

**Issue Docket**

**Conference Committee on House Bill 1**

**2024-25 General Appropriations Bill**

**Article III - Public Education**

**As of May 15, 2023**

703 TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>				
Foundation School Program Funding - Update to Current Law Estimates			<b>ADOPT</b>	<p>Increase appropriations to the Foundation School Program (FSP) in the 2024-25 biennium by an additional \$849.8 million from the Foundation School Fund, No. 193 (General Revenue) to fully fund the current law estimate based on updated budget drivers including property values and enrollment growth.</p> <p>Other Method of Finance changes within the FSP contributing to the net increase in the Foundation School Fund include a \$431.6 million decrease in Recapture Revenue; a \$175.3 million decrease in the Property Tax Relief Fund; a \$73.0 million increase in the Available School Fund; a \$379.7 million increase in the Tax Reduction and Excellence in Education Fund; and an increase of \$71.6 million in Lottery Proceeds.</p> <p>Amend the sum-certain appropriation identified in Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding, accordingly.</p> <p>Amend the state compression percentage reduction identified in Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding, to 8.25 percent.</p> <p>Amend House Rider 81 and Senate Rider 80 sections (a) and (b) to reflect the new current law property tax compression amounts. Add new section (f) to reflect the state cost of biennializing the property tax relief provided under SB1, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Third Called Session.</p>
<b>Funding Differences</b>				
Appropriations Made in Riders	III-I \$ 2,611,722	III-I \$ -	\$ 2,611,722	The House provides \$2.6 million for Fentanyl Contamination Training.
A.1.1 FSP - EQUALIZED OPERATIONS	\$ 59,691,058,520	\$ 62,087,049,520	\$2,395,991,000 MOVED TO ARTICLE IX	The Senate appropriates \$9.8 billion for property tax compression above current law contingent upon passage of SB 3, SB 4, SB 5, and SJR 3, or similar legislation. The House appropriates \$12.0 billion for property tax compression above current law contingent upon passage of HB 2 and HJR 1, or similar legislation. Recapture was adjusted for property tax relief proposed by HB 2; but not for SB 3, SB 4, & SB 5. Therefore, the All Funds strategy total differs by an amount greater than the difference between the property tax relief packages proposed by each chamber.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
A.2.1 STATEWIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 502,662,608	\$ 502,162,608	\$ 500,000	<p>a) The House provides \$7.5 million in funding for the Kindergarten Readiness Grant.</p> <p>b) The Senate provides \$7.0 million in additional funding for the Mobile STEM Laboratory Grant Program for a total of \$7.5 million. The House provides \$0.5 million for the Mobile STEM Laboratory Grant Program.</p>
A.2.2 ACHIEVEMENT OF STUDENTS AT RISK	\$ 3,885,874,004	\$ 3,890,874,004	\$ 5,000,000	<p>The Senate provides \$5.0 million in additional funding for Amachi for a total of \$10.0 million.</p> <p>The House provides \$5.0 million for Amachi.</p>
A.2.3 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	\$ 2,500,822,056	\$ 2,505,822,056	\$ 5,000,000	<p>The Senate provides \$5.0 million in funding for a grant program for Adaptive Equipment and Services for students with disabilities.</p>
A.2.4 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT & SUPPORT PGMS	\$ 625,222,144	\$ 626,722,144	\$ 1,500,000	<p>a) The Senate provides \$1.0 million in additional funding for the Best Buddies program for a total of \$2.0 million. The House provides \$1.0 million for Best Buddies.</p> <p>b) The Senate provides \$0.5 million in additional funding for the Fatherhood and Parental Involvement in Literacy Campaign for a total of \$1.0 million. The House provides \$0.5 million for Fatherhood and Parental Involvement in Literacy Campaign.</p>
B.2.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY	\$ 38,083,464	\$ 34,411,500  <b>SENATE AS AMENDED (The conferees removed \$1,000,000 for Child ID and associated rider.)</b>	\$ 3,671,964	<p>The Senate reduces funding by \$3.7 million for the Child ID program for a total of \$1.0 million.</p> <p>The House provides \$4.7 million for Child ID.</p>
B.2.4 WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$ 131,488,883	\$ 133,314,005	\$ 1,825,122	<p>The Senate provides \$1.8 million in additional funding for Windham School District for a total of \$133.3 million.</p> <p>The House provides \$131.5 million for Windham School District.</p>

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
B.3.1 IMPROVING EDUCATOR QUALITY/LDRSP	\$ 508,639,486	\$ 513,639,486	\$ 5,000,000	The Senate provides \$5.0 million for the Uteach for Texas Initiative.
B.3.2 AGENCY OPERATIONS	\$ 151,964,434	\$ 152,474,434	\$ 510,000	a) The Senate provides \$0.1 million for the Texas 1836 Project Pamphlet project. b) The Senate provides \$0.4 million for the Texas 1836 Project.
B.3.4 CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 36,481,446	\$ 40,281,446	\$ 3,800,000	The Senate provides \$3.8 million for space planning and utilization for TEA.
B.3.5 INFORMATION SYSTEMS - TECHNOLOGY	\$ 156,320,291	\$ 167,571,461	\$ 11,251,170	The Senate provides \$11.2 million for Information Systems deferred maintenance. The House provides \$11.2 million for this purpose in the supplemental bill.
<b>Rider Differences</b>	<b>ADOPT TO SB 30</b>			
Educator Quality and Leadership		III-16, Rider 39 Rider Packet Page III-1		The Senate includes \$500,000 from funds already appropriated in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, for the 2024-25 biennium for the development and implementation of a Digital Teaching Micro-Credential to recognize educator readiness and skill in delivering virtual education with excellence and geared toward student success.
Best Buddies	III-23, Rider 60 Rider Packet Page III-2		<b>HOUSE AS AMENDED (Revised total of \$2,000,000)</b>	The House includes a rider appropriating \$1.0 million for the Best Buddies program.
Mobile STEM Laboratory Grant Program	III-24, Rider 66 Rider Packet Page III-2	III-24, Rider 65 Rider Packet Page III-2		The Senate provides \$7.0 million in additional funding for the Mobile STEM Laboratory Grant Program for a total of \$7.5 million. The Senate provides that \$3.5 million is appropriated to support additional infrastructure for eight additional mobile STEM labs and \$4.0 million is for grant funding. The House provides \$0.5 million for grants for the Mobile STEM Laboratory Grant Program.
Property Tax Relief	III-27, Rider 81 Rider Packet Page III-2	III-28, Rider 80 Rider Packet Page III-2	<b>MOVED TO ARTICLE IX</b>	The House appropriates \$12.0 billion for property tax relief contingent on the enactment of HB 2 and HJR 1, or similar legislation. The Senate appropriated \$9.8 billion contingent on SB 3, SB 4, SB 5, and SJR 3, or similar legislation.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Public Education Funding Increases	III-28, Rider 82 Rider Packet Page III-4		<b>MOVED TO ARTICLE IX</b>	The House includes a rider that appropriates \$5.0 billion for public education funding increases. The rider lists possible strategies including increased funding for teacher compensation, school safety, special education, curriculum, and a basic allotment increase.
Texas 1836 Project		III-29, Rider 82 Rider Packet Page III-4		The Senate includes a rider appropriating \$0.4 million for the Texas 1836 Project.
Uteach		III-29, Rider 83 Rider Packet Page III-4		The Senate includes a rider appropriating \$5.0 million for the Uteach for Texas Initiative.
Space Planning and Utilization		III-29, Rider 84 Rider Packet Page III-5		The Senate includes a rider appropriating \$3.8 million for space planning and utilization to allow for consolidation of TEA into no more than five floors of the Travis building.
Prohibition on Use of Appropriated Money for School Vouchers or Other Similar Programs	III-28, Rider 84 Rider Packet Page III-5			The House includes a rider stating that money appropriated in this Act may not be used to pay for or support a school voucher, education savings account, or tax credit scholarship program or a similar program through which a child may use state money for nonpublic primary or secondary education.
Required Posting of Certain Information by Open-Enrollment Charter Schools	III-28, Rider 85 Rider Packet Page III-5			The House includes a rider stating that each open-enrollment charter school shall post on the school's Internet website certain information regarding the school relating to academic performance, alternative education accountability procedures and student demographics.
Texas 1836 Project Pamphlet		III-29, Rider 85 Rider Packet Page III-6		The Senate includes a rider appropriating \$0.1 million for the Texas 1836 Project Pamphlet project.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Contingency for Senate Bills 8, 9, 11, 1474, & 2565		III-29, Rider 86 Rider Packet Page III-6	<b>MOVED TO ARTICLE IX</b>	The Senate appropriates \$5.0 billion for public education funding increases contingent on the passage of SB 8, SB 9, SB 11, SB 1474, & SB 2565, or similar legislation related to establishment of an education savings account program, increased funding for teacher compensation, school safety, special education, and instructional materials.
Fentanyl Contamination Training	III-29 Rider 86 Rider Packet Page III-7			The House includes a rider appropriating \$2.6 million for Fentanyl Contamination Training.
Kindergarten Readiness Grant Program	III-29 Rider 87 Rider Packet Page III-8			The House includes a rider appropriating \$7.5 million in funding for the Kindergarten Readiness Grant.
Projects and Grants at the Texas Education Agency		III-30, Rider 87 Rider Packet Page III-10	<b>Senate as Amended (Remove Best Buddies from rider for total of \$5,000,000 for Adaptive Equipment and Services for Students with Disabilities)</b>	The Senate includes a rider appropriating \$2.0 million for Best Buddies and \$5.0 million to contract with a non-profit organization that provides adaptive equipment and services for children with multiple disabilities in Harris County and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.
Contingency for Senate Bill ____		III-30, Rider 88 Rider Packet Page III-10		The Senate includes a rider that would increase the funding for Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, and amend the sum-certain appropriation identified in Rider 3 by an appropriate amount contingent upon passage of legislation related to enrichment tax rates for certain school districts.
Implementation of the High School Equivalency Subsidy Program	III-30, Rider 88 Rider Packet Page III-11			The House includes a rider stating that it is the intent of the legislature that the Texas Education Agency use appropriated funds to implement the high school equivalency subsidy program.
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>				

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Mental Health Services in Out of School Time			\$5,000,000	New rider that would increase appropriations by \$5.0 million in Strategy A.2.1 to fund the Texas Partnership for Out of School Time to implement mental health programs.
Athletic Programs for Students with Disabilities			\$2,200,000	Appropriate an additional \$2.2 million to Strategy A.2.3, and amend Rider 67, Athletic Programs for Students with Disabilities, to allocate a total of \$6.0 million for athletic programs for the program.
MATHCOUNTS and Academic Competitions			<b>ADOPT</b>	Amend Rider 20, MATHCOUNTS and Academic Competitions, to direct the commissioner to allocate \$400,000 to the Academic Decathlon program.
College, Career, and Military Readiness Indicator Study			\$250,000	New rider that would increase appropriations by \$250,000 in Strategy B.1.1, and allocate \$250,000 in fiscal year 2024 for TEA to study the effectiveness of CCMR indicators.
Interactive Online Learning Grant Program			\$12,000,000	New rider that would increase appropriations by \$12.0 million in Strategy B.3.1, and allocate \$6.0 million in each year for the purpose of providing grants to assist in implementing effective interactive online learning models for courses in History and English Language Arts.
Food Security, School Readiness, and Recovery Pilot Grant Program			\$5,000,000	New rider that would increase appropriations by \$5.0 million in Strategy A.2.1, and allocate \$5.0 million for food security interventions, school readiness programs, afterschool initiatives, and academic recovery initiatives.

**706 TEXAS PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND CORPORATION**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<p><b>Rider Differences</b></p> <p>Exception to Appropriation for Board Fiduciary Finding</p>	<p>III-30</p> <p>III-32 Rider #6 Rider Packet page III-12</p>	<p>III-30</p>	<p><b>HOUSE AS AMENDED (Removes authority to exceed FTE limitation)</b></p>	<p>The House includes a rider authorizing the Permanent School Fund Corporation (PSFC) to expend additional funds and employ additional FTEs above those appropriated if the PSFC Board issues a fiduciary finding.</p>
<p><b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b></p> <p>Limitation on Funds Appropriated to the Permanent School Fund Corporation (PSFC)</p>	<p>III-32 Rider #7</p>	<p>III-32 Rider #6</p>	<p><b>ADOPT AS AMENDED</b></p>	<p>Revised rider would provide that the prohibition on the use of funds applies only to funds appropriated. Adjustment would further clarify that office space may only be leased from an entity receiving appropriations in the General Appropriations Act (GAA). PSFC may lease space that the agency occupied on January 1, 2023 for a period of time necessary to relocate to office space owned by an entity receiving appropriations in the GAA, with a termination date no later than April 30, 2025.</p>
<p>Chief Executive Officer Exempt Position</p>			<p><b>ADOPT</b></p>	<p>Decrease exempt position salary authority by \$58,000 to \$400,000 per fiscal year.</p>

**771 SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
A.1.4 RELATED AND SUPPORT SERVICES	III-33 \$ 13,609,240	III-32 \$ 14,809,240	\$ 1,200,000	
		<b>ADOPT</b>		a) The Senate provides \$0.7 million for student transportation funding.
	<b>ADOPT TO SB 30</b>			b) The Senate provides \$0.5 million for playground accessibility upgrades. The House provides \$0.5 million for this purpose in the supplemental bill.
D.1.2 OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 2,289,388	\$ 4,689,388	\$ 2,400,000	The Senate provides \$2.4 million for emergency power generation and security equipment. In the supplemental bill, the House provides \$2.4 million for these items and \$0.1 million for video surveillance software.
	<b>ADOPT TO SB 30</b>			
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>				
Superintendent Salary Increase			<b>ADOPT</b>	Increase in salary authority only for Superintendent exempt position to \$172,398 per fiscal year.

**772 SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
D.1.3 FACILITY CONSTRUCT., REPAIR & REHAB	III-37 \$ -	III-36 \$ 9,776,304	\$ 9,776,304	The Senate provides \$9.8 million in additional funding for ACCESS classroom expansion and campus security entrance renovation. The House provides \$9.8 million for these purposes in the supplemental bill.
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>	<b>ADOPT TO SB 30</b>			
Superintendent Salary Increase			<b>ADOPT</b>	Increase in salary authority only for Superintendent exempt position to \$185,000 per fiscal year.

**S20 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

<b>Item</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
No Issues				

**323 TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Funding Differences</b>				
A.1.4 TRS RETIREMENT-ADDITIONAL PAYMENT	III-40 \$ -	III-40 \$ 3,717,000,000	\$ 3,717,000,000	<p>The Senate includes \$3.7 billion of funding for a scaled onetime cost of living adjustment (COLA) for TRS retirees and a onetime \$7,500 supplemental payment for certain retirees. The Senate includes an additional \$1.0 billion of funding for this purpose in SB 30, as engrossed.</p> <p>The House includes \$4.4 billion of funding for a scaled onetime COLA for TRS retirees, a onetime \$5,000 supplemental payment for certain retirees, and an ongoing gain-sharing COLA in SB 30, as engrossed in the 2nd house. The House includes \$1.9 billion of funding for this purpose in HJR 2, as engrossed.</p>
			<b>MOVED TO ARTICLE IX</b>	
A.3.1 ACTIVE EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE	\$ 875,421,000	\$ 588,518,000	\$ 286,903,000	<p>The Senate includes funding to maintain ActiveCare premiums increasing by less than 10.0 percent per fiscal year. The House includes funding to maintain ActiveCare premiums increasing with medical trends, at approximately 5.0 percent per fiscal year.</p>
<b>Rider Differences</b>				
Contingent Appropriation for Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Additional Regional Office			III-44 Rider #21 Rider Packet page III-14	<p>The Senate includes a rider authorizing TRS to expend additional funds and employ additional FTEs above those appropriated if it is found necessary to open an additional regional office.</p>
Analysis of High-Cost Hospital Claims	III-45 Rider #21 Rider Packet page III-14		<p>The House includes a rider instructing TRS to engage a third-party vendor to conduct a review of hospital claims that exceeded \$100,000 in fiscal year 2022 to determine potential cost savings.</p>	
Contingency for Senate Bill 10			III-45 Rider #22 Rider Packet page III-14	<p>The Senate includes a contingency rider for Senate Bill 10 or similar legislation relating to benefits paid by TRS. (See Strategy A.1.4.)</p>
			<b>MOVED TO ARTICLE IX</b>	
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b>				
Contingent Appropriation for Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Retiree Benefit Enhancement			<b>ADOPT</b>	<p>Remove duplicative rider providing legislative intent to provide a benefit enhancement to TRS retirees.</p>

**32C OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

<b>Item</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
No Issues	III-45	III-45		

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

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Rider Amendment**  
**Best Buddies**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/5/2023

**Overview**

This Rider would appropriate an additional \$1.0 million over the 2024-25 biennium from General Revenue funds for the purpose grants to the Best Buddies program.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, by \$500,000 from General Revenue in each year of the 2024-25 biennium.
2. On page III-23 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:
  60. **Best Buddies.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, the Commissioner shall allocate \$1,000,000 ~~\$500,000~~ in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium to support the Best Buddies program.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

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

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Grant for Adaptive Equipment and Services**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/10/2023

**Overview**

This Rider would appropriate an additional \$5.0 million over the 2024-25 biennium from General Revenue funds for the purpose of establishing a Grant for Adaptive Equipment and Services.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities by \$5,000,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_. **Grant Program for Adaptive Equipment and Services.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency is \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, to provide a grant for the provision of adaptive equipment and services for children with multiple disabilities in Harris County and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. It is the intent of the legislature that the grantee be a non-profit organization, such as Be an Angel, serving children with disabilities that has been operating at least 10 years, has audited financials, and serves more than 1,000 children a year.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

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

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Mental Health Services in Out of School Time**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/5/23

**Overview**

This rider would appropriate an additional \$5.0 million over the 2024-25 biennium from General Revenue funds for the purpose of implementing an Out of School Time (OST) Mental Health Program.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, by \$2,500,000 from General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium.
2. On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Mental Health Services in Out of School Time.** It is the intent of the Legislature that included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$2,500,000 from General Revenue funds in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium to fund the Texas Partnership for Out of School Time (TXPOST) to implement mental health programs in community-based out of school time (OST) and statewide intermediary infrastructure to support OST programs and professionals.

Funds are appropriated for the following purposes:

- (a) to promote mental health, identify youth in need, and provide early intervention to serve the whole child and family;
- (b) to partner with local and statewide mental health providers to offer mental health services in OST settings;
- (c) to aim to reduce the mental burden placed on under-resourced families as a result of the recent pandemic; and
- (d) to establish community partnerships to ensure equitable access to education and promotion of mental health awareness.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

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

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Amend Rider**  
**Athletic Programs for Students with Disabilities**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/5/2023

**Overview**

This Rider would appropriate an additional \$2.2 million over the 2024-25 biennium from General Revenue funds to provide grants to organizations that provide statewide, Unified Sports, comprehensive early child development to adult transition programs with data-based health, social, leadership, transition, and athletic programs for students with intellectual disabilities.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, by \$1,100,000 from General Revenue in each year of the 2024-25 biennium.
2. On page III-24 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

**67. Athletic Programs for Students with Disabilities.** Included in funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, is ~~\$1.9~~ \$3.0 million in General Revenue funds in each year of the biennium to provide grants to organizations that provide statewide, Unified Sports, comprehensive early child development to adult transition programs with data-based health, social, leadership, transition and athletic programs for students with intellectual disabilities.

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

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Rider Amendment**  
**MATHCOUNTS and Academic Competitions**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/5/2023

**Overview**

This rider would amend Rider 20, MATHCOUNTS and Academic Competitions, to allocate an additional \$400,000 over the 2024-25 biennium from Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, for the Academic Decathlon program.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-10 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:
  20. **MATHCOUNTS and Academic Competitions.** Out of Foundation School Program Gifted and Talented funds appropriated in B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, the Commissioner shall set aside \$200,000 in each year of the biennium for the MATHCOUNTS Program. In addition, out of General Revenue funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, \$200,000 in each year of the biennium shall be allocated to the Academic Decathlon program that fosters academic competition predominantly for high school students.

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

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**College, Career, and Military Readiness Indicator Study**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/5/2023

**Overview**

This Rider would appropriate an additional \$250,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue funds for the purpose of directing TEA to conduct a study on the correlations between College, Career, and Military Readiness Indicators and a student’s outcomes after high school.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase General Revenue funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Assessment and Accountability Systems, by \$250,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
**College, Career, and Military Readiness Indicator Study.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Assessment and Accountability System, is \$250,000 in General Revenue funds in fiscal year 2024 for the Texas Education Agency to study the effectiveness of the College, Career, and Military Readiness indicators outlined in Texas Education Code, Section 39.053 (b), and their correlation to post-graduation outcomes. Not later than September 1, 2024, the agency shall submit to the legislature a report on the results of the study, with data disaggregated by student, region, and district type, and seek to determine if indicators lead to a self-sustaining wage.  
  
Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

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

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Interactive Online Learning Grant Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/5/2023

**Overview**

This rider would appropriate an additional \$12.0 million over the 2024-25 biennium from General Revenue funds for the purpose of developing an Interactive Online Learning Grant Program for courses in History and English Language Arts.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, by \$6,000,000 from General Revenue in each year of the 2024-25 biennium.
2. On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_.  
**Interactive Online Learning Grant Program.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner of Education shall allocate \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium from General Revenue to provide grants to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to assist in implementing effective, interactive online learning models in middle school and high school for instruction in United States History, Texas History, and English Language Arts that:

- (a) align with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills standards for United States History, Texas History, and English Language Arts, as applicable;
- (b) include tools to monitor the progress of each individual student;
- (c) include quarterly benchmark assessments that are automatically scored;
- (d) include both audio narration and video components; and
- (e) are offered for use in both English and Spanish.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

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

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Food Security, School Readiness, and Recovery Pilot Grant Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/5/23

**Overview**

This Rider would appropriate an additional \$2.5 million in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium from General Revenue funds for the purpose of creating a Food Security, School Readiness, and Recovery Pilot Grant Program.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, by \$2,500,000 from General Revenue in each year of the 2024-25 biennium.
2. On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:  
  
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**Food Security, School Readiness, and Recovery Pilot Grant Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Texas Education Agency shall allocate \$2,500,000 in General Revenue Funds in each year of the 2024-25 biennium to create a Food Security, School Readiness, and Recovery Pilot Grant Program. It is the intent of the legislature that the program include: food security interventions, school readiness programs including initiatives designed to help children transition into kindergarten, afterschool initiatives for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, and academic recovery initiatives designed to address learning loss as a result of the pandemic and learning loss over the summer months.

Grantees must utilize pre- and post-assessments and evidence-based methodology to measure outcomes and report any expenditure and performance data requested by the Texas Education Agency necessary to assess the success of the pilot program. Requested information may include measures of program impact; the number of districts, open-enrollment charter schools, campuses, teachers, and students served; measures of program effectiveness, including student achievement and teacher growth; and program expenditures delineated by activity.

Not later than August 31, 2025, the Texas Education Agency shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, and the permanent standing committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate with jurisdiction over public education on the program's expenditure and performance data.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

# Permanent School Fund Corporation, Article III

## Proposed Rider

### Fiduciary Finding Authority

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/11/2023

#### **Overview**

This rider would give the Permanent School Fund Corporation authority to expend funds above those appropriated if the Board issues a fiduciary finding stating that such funds are necessary to perform the fiduciary duties of the Board. It also lays out reporting requirements and limits the total increase in additional funding to not exceed the performance measure target, unless an additional request is made. The amendments to the rider eliminate FTEs as part of the fiduciary finding authority.

#### **Required Action**

On page III-36 of the Permanent School Fund Corporation bill pattern, add the following rider:

#### **Exception to Appropriation for Board Fiduciary Finding.**

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) In addition to the amounts appropriated above ~~and notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Section 6.10, Limitation on State Employment Levels,~~ the Permanent School Fund Corporation (PSFC) is authorized to expend additional funding out of the Permanent School Fund ~~and employ additional FTEs~~ if the Permanent School Fund Corporation Board issues a fiduciary finding stating the amount of additional funding ~~and/or FTEs~~ necessary to perform the fiduciary duties of the Board. PSFC may not use funds appropriated by this rider to increase the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions above the level allowed under Article IX, Section 6.10, Limitation on State Employment Levels.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board approve a statement of justifications and objectives for adopting the additional funding ~~and/or FTEs~~. No later than 30 business days following the issuance of a fiduciary finding, the PSFC shall submit a written notification to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor. This notification shall include:
- (1) The amount of additional funding from the Permanent School Fund, ~~and/or number of additional FTEs,~~ to be authorized by this rider for each affected year of the 2024-25 biennium, as identified in the fiduciary finding;
  - (2) A statement of justifications and objectives for the additional funding ~~and/or FTEs;~~
  - (3) The current operating budget, as approved by the Board, for each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium that is amended by the fiduciary finding;
  - (4) Performance metrics proposed by the PSFC to evaluate the impact of additional funding ~~and/or FTEs~~ on the Board's objectives in issuing the fiduciary finding; and
  - (5) Any additional information requested by the LBB or the Governor regarding the fiduciary finding.
- (c) The total amount of funding authorized by this rider shall not exceed the performance measure target established in this Act under Strategy A.1.1 Permanent School Fund (PSF) Investment Expense As a Basis Point of Net Assets, except as specified in subsection (d).

- (d) In the event that the PSFC determines in a fiduciary finding that additional appropriations are needed that exceed the limit in subsection (c), the Board shall submit a request, including the information required in subsection (b), to the LBB and Governor. The request shall be considered approved 30 business days after the request is delivered, unless otherwise disapproved.
- (e) No later than October 31 following a fiscal year for which the Board has adopted a fiduciary finding, the PSFC shall provide a report to the LBB and the Governor on:
  - (1) The actual total expenditures ~~and number of additional FTEs hired~~ during the preceding fiscal year pursuant to subsection (a); and
  - (2) A report on the agency's actual performance on metrics described in subsection (b)(4) for the preceding year.

**Permanent School Fund Corporation**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Limitation on Facilities Funding**

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**Overview**

Technical adjustment to rider prohibiting the use of appropriations to lease office space from a non-state entity, except for an office space occupied on January 1, 2023 as necessary to complete a transition to space owned by a state entity.

**Required Action**

On page III-32 of the Permanent School Fund Corporation bill pattern, amend rider 7 as follows:

**7. Limitation on Funds Appropriated to the Permanent School Fund Corporation (PSFC).**

(a) Notwithstanding Rider 6, Exception to Appropriation for Board Fiduciary Finding, none of the funds appropriated by this Act ~~or~~ including funds appropriated from the Permanent School Fund Account No. 44 may be used for the purpose of leasing or renting ~~privately-owned~~ office space from an entity unless the entity is appropriated funds under this Act.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated above and funds from the Permanent School Fund Account No. 44 may not be used for the purposes of renting or leasing office space from an entity not receiving an appropriation under this Act. ~~shall be used exclusively for state-owned building space.~~

(c) Notwithstanding sections (a) and (b) of this rider, funds appropriated above may be used to lease office space in the building occupied by the PSFC on January 1, 2023 at 400 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin, TX. It is the intent of the Legislature that any such lease agreement be limited to the amount of time necessary to complete a transition to renting or leasing office space from an entity receiving an appropriation under this Act, with a termination date of no later than April 30, 2025.