEARCH OPS	III-200	III-199	<b>ADOPT</b>	House and Senate include a governor calculation error for UNT Health Science Center's Performance Based Research Operations formula. Technical Adjustment would reduce funding for the formula by \$3,780,780, resulting in total increase of \$8,603,941 over 2022-23 appropriated levels.
<b>753 Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine</b>				
Various Strategies	III-162	III-161	<b>ADOPT</b>	House and Senate include FY 2024 tuition estimates for Sam Houston State University (SHSU) College of Medicine. Technical Adjustment uses FY 2022 amounts to align with other HRIs. This results in a decrease of \$3.4 million in GR-D for SHSU and an increase of \$3.9 million in formula General Revenue.



Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
			<p><b>ADOPT as amended at \$105,047,628</b></p>	<p><b>3) Research Enhancement Formula</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated formula data provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, reported research expenditures increased by \$146,217,260 compared to amounts used in the introduced bills. As a result of the changes, the funding rate decreased.</p> <p>House and Senate maintained the 2022-23 Research Enhancement formula funding rate of 1.17 percent of research expenditures plus \$1.4 million per year, increasing General Revenue amounts by \$5,084,494 over 2022-23 appropriations. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate decreased to 1.11 percent.</p>
			<p><b>ADOPT as amended at \$114,239,567</b></p>	<p><b>4) Graduate Medical Education (GME) Formula</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated formula data provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, medical residents increased by 161 compared to amounts used in the introduced bills. As a result of the changes, the funding rate per resident decreased.</p> <p>House and Senate maintained the 2022-23 Infrastructure Support formula funding rate of \$5,970 per resident, increasing General Revenue amounts by \$10,662,200 over 2022-23 appropriations. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate per resident decreased to \$5,871.</p>



Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	13,580.1	13,580.1	0.0	FTEs for each institution are adjusted in each bill in proportion to the increase or decrease in total General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding. FTEs increase/decrease by the lower of 1.0 FTE for every \$250,000 change between 2022-23 and 2024-25 or the amount requested for nonformula support items, excluding capital items, which are appropriated to the institution.
<b>ADOPT as amended to reflect funding decisions</b>				
<b>Formula Funding</b>				
Instruction and Operations Formula	\$ 1,363,071,488	\$ 1,363,071,488	\$ -	See Cross-Strategy Item #1
			<b>ADOPT as amended at \$1,359,585,418</b>	
Infrastructure Support Formula	\$ 309,954,412	\$ 309,954,412	\$ -	See Cross-Strategy Item #2
			<b>ADOPT as amended at \$315,934,900</b>	
Research Enhancement Formula	\$ 101,634,460	\$ 101,634,460	\$ -	See Cross-Strategy Item #3
			<b>ADOPT as amended at \$105,047,628</b>	
Graduate Medical Education Formula	\$ 114,239,567	\$ 114,239,567	\$ -	See Cross-Strategy Item #4
			<b>ADOPT as amended at \$114,239,567</b>	
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Operations Formula	\$ 289,001,496	\$ 289,001,496	\$ -	House and Senate increased funding for the Cancer Center Operations formula by 2.9%, which represents the Introduced I&O funding growth rate, excluding SHSU College of Medicine.
			<b>ADOPT as amended at \$294,999,156</b>	
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler Chest Disease Center Operations Formula	\$ 63,994,344	\$ 63,994,344	\$ -	House and Senate increased funding for the Chest Disease Center Operations formula by 2.9%, which represents the Introduced I&O funding growth rate, excluding SHSU College of Medicine.
			<b>ADOPT as amended at \$65,322,422</b>	

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston Health System Operations Formula	\$ 314,821,518	\$ 314,821,518	\$ -  <b>ADOPT as amended at \$321,373,262</b>	House and Senate increased funding for the Health System Operations formula by 2.9%, which represents the Introduced I&O funding growth rate, excluding SHSU College of Medicine.
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso Border Health Operations Formula	\$ 28,301,598	\$ 28,301,598	\$ -  <b>ADOPT as amended at \$28,888,942</b>	House and Senate increased funding for the Border Health Operations formula by 2.9%, which represents the Introduced I&O funding growth rate, excluding SHSU College of Medicine.
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 130,840,155	\$ 130,840,155	\$ -  <b>ADOPT</b>	House and Senate maintain Dynamic Base Match rate methodology, which resulted in an increase of \$15,990,266 over 2022-23 appropriated levels and a base rate of 13.40%. Updated research expenditure data results in a rate decrease to 13.35%. No cost or savings to adjust rate due to formula governor.
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 42,949,947	\$ 42,949,947	\$ -  <b>ADOPT</b>	House and Senate maintain Dynamic Base Match rate methodology, which resulted in an increase of \$17,473,787 over 2022-23 appropriated levels and a base rate of 6.47%. Updated research expenditure data results in a rate decrease to 6.46%. No cost or savings to adjust rate due to formula governor.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 38,515,512	\$ 38,515,512	\$ -	House and Senate maintain Dynamic Base Match rate methodology, which resulted in an increase of \$13,067,512 over 2022-23 appropriated levels and a base rate of 8.55%. Updated research expenditure data results in a rate increase to 8.58%. No cost or savings to adjust rate due to formula governor.
Texas A&M University Health Science Center Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 31,205,211	\$ 31,205,211	ADOPT \$ -	House and Senate increased base match rate to 12.17%, which resulted in an increase of \$6,705,211 over 2022-23 appropriated levels. Updated research expenditure data increased the three-year average by \$5,476,548, which results in a reduced base rate of 9.66%.
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 33,076,416	\$ 33,076,416	ADOPT as amended at \$37,467,052 \$ -	House and Senate maintained 2022-23 base match rate of 28.58%, which resulted in an increase of \$12,384,721 over 2022-23 appropriated levels. Updated research expenditure data decreased the three-year average by \$596,909 which results in an increased base rate of 29.58%. <b>See Technical Adjustment #1.</b>
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 3,823,530	\$ 3,823,530	ADOPT as amended at \$29,295,636 ADOPT as amended at \$3,852,087 \$ -	House and Senate increased base match rate to 12.17%, which resulted in an increase of \$662,902 over 2022-23 appropriated levels. Updated research expenditure data increased the three-year average by \$49,667, which results in a reduced base rate of 9.92%.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Baylor College of Medicine - Undergraduate Education Formula	\$ 76,413,492	\$ 79,428,300	\$ 3,014,808	<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 medical education, including employee benefits, provided for The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and The University of Texas Medical Branch. These appropriations are trusted to the Higher Education Coordinating Board.</p> <p>House provides the historical calculation methodology, which resulted in a decrease \$3,014,808 from 2022-23 appropriated levels.</p> <p>Senate provides 2022-23 funding levels to provide one-time hold harmless funding for students jointly enrolled in medical programs and other academic disciplines.</p>
<b>Non-Formula Support Item Funding</b>			<b>ADOPT SENATE as amended at \$80,128,510</b>	
<b>744 The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston</b>	III-178	III-177		
E.1.3 TEPHI	\$ 4,091,959	\$ 27,724,115	\$ 23,632,156	Senate provides \$23.6 million in additional General Revenue funding for the Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute.
<b>745 The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio</b>	III-183	III-181		
Fentanyl Education	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 600,000	House provides \$0.6 million in additional General Revenue-Dedicated Acct. 5189 Opioid Abatement funding for Fentanyl Education in coordination with Regional Education Service Centers and includes conforming rider.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>506 The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</b>	III-189	III-187		
D.1.1 CORD BLOOD AND CELLULAR THERAPY	\$ 2,779,101	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 1,220,899	Senate provides \$1.2 million in additional General Revenue funding for Cord Blood and Cellular Therapy Research.
D.1.2 BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM	\$ 2,888,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 1,112,000	Senate provides \$1.1 million in additional General Revenue Funding for Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research.
<b>774 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso</b>	III-207	III-206		
E.3.2 CENTER FOR POPULATION HEALTH	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	Senate provides \$1.0 million in General Revenue funding for the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities.
<b>Riders</b>				
<b>744 The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston</b>				
Integrated Care Study for Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	III-182, Rider #9 Rider Packet, page III-11	III-181, Rider #9 Rider Packet, page III-11		House removes reporting requirement for Veterans PTSD study.
<b>709 Texas A&amp;M University System Health Science Center</b>				
Medical Program		III-198, Rider #4 Rider Packet, page III-12		House removes rider that stipulates that TAMUHSC is authorized to unite and collaborate with several private healthcare organizations to provide clinical education and research services to be considered for the Infrastructure Support formula.
Research on Acute Neurological Injuries		III-198, Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-12		House removes rider that stipulates that TAMUHSC may allocate funds to conduct joint research endeavors with Baylor College of Medicine, UTHSC Houston, and UTMB.
Study on Texas Civil Commitment Office	III-199, Rider #12 Rider Packet, page III-12			House adds a new rider that requires TAMUHSC to conduct a study on the Texas Civil Commitment Office in coordination with HHSC.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>763 University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth</b>				
Healthcare Workforce Expansion	III-203, Rider #5 Rider Packet, page III-14			House includes new rider that would make remote UNTHSC locations eligible for the Small Class Supplement in future biennia.
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>				
New Bill Pattern for Sam Houston State College of Osteopathic Medicine			<b>ADOPT</b>	Adopt new separate bill pattern for Sam Houston State College of Osteopathic Medicine
UT Rio Grande Valley School of Podiatric Medicine			<b>ADOPT \$12.0m</b>	Adopt \$12.0 million to support UTRGV School of Podiatric Medicine
Texas A&M-Care			<b>ADOPT \$15.0m</b>	Adopt \$15.0 million to support Texas A&M-Care program at Texas A&M University Health Science Center
Texas A&M Health Science Center Hidalgo County Construction			<b>ADOPT \$25.0m Reduction</b>	Adopt Reduction of \$25.0 million in Strategy E.1.6, Health South Texas that supports construction of research facilities at Texas A&M University Health Science Center and remove associated rider language.
Healthcare Workforce Expansion			<b>ADOPT \$10.0m</b>	Adopt \$10.0 million to support Healthcare Workforce Expansion at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.
Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation			<b>ADOPT \$10.0m</b>	Adopt \$10.0 million to support Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

**704 PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES**

<b>Item</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	III-213	III-212		<b>Note: See adopted Community College Finance contingency rider in Special Provision Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education for additional funding.</b>
<b>Formula Funding</b>				
Core Operations	\$68,040,600	\$68,040,600	<b>ADOPT</b>	House and Senate maintain 2022-23 General Revenue appropriations of \$1.4 million per institution per biennium.
Contact Hours	\$1,447,240,805	\$1,447,240,805	<b>ADOPT</b>	House and Senate maintain 2022-23 General Revenue appropriations. In the fall, this resulted in a rate of \$2.94 per contact hour. There was an increase in contact hours in the spring update, which, by maintaining General Revenue, results in a decreased rate of \$2.92 per contact hour.
Success Points	\$314,796,133	\$314,796,133	<b>ADOPT</b>	House and Senate maintain 2022-23 General Revenue appropriations. In the fall, this resulted in a rate of \$252.37 per success point. There was a decrease in success points in the spring update, which, by maintaining General Revenue, results in an increased rate of \$261.29 per success point.
<b>Riders</b>				
Need-Based Supplements	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	<b>ADOPT</b>	The institutions receiving supplemental appropriations may be revised due to updated data used in the formula calculation.  See also House and Senate Rider 25 on pages III-223 and III-221, respectively.
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>				
Wharton County Junior College Economic Development Trade Center			<b>ADOPT \$2.0 million</b>	Provide \$2.0 million for the Economic Development Trade Center startup funding at Wharton County Junior College.
Southwest Texas Junior College Technical Program Expansion			<b>ADOPT \$5.0 million</b>	Provide \$5.0 million for Technical Program Expansion at Southwest Texas Junior College.
Brazosport College Catalyst Program			<b>ADOPT \$50,000</b>	Provide \$50,000 to Brazosport College for the Calayst Program.

**TEXAS A&M SYSTEM AGENCIES CROSS-AGENCY ISSUES**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Infrastructure Support Inside Brazos County	III-236  \$ 35,480,089	III-234  \$ 35,480,089	<p align="center"><b>ADOPT as amended to match updated GAI infrastructure rate</b></p>	<p>House maintains the 2022-23 GAI infrastructure rate (\$5.47 per PSF) for the A&amp;M System agencies infrastructure support inside Brazos County. The current House 2024-25 GAI infrastructure rate is \$5.82 per PSF.</p> <p>Senate matches the current Senate 2024-25 GAI infrastructure rate (\$5.47 per PSF) for the A&amp;M System agencies infrastructure support inside Brazos County.</p> <p>The spring update saw a combined increase of 84,243 in Predicted Square Feet (PSF) for the agencies.</p>



555 TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
E.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO	III-238 \$ 1,180,450	III-237 \$ 1,180,450	<b>ADOPT as amended to match updated GAI infrastructure rate</b>	See Texas A&M System Agency Cross-Agency Issues regarding Infrastructure Support Inside Brazos County.
Feral Hog Abatement Program.	III-241 Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-15	III-239 Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-15		House amended the rider to push back the biennial feral hog abatement report deadline from September 1 to October 1.
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>				
Bee Pollinator Program Funding			<b>ADOPT \$1,000,000</b>	Workgroup added \$1.0 million in General Revenue for the Bee Pollinator Program.

**556 TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
C.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO	III-236 \$ 11,635,748	III-234 \$ 11,635,748	<b>ADOPT as amended to match updated GAI infrastructure rate</b>	See Texas A&M System Agency Cross-Agency Issues regarding Infrastructure Support Inside Brazos County.
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>  Increasing Texas A&M AgriLife Research Capability (Infrastructure and graduate student support)			<b>ADOPT \$25.0m</b>	Workgroup added \$25.0 million in General Revenue to increase research capability at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research centers, including infrastructure support and graduate student stipends. This decision includes 30.0 FTEs.

**712 TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
B.1.2. INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	III-241  \$ 13,157,033	III-240  \$ 13,157,033	<b>ADOPT as amended to match updated GAI infrastructure rate</b>	See Texas A&M System Agency Cross-Agency Issues regarding Infrastructure Support Inside Brazos County.
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>  Hypersonic Wind Tunnel			<b>ADOPT \$30.0 million</b>	Workgroup added \$30.0 million in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 for a hypersonic wind tunnel and associated research capacity to advance hypersonic research.

576 TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
C.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO	III-247 \$ 279,801	III-246 \$ 279,801	<b>ADOPT as amended to match updated GAI infrastructure rate</b>	See Texas A&M System Agency Cross-Agency Issues regarding Infrastructure Support Inside Brazos County.
Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (Wildfire Protection Plan)	III-250 Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-16	III-248 Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-16		House deleted a portion of the rider specifying the types of trainings offered by TFS, directing the agency to submit a statutorily-required report, and providing statutorily-required limits on the use of funds for administering grants.
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>				
Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Department			<b>ADOPT \$1,000,000</b>	Provide \$1.0 million to agency to support the Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Department.

**575 TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	III-252	III-251		
Texas Energy Reliability Council Administrative Support		III-253 Rider #10 Rider Packet, page III-17		House deleted rider directing the use of funds for providing administrative support to the Texas Energy Reliability Council.
Agency Operations		III-253 Rider #11 Rider Packet, page III-17		House deleted rider directing the use of funds for agency operations.

**S03 SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING ONLY TO STATE AGENCIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Riders</b>	III-239	III-241		
Information Related to the Coronavirus Pandemic	III-282, Section 58 Rider Packet, page III-18			Senate removes a requirement for institutions of higher education to report the receipt of federal funds related to the coronavirus pandemic.
Boycotts		III-281, Section 58 Rider Packet, page III-18		Senate includes requirement for institutions of higher education to adopt rules and policies prohibiting certain academic boycotts.
Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practices	III-281, Section 61 Rider Packet, page III-18	III-281, Section 59 Rider Packet, page III-18		Senate and House both include a prohibition on funds being used for certain diversity, equity, and inclusion practices. The language for both, while similar, is not aligned.
Higher Education Affordability	III-282, Section 60 Rider Packet, page III-18		<b>PEND in Art. IX</b>	House directs certain additional funding for institutions of higher education to be contingent on an institution's adoption of policies to maintain all non-statutory tuition rates and mandatory academic fees set by their respective governing boards on all similarly situated students at September 1, 2023, levels for the subsequent two fiscal years.
Contingency for Higher Education Endowment Funding		III-282, Section 61 Rider Packet, page III-19	<b>ADOPT as amended with new rider and \$136.4m in GR for first year funding in Art. IX</b>	Senate includes contingency appropriation of \$2.5 billion from General Revenue related to the Texas University Fund.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Contingency for TSTC Endowment Funding		III-282, Section 62 Rider Packet, page III-20	<b>PEND in Art. IX</b>	Senate includes contingency appropriation of \$750.0 million from General Revenue related to the creation of endowment funding for the support of capital projects for career and technical education programs at components of Texas State Technical College (TSTC).
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b> Contingency for House Bill 8			<b>ADOPT as amended</b>	Contingency rider for legislation related to community college finance.

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

## Higher Education Coordinating Board

### Proposed Rider Student Financial Aid

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/05/2023

#### Overview

The following action appropriates \$74,669,983 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$74,669,983 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to the Higher Education Coordinating Board in a new strategy, Student Financial Aid, for the following programs: 1) TEXAS Grant Program, 2) Tuition Equalization Grant Program, 3) Texas Transfer Grant Program and 4) Texas Leadership Scholars Program.

#### Required Actions:

1. On page III-53 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, add the following non-formula support item strategy:

<u>A.1.10, Student Financial Aid</u>	2024	2025
	\$74,669,983	\$74,669,983

2. On page III-59 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_.  
Student Financial Aid. Funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.10, Student Financial Aid, shall be used for the TEXAS Grant Program, Tuition Equalization Grant Program, Texas Transfer Grant Program and Texas Leadership Scholars Program. Any balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.



## Higher Education Coordinating Board

### Proposed Funding and Rider Innovation and Collaboration

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/10/2023

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

#### **Overview**

The following action would provide funding to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to encourage innovative and collaborative programs that increase access to and success in postsecondary education for underrepresented student populations and enhance the value of postsecondary education to meet current and emerging workforce needs. These programs should reduce costs for both students and institutions and move the state closer to achieving the goals of *Building a Talent Strong Texas*. The funding will support the agency's efforts to increase the availability of open education resources, reducing student textbook costs, and institutional course sharing, increasing student access to courses and credentials. It will also support programs that use evidence-based models to increase student success, integrate innovative approaches to work-based education, and strengthen the pipeline of underrepresented students into research doctoral programs.

#### **Required Actions:**

1. On page III-53 of House Bill 1-Engrossed, within the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, increase Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) by 8.0 in fiscal year 2024 and 8.0 in fiscal year 2025:

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	2024	2025
	296.9	296.9
	<u>304.9</u>	<u>304.9</u>

1. On page III-53 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, increase General Revenue amounts by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and UB in fiscal year 2025 and add the following strategy:

	2024	2025
A.X.X. Innovation & Collaboration	\$20,000,000	UB

2. On page III-69 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern add the following rider:

. Innovation and Collaboration Initiatives. Out of General Revenue Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.X.X. Innovation and Collaboration, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall expend \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for initiatives that will increase access to and success in postsecondary education for underrepresented student populations and to enhance the value of postsecondary education to meet current and emerging workforce needs.

These funds shall be used for the following purposes:

- a. \$10,000,000 for the 2024-25 biennium to support programs that use evidence-based models to increase student success; and
- b. \$10,000,000 for the 2024-25 biennium to increase the availability of open education resources and institutional course-sharing, reducing student textbooks costs and increasing student access to courses and credentials.

Notwithstanding any restrictions on transfers contained in this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may transfer funds directed by this rider between the purposes listed above as necessary for implementation. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Article III**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Baylor College of Medicine Joint Program Enrollment Hold Harmless**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/05/2023

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

**Overview**

The State of Texas provides funding to the Baylor College of Medicine (BCOM) primarily for undergraduate (UME) and graduate medical education (GME). The amount of UME funding that BCOM receives is based on the average annual state support per undergraduate medical student at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Funding is provided via contract with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for only those fulltime Texas students who are undergraduate medical students at BCOM.

In State Fiscal Year 2022, BCOM experienced a loss of state support for students who are jointly enrolled in medical programs and other academic disciplines, as they pursue coursework in Masters of Business Administration, Masters of Public Health, Ph.D. and other studies. This has led to a \$3 million dollar decrease in the funding provided to BCOM in the proposed 2024-25 budget.

This action would provide one-time hold harmless funding of \$1,753,079 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,744,205 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to BCM through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern to account for these jointly enrolled students. Additionally, this action incorporates the data update, resulting in an increase of \$285,564 in fiscal year 2025 for the BCM UME formula.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-53 of Senate Bill 1-Engrossed in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, reduce the following General Revenue funding to the following existing strategy:

E.1.1. Strategy: BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – UGME	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
	\$39,613,434	\$38,446,836
	\$39,814,866	\$38,252,220

2. On page III-53 of Sente Bill 1-Engrossed in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following new strategy and General Revenue Funding:

E.1.5. Strategy: BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE - ONE-TIME HOLD HARMLESS	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
	\$1,753,079	\$1,744,205

3. On page III-57 of Senate Bill 1-Engrossed in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, amend the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Baylor College of Medicine.**

- a. From funds appropriated by this Act for the Baylor College of Medicine, the Coordinating Board shall allocate an amount per student enrolled in the college equal to the cost of medical education in the established public medical schools cited in Subchapter D, Chapter 61, Education Code. The cost of medical education per student at public medical schools as determined by the Coordinating Board shall include General Revenue appropriations for instruction

and operations, infrastructure, and staff benefits allocated to undergraduate medical education. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2025.

- b. Appropriations made by this Act for Baylor College of Medicine are considered to be appropriations for any legal successor to Baylor College of Medicine and may be expended only for the purposes for which appropriated. Any details, limits, or restrictions applicable to those appropriations are applicable to that legal successor.
- c. The Coordinating Board is authorized to make an intergovernmental transfer of the funds appropriated by this Act for Baylor College of Medicine to the Health and Human Services Commission.
- d. ~~Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy E.1.1, Baylor College of Medicine UGME, The Coordinating Board is authorized to allocate \$1,166,598 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,848,210 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 in one-time hold harmless funding to account for Baylor College of Medicine students jointly enrolled in medical programs and other academic disciplines.~~

- 4. On page III-67 of Senate Bill 1-Engrossed of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Baylor College of Medicine One-time Hold Harmless.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy E.1.5, Baylor College of Medicine – One-Time Hold Harmless, the Coordinating Board shall allocate \$1,753,079 in General Revenue by October 1 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,744,205 in General Revenue by October 1 in fiscal year 2025 in one-time hold harmless funding.

**The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program**  
**Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/15/2023**

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

**Overview**

The following action would amend the design of the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program (NSRP) by expanding the criteria by which NSRP funds are distributed and providing additional funding. Under the new program structure, NSRP funds will be distributed in three tiers to incentivize institutions to address the nursing shortage in a more comprehensive way.

**Required Actions**

1. On page III-66 of Senate Bill 1 as Engrossed, within the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, replace Rider 26 with the following:

**26. Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program.** Appropriations for the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program total \$23,400,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$23,400,000 in fiscal year 2025. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) shall allocate the funds appropriated in their bill pattern in Strategy D.1.6, as follows:

- a. Up to 3 percent each year may be used for administrative expenses. Funds used for program administration shall proportionally reduce the amounts allocated in subsections b, c, and d.
- b. **Growth Tier.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, \$14,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$14,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 shall be distributed in an equitable manner to institutions with nursing programs, including institutions graduating their first nursing class, based on increases in the numbers of nursing students graduating. Nursing graduates include graduates for initial licensure. The THECB shall allocate up to 50 percent in each fiscal year of the biennium and any unexpended amounts to community colleges.
- c. **Production Tier.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 shall be distributed in an equitable manner based on the total number of nursing students graduating from a program each year. Nursing graduates include graduates for initial licensure.
- d. **Faculty Tier.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, \$5,400,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,400,000 in fiscal year 2025 shall be distributed in an equitable manner based on the total number of doctoral level and master's in nursing education students graduating from a program each year.
- e. For THECB expenditure purposes, any funds not expended in fiscal year 2024 may be expended in fiscal year 2025 for the same purposes. If an institution spends funds on non-qualifying expenditures or does not spend the funds within the designated timeframe, the institution shall return these funds to the THECB by the date specified by THECB rule. The THECB shall reallocate these funds to other qualified programs. All institutions receiving funds shall submit to the THECB a detailed accounting of funds received, obligated or expended.
- f. The THECB may not include nonresident students who are enrolled in online professional nursing programs while residing outside of the state in methodologies used to calculate program awards described in Paragraphs b, c, and d.

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

## Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Rider  
My Texas Future

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/08/2023

### **Overview**

The following action amends House rider #47, Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds: College Readiness and Success. The agency requested an exceptional item for Career and College Advising, \$10 million per year for My Texas Future. The agency has indicated that of this amount, \$1,950,000 per year will be used for Infrastructure/Data Hosting costs. These amounts will be reflected in the agency’s capital budget and not the informational rider.

### **Required Actions:**

1. On page III-69 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern amend the following rider:

**47. Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds: College Readiness and Success.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, College Readiness and Success, are intended to assist Texans to prepare for, enter, and/or reenter higher education. These include programs that provide a one-stop advising tool for all students, increase advising at Texas high schools with low college-going rates, improve the effectiveness and delivery of developmental education, and identify and assist adults with some college but no degree to complete a postsecondary credential. The distribution of available amounts in Strategy A.1.3, College Readiness and Success includes, but is not limited to, the following program allocations:

Program	2024	2025
Advise TX	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000
Developmental Education	\$1,285,250	\$1,285,250
My Texas Future	<del>\$10,000,000</del>	<del>\$10,000,000</del>
	\$8,050,000	\$8,050,000
Total	<del>\$13,235,250</del>	<del>\$13,235,250</del>
	<u>\$11,285,250</u>	<u>\$11,285,250</u>

If General Revenue funds appropriated for any program above exceed the funds that can be expended in accordance with the requirements of the program, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may expend the excess funds for any other purpose above.

Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2024 are appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2025.

# Higher Education Coordinating Board

## Proposed Funding and Rider Computer Science Pipeline Initiative

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/05/2023

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

### **Overview**

The following action adds \$5,000,000 per year in General Revenue to a new strategy, A.X.X. Computer Science Pipeline Initiative, in the Higher Education Coordinating Boards’s bill pattern, to establish a statewide Computer Science Pipeline Initiative.

The Computer Science Pipeline Initiative will provide K-12 public school teachers the resources to obtain a computer science teaching certification through partnerships with nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and education service centers. The initiative will provide professional development in coding, computational thinking, cybersecurity, and computer science education and to grow its existing programs and supports for educators in those fields. The appropriation below will furthermore support the additional professional development for 600 educators in integrating computer science into K-8 core subjects, expand curriculum training for specific high school computer science courses (including Advanced Placement (“AP”) courses), and educate teachers in cybersecurity best practices, curriculum, and Industry Based Certifications that prepare their students for careers in the cybersecurity workforce.

### **Required Actions:**

1. On page III-53 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue amounts by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 and add the following strategy:

A.X.X. Computer Science Pipeline Initiative	2024	2025
	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

2. On page III-69 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Computer Science Pipeline Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.X.X. Computer Science Pipeline Initiative, \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 is to be used to consolidate and streamline computer science education by establishing a statewide Computer Science Pipeline Initiative.

In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.X.X. Computer Science Pipeline Initiative, \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 is hereby appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, contingent upon the Higher Education Coordinating Board demonstrating to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the Computer Science Pipeline Initiative has raised at least \$2,000,000 in gifts and donations, including those offered in-kind, in fiscal year 2024 and at least \$2,000,000 in gifts and donations, including those offered in-kind, in fiscal year 2025. These funds shall be used for the Computer Science Pipeline Initiative. The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall furnish information supporting the amounts of gifts and donations for the program to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient, a finding of fact to that effect shall be issued and the contingent appropriation shall be made available for the intended purpose. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

**Higher Education Coordinating Board**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Rural Residency Physician Grant Program**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/05/2023

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

**Overview**

The following action adds \$1,500,000 in General Revenue per year to a new strategy, D.X.X. Rural Resident Physician Grant Program, in the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, to encourage the creation of new graduate medical education positions in rural and nonmetropolitan areas, with particular emphasis on the creation of rural training tracks. The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall award grants to new or expanded physician residency programs at teaching hospitals and other appropriate healthcare entities according to program criteria.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-54 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, increase General Revenue amounts by \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 and add the following strategy:

	2024	2025
D.X.X. Rural Residency Physician Grant Program	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

2. On page III-69 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern add the following rider:

D.X.X. Rural Residency Physician Grant Program Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.X.X. Rural Residency Physician Grant Program. \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to award grants for the creation of new graduate medical education positions in rural and non-metropolitan areas. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

**Higher Education Coordinating Board**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Nursing Innovation Grant Program**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/15/2023

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

**Overview**

The following action adds \$6,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to a new strategy, D.X.X. Nursing Innovation Grant Program, in the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, to support the development of innovative nursing education programs, evaluation of these and other innovative nursing education programs, and research on methods to increase the state's nursing workforce pipeline.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-54 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, increase General Revenue amounts by \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and UB fiscal year 2025 and add the following strategy:

D.X.X. Nursing Innovation Grant Program	2024	2025
	\$6,000,000	UB

2. On page III-69 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Nursing Innovation Grant Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.X.X. Nursing Innovation Grant Program, \$6,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 shall be used for the purpose of supporting innovation in nursing education programs. Up to 3 percent of funding may be used for administrative expenses at the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Funding will be used to support the development of innovative nursing education programs, evaluation of these and other innovative nursing programs, and research on methods to increase the state's nursing workforce pipeline.

Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.



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

**Texas Southern University**

**Proposed Rider**

**Thurgood Marshall School of Law**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/13/2023

**Overview**

The following action amends House rider #2, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, in the Texas Southern University bill pattern to reflect the 2016-2017 version of this rider with the intent that all appropriations generated by the Thurgood Marshall School of Law shall be used only for the Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-143 of House Bill 1 – Engrossed, within the Texas Southern University bill pattern amend the following rider:
2. **Thurgood Marshall School of Law.** In addition to General Revenue Funds identified above for the operation and maintenance of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, all tuition and fee revenues generated through enrollment in the School of Law, including Texas Public Education Grants and Emergency Loans under Education Code, Chapter 56 (Student Financial Aid Assistance), shall be allocated for use by the School of Law and may only be expended for purposes related to the operation and maintenance of the School of Law and its students.

**Article III (Higher Education)**  
**Contingency Rider for Core Research Support Fund**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/13/2023

**Overview**

The following actions would increase the total General Revenue appropriation from the Core Research Support Fund by \$50.0 million in fiscal 2024-25, contingent on eligible institutions receiving matching funds from their respective systems.

**Required Action**

1. On Page III-281, within the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, amend Sec. 56 (2), Core Research Support, by inserting the following language:

(b) In addition to the amounts identified above and elsewhere in this Act appropriated to institutions for purposes of the Core Research Support Fund, \$25,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in each fiscal year of the 2024-2025 biennium shall be appropriated for purposes of the Core Research Support Fund and allocated to eligible institutions pursuant to Education Code, Section 62.134, contingent on the Board of Regents of each eligible institution submitting to the Legislative Budget Board, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor a letter by September 1, 2023, certifying that its eligible institutions will receive an equal matching allocation of institutional funds.

# Public Community/Junior Colleges, Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Texas Education Agency

## Proposed Riders

### Contingent Appropriation: Community College Finance

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/13/2023

#### Overview

The following actions would revise funding amounts and riders in the Public Community/Junior Colleges, Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Texas Education Agency bill patterns contingent on the passage of House Bill 8 or similar legislation.

#### Required Actions

1. In the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern, add the following riders:

\_\_\_\_\_.  
**Formalization of House Bill 8.** It is the intent of the legislature that the Coordinating Board shall work in consultation with the Legislative Budget Board to formalize the provisions, with approval of the Legislative Budget Board, of House Bill 8, Eighty-eighth Legislature, for the Eighty-ninth legislative session.

\_\_\_\_\_.  
**Contingency for Community College Finance Legislation.** In addition to appropriations made elsewhere in this Act, and contingent on enactment of House Bill 8, relating to the administration, coordination, and support of public higher education, including the public junior college state finance program, by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, the following adjustments shall be made in the bill pattern for the Public Community/Junior Colleges:

- (a) Increase funding by \$214,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year for the Public Junior College State Finance Program.
- (b) Make the following changes to Strategy Appropriations:
  - a. Add a new strategy A.1.1, Community College Finance Program, Base Tier with appropriation amounts of \$57,229,850 in each fiscal year.
  - b. Add a new strategy A.1.2, Community College Finance Program, Performance Tier with appropriation amounts of \$1,079,366,096 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,079,366,059 in fiscal year 2025.
  - c. Strike each strategy and funding for Core Operations under each public community/junior college.
  - d. Strike each strategy and funding for Student Success under each public community/junior college.
  - e. Strike each strategy and funding for Contact Hour Funding under each public community/junior college.
  - f. Strike each strategy and funding for Bachelor of Applied Technology for Brazosport College, Midland College, South Texas College, and Tyler Junior College.
  - g. Strike each strategy and funding for Need Based Supplement for the eleven public community/junior colleges that receive the funding.
  - h. Strike Strategy E.2.1, Virtual College of Texas and \$416,955 in fiscal year 2024 and \$416,955 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue funding.

- (c) Amend Rider 2, Appropriation Eligibility to strike subsection (a).

(d) Strike existing Rider 4, Vouchers for Disbursement of Appropriated Funds and replace with the following rider:

**Disbursement of Appropriated Funds.** The distribution of appropriated funds shall be prepared by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in compliance with Education Code, §61, 130 and 130A.

(a) Funds appropriated in strategies above as non-formula support shall be distributed no later than September 25 each fiscal year to the community college.

(b) Prior to the disbursement of any state funds, Midland College shall implement a grant agreement with Permian Basin Petroleum Museum specifying the use of funds, and that funds shall be spent according to state law and the General Appropriations Act.

(e) Strike existing Rider 5, Unobligated Balances and replace with the following rider:

**Appropriation: Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, at the community colleges from the Public Junior College State Finance Program are appropriated for fiscal year 2025 for the same purposes.

(f) Strike Rider 6, Adjustment of Contact Hours.

(g) Strike Rider 11, Financial Information Reporting Requirement.

(h) Strike Rider 12, Limitations of Formula Funding Contact Hours.

(i) Strike Rider 15, Funding for the Virtual College of Texas at Austin Community College.

(j) Strike Rider 16, Appropriations for Bachelor of Applied Technology Program.

(k) Strike Rider 17, Instruction and Administration Funding (Outcomes-Based Model).

(l) Amend Rider 20, Reporting Requirement to strike “and success points” in subsection (a).

(m) Strike Rider 23, Designation of Critical Field Degrees and Certificates.

(n) Strike Rider 25, Need Based Supplements.

(o) Add the following new riders to the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern:

**Public Junior College State Finance Program.** Out of the funds appropriated above, and any other funds appropriated for the Public Junior College Finance Program during the 2024-25 biennium, a total of \$2,273,191,855 for the 2024-25 biennium shall represent the sum-certain appropriation to the Public Junior College Finance Program. The total appropriation may not exceed the sum-certain amount.

The Commissioner shall make allocations to community college districts under Chapters 61, 130, and 130A based on the following.

- (a) Base Tier Funding. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall determine a guaranteed instruction and operation funding level using the statewide basic allotment rate, weighted full-time equivalent students enrolled at the district, and the district's contact hour funding. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will compare the guaranteed instruction and operations amount to estimated local share amounts to determine the state's share of base tier of funding.
- (b) Performance Tier. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall determine the attainment of measurable outcomes by students of public community/junior colleges for achievement of credentials of value, attainment of 15 semester credit hours of dual credit or dual enrollment courses, eligible transfer to a general academic institution, and eligible participation in a co-enrollment program.
- (c) Base tier and performance tier allocations shall include applicable weighting in accordance with Chapters 130 and 130A.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall determine, for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 the basic allotment amounts, contact hour funding, applicable weights, and rates in accordance with Chapters 130 and 130A and legislative appropriation amounts in Strategy A.1.1, Base Tier and Strategy A.1.2, Performance Tier. Rates, weights, and other amounts used in the calculation of funding for the Public Junior College Finance Program are subject to notification of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office.

The amounts identified in subsections (a) - (c) are used solely to determine the initial annual payments to community college districts. To the extent that amounts provided above differ from a local community college district's updated data and outcome measures, the Commissioner shall settle-up with local community college district pursuant to Rider \_\_\_\_, Appropriation of Audit Adjustments, Settle-Up Funds and Data Elements and applicable provisions in Chapters 61, 130, and 130A of the Education Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may make transfers as appropriate between Strategy A.1.1, Base Tier, and Strategy A.1.2, Performance Tier. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of any such transfers at least 15 days prior to the transfer.

\_\_\_\_\_. **Appropriation of Audit Adjustments, Settle-Up Funds and Data Elements.** When reviews and audits of allocations to a community college district reveal the allocations previously made were greater or less than the amounts found to be due, the Texas

Higher Education Coordinating Board may recover or pay the sums necessary to adjust to the correct amounts. All such amounts recovered are appropriated for purposes of the Public Junior College State Finance Program, and the amounts necessary to make such additional payments to the local community college district are appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for the same purpose (estimated to be \$0). All funds received from Public Junior College State Finance Program as recovery for overpayment pursuant to the provisions of §130A.009 of the Texas Education Code are appropriated to the Coordinating Board for distribution to community college districts for Public Junior College State Finance Program purposes. All unexpended balances on August 31, 2024 are appropriated to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in fiscal year 2025 for distribution to community colleges for the Public Junior College State Finance Program purposes.

**Additional Transfer Authority to Implement House Bill**

**8.** Notwithstanding the general provisions of this Act, the Commissioner of Higher Education is authorized to transfer funds from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2024, as necessary to implement the provisions of House Bill 8, only upon the approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office. The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board makes its recommendation on the transfer to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.

**Unexpended Balance Authority for House Bill 8.** Any unexpended balances of funds appropriated by this rider that will be used for formula funding in Strategy A.1.1., Base Tier and Strategy A.1.2., Performance Tier as a result of House Bill 8 are appropriated to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose. It is the intent of the legislature that any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2025, will be appropriated to the Public Community/Junior Colleges for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

**Contingency for HB8/SB2029.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 2029, House Bill 8, or similar legislation relating to the administration of the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, the following adjustments shall be made:

- (a) \$4,332,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 should be reduced from Strategy E.2.2., Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program in the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern;
- (b) Strike Rider 22, Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program, in the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern;
- (c) \$4,332,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 should be added to Strategy C.1.1., Career and Technical Education programs in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern; and

(d) Add the following rider to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1. Career and Technical Education Programs, is \$4,332,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 for the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2025. Up to 5 percent of funds each year for the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant program may be used each year for administrative expenses.

2. In the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following riders:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Reporting Requirement.** The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, any information or data related to community college formula funding by September 1, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for Community College Finance Legislation.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 8, relating to the administration, coordination, and support of public higher education, including the public junior college state finance program, by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, the following adjustments shall be made:

(a) In the bill pattern for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and in addition to appropriations made elsewhere in this Act, provide increases of:

- a. \$16,500,000 in General Revenue and 7.0 full-time-equivalents in each fiscal year in Strategy A.1.1., Agency Operations, to improve institutional innovations and collaboration, including grants to institutions to add capacity to meet regional workforce needs;
- b. \$62,500,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Strategy B.1.3, Texas Educational Opportunity Grants Public Community Colleges for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant program for Public Community/Junior Colleges;
- c. \$7,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Strategy B.1.4., Texas Educational Opportunity Grants Public State & Technical Colleges for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant program for State and Technical Colleges;
- d. \$2,332,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,207,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy A.1.1., Agency Operations, and 18.0 full-time-equivalents in each fiscal year to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for administrative funding; and
- e. \$416,955 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$416,955 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy A.1.1., Agency Operations for a course sharing platform.

(b) In the bill pattern for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, add the following two new riders:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Appropriation: Unexpended Balances.** Any unexpended balances of funds appropriated by this rider that will be used in Strategy A.1.1., Agency Operations at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as a result of House Bill 8 are appropriated to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_. **Financial Aid for Swift Transfer.** It is the intent of the legislature that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board distribute the funding transferred from the Texas Education Agency to participating public institutions of higher education to enable certain students to enroll at no cost to the student in dual credit courses as a result of House Bill 8. Any unexpended balances of funds that will be used to provide tuition and fee assistance as a result of House Bill 8 are appropriated to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

3. In the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following riders:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for Community College Finance Legislation.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 8, relating to the administration, coordination, and support of public higher education, including the public junior college state finance program, by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, the following adjustments shall be made:

- (a) In the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency and in addition to appropriations made elsewhere in this Act, provide an increase of:
  - a. In Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, \$96,229 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$95,713 in fiscal year 2025;
  - b. In Strategy B.3.5, Information Systems – Technology, \$796,522 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,662,944 in fiscal year 2025; and
  - c. 3.0 full-time-equivalents in each fiscal year of the biennium.

(b) In the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, add the following new rider:

**Financial Aid for Swift Transfer.** Notwithstanding the restrictions contained in Rider 25, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, of the TEA’s bill pattern, and pursuant to Texas Education Code Section 48.308(c), out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP – Equalized Operations, the Commissioner of Education shall transfer to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board from the Foundation School Program in each fiscal year an amount sufficient to enable certain students to enroll at no cost to the student in dual credit courses offered by certain public institutions of higher education (estimated to be \$32,300,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$46,300,000 in fiscal year 2025).



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

**Wharton County Junior College**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Economic Development Trade School**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/4/2023

**Overview**

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy to the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern and appropriates \$2.0 million in fiscal year 2024 and Unexpended Balance authority in fiscal year 2025 for start-up funding for a Trade School focused on certain trades, including plumbing, carpentry and electrical.

**Required Actions**

1. On page III-217 of Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill 1, within the Public Community/Junior Colleges' bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds and Unexpended Balance authority to the following new non-formula support item objective and strategy:

2024                      2025

AX.2. Objective: Non-Formula Support

AX.2.1. Strategy: Economic Development Trade School    \$2,000,000    UB

2. On page III-222 of Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill 1, within the Public Community/Junior Colleges' bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_.  
**Wharton County Junior College – Economic Development Trade School. Out**  
of funds appropriated above in Strategy AX.2.1.. Economic Development Trade  
School, \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 shall be used for the  
Economic Development Trade School. Any unexpended balances on hand in this  
strategy at the end of fiscal year 2024 are hereby appropriated for the same  
purpose in 2025.

## **Texas A&M Forest Service, Article III Education (Higher Education)**

**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/1/2023

### **Overview**

The following actions appropriate an additional \$1.0 million in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to the Texas A&M Forest Service, for the purpose of supporting the Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Department.

### **Required Action**

1. On page III-246 of House Bill 1, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M Forest Service, add \$1,000,000 in General Revenue to Strategy B.1.1, TWPP – TFS Operations, for fiscal year 2024.
2. On page III-249 of House Bill 1, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M Forest Service, add the following new rider:

**9. Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Department.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1., TWP – TFS Operations, \$1,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024 shall be used to support the Frelsburg Volunteer Fire Department.