

**House Appropriations Committee
Riders - Article III
Higher Education**

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Legislative Budget Board

By: _____

Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Funding and Rider

Career and College Advising

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/06/2023

Overview

The following action appropriates \$10,000,000 in additional General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in additional General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 and increases the Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) cap by 7.0 FTEs at the Higher Education Coordinating Board in Strategy A.1.3, College Readiness and Success.

The agency would use this funding to continue the build out of My Texas Future, a one-stop advising tool for all students (adult learners, secondary students, and transfer students), including the incorporation of ADVi, an advising chatbot, and Map My Path, a tool that allows students to chart a course to earn a credential of value. The additional funding would also allow for a rebuild of ApplyTexas, and its integration into My Texas Future, and double the number of institutions served using the Advise TX model of near-peer advisors.

Required Action

1. On page III-57 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following Strategy:

	2024	2025
A.1.3. College Readiness and Success	<u>\$5,978,697</u>	<u>\$5,978,697</u>
	<u>\$15,978,697</u>	<u>\$15,978,697</u>

2. Add the following Full-Time-Equivalents within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern on page III-57 of House Bill 1 – Introduced:

	2024	2025
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	<u>7.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>

3. On page III-70 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, modify the following rider:

47. Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds. 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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Advise TX	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000
Developmental Education	\$1,285,250	\$1,285,250
<u>My Texas Future</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>
Total	<u>\$3,235,250</u>	<u>\$3,235,250</u>
	<u>\$13,235,250</u>	<u>\$13,235,250</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.

By: Gonzalez of El Paso

Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Funding and Rider

Texas Transfer Grant Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/06/2023

Overview

The following action appropriates \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide portable need-based aid to high-achieving transfer students who are low-income to help mitigate financial barriers to vertical transfer for students.

Required Action

1. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds and new Strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>B.1.X. Strategy: Texas Transfer Grant Program</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

2. On page III-73 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

Texas Transfer Grant Program. The Higher Education Coordinating Board is directed to utilize the funds appropriated in their bill pattern in Strategy B.1.X, Texas Transfer Grant Program, to provide grants to Texas residents with demonstrated financial need to support the costs related to post-secondary education for individuals who have transferred from a Texas public 2-year institution to a Texas public 4-year university or health-related institution. The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall administer the grant program consistent with its authority under Texas Education Code, Chapters 56 and 61, and Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 22.

For all funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.X, Texas Transfer Grant Program, and funds transferred into the Texas Transfer Grant Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2024 may be carried over to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose. The agency may utilize up to five percent of the funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.X, Texas Transfer Grant Program for administrative expenses.

By: Gonzalez of El Paso

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Innovation and Collaboration
Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/06/2023

Overview

The following action appropriates \$23,750,000 in additional General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$23,750,000 in additional General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 and increases the Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) cap by 8.0 FTEs at the Higher Education Coordinating Board in Strategy A.1.1, Agency Operations.

The agency would use this funding provide funding to encourage innovative and collaborative programs to reduce costs for both students and institutions and achieve the goals of *Building a Talent Strong Texas*. This funding would 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 and integrate innovative approaches to work-based education and increase institutional capacity to quickly establish programs to meet evolving workforce demands.

Required Action

1. On page III-57 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following Strategy:

	2024	2025
A.1.1. Agency Operations	<u>\$23,053,095</u>	<u>\$22,996,475</u>
	<u>\$46,803,095</u>	<u>\$46,746,475</u>

2. Add the following Full-Time-Equivalents within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern on page III-57 of House Bill 1 – Introduced:

	2024	2025
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	<u>8.0</u>	<u>8.0</u>

3. On page III-73 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

Innovation and Collaboration Initiatives. Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Agency Operations, are intended to support the Higher Education Coordinating Board’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. Funding will also support programs that use evidence-based models to increase student success and integrate innovative approaches to work-based education.

and increase institutional capacity to quickly establish programs to meet evolving workforce demands.

Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Rider

Study on State Social Work Workforce Needs

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/14/2023

Overview

Add a rider to the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern requiring that the agency use existing resources to develop a report providing a landscape analysis of the current social work workforce and state's social work workforce needs. The report should include recommendations to address the social work workforce shortage and evaluation of the scope of practice laws, hiring guidelines, licensing practices and the impact of unpaid practicums on workforce growth.

Required Actions

1. On page III-73 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, add the following rider:

Study on State Social Work Workforce Needs. Out of funds appropriated above, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall develop a report providing a landscape analysis of the current social work workforce and the state's social work workforce needs. The report shall include recommendations to address the social work workforce shortage and include an evaluation of the scope of practice laws, hiring guidelines, licensing practices, and the impact of unpaid practicums on workforce growth. The agency shall submit the report to the Legislature by November 1, 2024.

Tarleton State University
Proposed Funding
Multi-Institution Teaching Center
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/20/2023

Overview

The following action deletes Strategy C.1.2, Multi-Institution Teaching Center, deletes Rider 4, Multi-Institution Teaching Center, and adds General Revenue appropriations to a new nonformula support strategy, C.X.X. Southwest Metroplex Outreach Initiative, in the amount originally appropriated in C.1.2, Multi-Institution Teaching Center - \$848,483 in General Revenue in each year of the 2024-25 biennium.

Required Actions

1. On page III-109 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Tarleton State University bill pattern, delete the following strategy:

	2024	2025
C. 1.2. Multi Institution Teaching Center	\$848,483	\$848,483

2. Add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Southwest Metroplex Outreach	\$848,483	\$848,483

3. On page III-110 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Tarleton State University bill pattern, delete the following rider:

~~**Multi-Institution Teaching Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Higher Education Multi Institution Teaching Center (MITC), \$1,696,966 shall be used to increase access to public higher education in the greater Midlothian community. The MITC shall be a collaborative program led by Tarleton State University along with Texas A&M University—Commerce and Navarro Community College. The MITC shall collaborate with the citizens of the greater Midlothian community to meet the educational needs of the community. Funds may be used for, but not limited to, developing new programs, hiring faculty and staff, providing classroom and office space, necessary computer/technology infrastructure and support, and library materials. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August, 31, 2024, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.~~

4. On page III-110 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Tarleton State University bill pattern, add the following rider:

Southwest Metroplex Outreach. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X, Southwest Metroplex Outreach, \$848,483 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024, and \$848,483 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to support the Southwest Metroplex Outreach program.

**Texas A&M Health Science Center
Business Process Redesign Rider**

Required Action

On page III-XXX of the Texas A&M Health Science Center's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

Study on the Texas Civil Commitment Office. Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas A&M Health Science Center (TAMUHSC) shall conduct a study of the Texas Civil Commitment Office. The study shall evaluate:

- a) agency policies;
- b) appropriateness of treatment and supervision for committed persons provided through the case management system;
- c) methodology and efficacy of rehabilitative treatments;
- d) available and needed mental and behavioral health services;
- e) preventable occurrences and adverse outcomes related to issues including, but not limited to, medication errors;
- f) inappropriate use of antipsychotic medication;
- g) average length of time committed; and
- h) recidivism rates.

TAMUHSC shall coordinate with the Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for purposes of conducting the study. No later than August 31, 2024, TAMUHSC shall submit a report on the results of the study to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor.

**University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth
Healthcare Workforce Expansion**

Overview

There is a tremendous deficit in healthcare workers and providers within the workforce. The volume of those in the pipeline is insufficient to meet both current and future workforce demands. The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth (UNTHSC) is committed to increasing the supply and pipelines of critical, front-line health professionals and improving health-related degree and/or credential attainment.

As part of this commitment, UNTHSC will expand its offerings to provide educational opportunities in these high demand healthcare fields at locations across the UNT System. These education sites will provide efficient, cross-discipline opportunities for students at UNT and UNT Dallas, helping them to obtain high-demand healthcare credentials. UNTHSC's additional educational sites will also expose new students to healthcare workforce opportunities, further increasing the healthcare workforce pipeline.

With the addition of new educational sites, UNTHSC requests these additional educational sites receive the same supplemental funding that other health related institutions receive for similar programs. The following action recognizes that programs administered by UNTHSC outside of the main campus in Fort Worth are eligible for small class supplement funding and multi-campus adjustment in the space model, similar to programs at remote locations at other health related institutions. UNTHSC does not currently have any remote academic sites, therefore the rider has no fiscal impact for the 2024-25 biennium.

Required Action

1. On page III-208 of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth bill pattern, add the following rider:

Healthcare Workforce Expansion. In order to provide maximum efficiency for students and to support healthcare workforce expansion in the North Texas region, the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth's academic programs at sites recognized as a separate campus by either the Legislature or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall be eligible for the small class supplement component of the instruction and operations formula, if the individual program is at a remote site, and the multi-campus adjustment component of the space projection model.

Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education

Proposed Rider

Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practices

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/14/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new rider, Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practices, in the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education page III-____, to express the intent of the Legislature regarding a prohibition on diversity, equity, and inclusion practices on state supported college campuses or those receiving state funds.

Required Actions

1. On page III-____ of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the bill pattern for the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, add a new rider as follows:

Section XX. Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practices.

It is the intent of the Legislature that no funds appropriated by this Act may be expended for diversity, equity, & inclusion practices or similar programs, including personnel, training or activities, on state supported college campuses, state supported university campuses or those who receive state funding, notwithstanding state and federal law.

Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Funding

TEXAS Grant Program and

Texas Leadership Scholars Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/11/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue funding to existing strategy B.1.1, TEXAS Grant Program, in the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern by \$50,650,880 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$50,650,880 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025.

The following action increases General Revenue funding to existing strategy B.1.2, Tuition Equalization Grants, in the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern by \$4,019,103 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,019,103 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025.

The following action also appropriates \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for the Texas Leadership Scholars Program. The Texas Leadership Scholars (TLS) program was founded in 2022 by eighteen member institutions as a state-wide, premier leadership program aimed at guiding Texas high school graduates to develop their leadership skills and continue their education at a Texas university. Scholars will have 100% of their board-designated tuition and fees covered through a combination of federal, state, and institutional aid, in addition to a Room and Board stipend equal to the average cost of Room and Board at the institution you are attending, up to 4 years.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
B.1.1. TEXAS Grant Program	\$475,058,160 <u>\$525,709,040</u>	\$475,058,160 <u>\$525,709,040</u>

2. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
B.1.2. Tuition Equalization Grants	\$97,913,339 <u>\$101,932,442</u>	\$97,913,339 <u>\$101,932,442</u>

3. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>B.1.X. Strategy: Texas Leadership Scholars Program</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

4. On page III-73 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern add the following rider:

_____. **Texas Leadership Scholars Program.** All unexpended balances for Strategy B.1.X, Texas Leadership Scholars Program, at the end of fiscal year 2024 may be carried over to fiscal year 2025 and are appropriated for the same purpose.

Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Funding

Health Programs

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/14/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue funding to the following strategies in the agency’s bill pattern: 1) Family Practice Residency Program, 2) Preceptorship Program, 3) Trauma Care Program and 4) Joint Admission Medical Program.

The following action increases General-Revenue-Dedicated funding from Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Account No. 5144 to the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program in Strategy C.1.3, Educational Loan Repayment Program.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Dedicated Account No. 5144 Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
C.1.3. Educational Loan Repayment Program	\$36,890,625	\$36,890,625
	<u>\$39,890,625</u>	<u>\$39,890,625</u>

2. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
D.1.1. Family Practice Residency Program	\$4,750,000	\$4,750,000
	<u>\$5,750,000</u>	<u>\$5,750,000</u>

3. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
D.1.2. Preceptorship Program	\$1,425,000	\$1,425,000
	<u>\$2,425,000</u>	<u>\$2,425,000</u>

4. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
D.1.4. Trauma Care Program	\$1,957,203	\$1,957,203
	<u>\$2,957,203</u>	<u>\$2,957,203</u>

5. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
D.1.5. Joint Admission Medical Program	\$9,696,794	UB
	<u>\$11,696,794</u>	UB

6. On page III-73 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern modify the following rider:

50. Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds: Educational Loan Repayment Programs. The distribution of available amounts in Strategy C.1.3, Educational Loan Repayment Program includes the following program allocations:

Program	2024	2025
Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Program	\$ 1,304,063	\$ 1,304,063
Math and Science Loan Repayment Program	1,255,313	1,255,313
Peace Officer Loan Repayment Program	2,063,757	2,063,757
Physician Education Loan Repayment Program	<u>14,767,492</u>	<u>14,767,492</u>
	<u>17,767,492</u>	<u>17,767,492</u>
Mental Health Loan Repayment Program	14,000,000	14,000,000
Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program	3,500,000	3,500,000
Total	<u>\$36,890,625</u>	<u>\$36,890,625</u>
	<u>\$39,890,625</u>	<u>\$39,890,625</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.

**House Appropriations Committee
Riders - Article III
Higher Education**

Article XI

March 16, 2023

Legislative Budget Board

By Thimesch

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Texas Research Incentive Program**

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue funding to an existing strategy G.1.1. Texas Research Incentive Program in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern by \$152,206,858 for FY 2024 and \$152,206,858 for FY 2025.

These additional appropriations would eliminate the \$337,663,717 backlog of state funds to match private donations for research at Texas’ eight emerging research institutions. The introduced version of HB 1 appropriates \$16,625,000 for FY 2024 and \$16,625,000 for FY 2025 for the Texas Research Incentive Program, and this rider would add the amount of funds necessary to eliminate the backlog. If passed, the total appropriation to the Texas Research Incentive Program would be \$337,663,717 for the biennium.

Since 2009, this innovative initiative has provided significant leveraged funding to the state’s emerging research universities by matching private research investments with state support. Texas’ eight emerging research universities are Texas State University, Texas Tech University, University of Houston, University of North Texas, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas at Dallas, University of Texas at El Paso, and University of Texas at San Antonio.

Required Action

On page III-58 of House Bill 1, add the following new General Revenue funding for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:

	2024	2025
G.1.1. Texas Research Incentive Program	\$16,625,000 \$168,831,858	\$16,625,000 \$168,831,858

On page III-290 of House Bill 1, revise the informational listing of General Revenue funding for the Texas Research Incentive Program

Sec. 60. Emerging Research Universities Research Funding. Funding to support research at Emerging Research Universities shall consist of appropriations from two research programs.

1. Texas Research Incentive Program. Pursuant to Education Code, Sec. 62.121-62.124, the Texas Research Incentive Program shall provide matching funds to emerging research universities, designated under the Higher Education Coordinating Board's accountability system, to assist institutions in leveraging private gifts for the enhancement of research productivity. The amounts listed below for each emerging research university are for informational purposes only.

	2024	2025
The University of Texas at Arlington	143,000 9,746,095	100,000 1,100,444
The University of Texas at Dallas	3,563,114 35,360,131	440,500 26,259,512
The University of Texas at El Paso	240,000 2,211,135	118,636 4,891,679
The University of Texas at San Antonio	350,000 18,326,115	1,452,334 21,128,204
University of Houston	963,693 44,238,361	10,705,627 71,409,018
Texas Tech University	10,633,470 30,524,360	588,045 11,475,779
University of North Texas	322,786 19,345,252	680,062 28,341,957
Texas State University	408,938 9,080,406	2,539,797 4,225,261
Total	16,625,000 168,831,858	16,625,000 168,831,858

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Keith Bell

Affected Agency: Higher Education Coordinating Board

Purpose:

The following actions provide additional funding to several existing programs with the intent to increase access to health care in rural and underserved areas.

Texas' rural health care system is in serious trouble. The challenges plaguing Texas' rural health care system are complex, interrelated, and well-documented. They ultimately impact all Texans who live, work, or travel to these areas. The problems demand immediate attention. Providing increased funding to the programs listed below will help stabilize our rural physician pipeline and improve access to health care for rural Texans.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$5 million per year

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue and General Revenue - Dedicated

Rider Language:

Required Actions

1. On page III-71 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, modify Rider 50 to reflect the following change:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Physician Education Loan Repayment Program	\$14,767,492	\$14,767,492
Physician Education Loan Repayment Program	\$19,767,492	\$19,767,492

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

The following action increases General Revenue funding to existing strategy B.1.7, Educational Aide Program, in the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern by \$9,700,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$9,700,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-57 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
B.1.7. Educational Aide Program	\$481,616	\$481,616
	<u>\$10,181,616</u>	<u>\$10,181,616</u>

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Cody Harris

Affected Agency: Higher Education Coordinating Board

Purpose:

The following action provides additional funding to the Family Practice Residency Program with the intent to increase access to health care in rural and underserved areas.

Texas' 36 family medicine residency programs are the lifeblood of our primary care workforce, preparing more than 300 new family physicians each year to care for patients. Family medicine is the linchpin for providing access to primary care, preventive care, mental health, and maternity care in rural and underserved communities.

Family physicians provide comprehensive and continuous care, including prenatal and maternal care in rural areas. Experience in rural practice during residency training leads to a 5- to 6-fold increase in new family doctors practicing in rural communities.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$10 million per year

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

On page III-58 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, modify the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
D.1.1 Family Practice Residency Program	\$4,750,000	\$4,750,000
D.1.1 Family Practice Residency Program	\$14,750,000	\$14,750,000

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

Article III. THECB Rider

___ Funding for Programs Supporting Nursing Education Clinical Sites.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board is appropriated \$153,800,00 in General Revenue for the 2024-25 biennium to implement the provisions of the legislation to provide grant funding for nursing clinical site preceptors, nursing clinical site innovation and coordination, and nurse faculty and nurse faculty clinical training as follows:

- a. \$82,000,000 for Nursing Clinical Site Preceptor Grant Program to provide grants to clinical sites for up to a \$4 an hour differential for nursing preceptors.
- b. \$32,800,000 for Nursing Clinical Site Innovation and Coordination Program to provide two-year grants to clinical sites for innovative or coordination programs that increase the nursing workforce or expedite the timeframe for nurses to enter the workforce with full, independent clinical capacity, improve the nursing environment and retention, or address workplace safety or other innovations to support nursing.
- c. \$39,000,000 for Nurse Faculty and Nurse Faculty Clinical Training Programs to provide two-year grants for 500 clinical nurses to teach and 500 nurse faculty to receive clinical training, as needed as a prerequisite to working part-time in clinical settings.

Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2025.

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Advise TX

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/06/2023

Overview

The following action would appropriate \$3,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to partner with an entity to expand access to evidence-based near peer advising and increase the number of students served by programs that assist Texans to prepare for, enter, and/or reenter higher education.

Today, less than 45% of Texas adults have some form of a postsecondary credential. Unfortunately, young adults who do not earn a degree within six years of leaving high school have only a 12% chance of earning a living wage in Texas. By 2030, it's projected that 62% of all jobs in Texas will require some form of post-secondary degree or credential attainment after high school. Our current postsecondary credential completion rate is below the goals of our 60X30TX plan and below what is needed to remain competitive in the global market. Research shows that comprehensive, evidence-based programs that support students with financial aid, best-fit college selection, first-to-second year persistence, and year-over-year retention achieve outsized results. However, access to advising and counseling is below recommended ratios.

As the 88th Texas Legislature looks to bolster funding for community college success, invest heavily in workforce education and reeducation, and grow the state's higher education presence nationally, funding aimed at evidence-based programs that support degree and credential attainment initiatives is a valuable investment.

Required Action

1. On page III-57 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following Strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>A.1.3. Strategy: College Readiness and Success</u>	<u>\$5,978,697</u>	\$5,978,697
	<u>\$8,978,697</u>	

2. On page III-73 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, modify the following rider:

.39. Advise TX. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, College Readiness and Success, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall expend up to \$3,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to partner with an entity to expand access to evidence-based near peer advising and increase the number of students served by programs that assist Texans to prepare for, enter, and/or reenter higher education. The Higher Education Coordinating Board may solicit and accept gifts for additional support for the Advise TX College Advising Corps. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2024 may be carried over to fiscal year 2025 and are appropriated for the same purpose.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Keith Bell

Affected Agency: Higher Education Coordinating Board

Purpose:

The following actions provide additional funding to several existing programs with the intent to increase access to health care in rural and underserved areas.

Texas' rural health care system is in serious trouble. The challenges plaguing Texas' rural health care system are complex, interrelated, and well-documented. They ultimately impact all Texans who live, work, or travel to these areas. The problems demand immediate attention. Providing increased funding to the programs listed below will help stabilize our rural physician pipeline and improve access to health care for rural Texans.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$2.5 million per year

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

Required Actions

1. On page III-58 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, modify the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
D.1.2 Preceptorship Program	\$1,425,000	\$1,425,000
D.1.2 Preceptorship Program	\$2,425,000	\$2,425,000

2. On page III-71 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider which appropriates \$3,000,000 for the Rural Resident Physician Grant Program.

 . **Rural Resident Physician Grant Program.** In addition to funds appropriated above, the Higher Education Coordinating Board is appropriated \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024, and \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to fund the Rural Resident Physician Grant Program to encourage the creation of new

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graduate medical education positions in rural and nonmetropolitan areas, with particular emphasis on the creation of rural training tracks. The board shall award grants to new or expanded physician residency programs at teaching hospitals and other appropriate health care entities according to the program criteria.

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

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The rider would make a one-time appropriation for a grant to a public or private institution of higher education that has applied to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to construct a liquid fueled fission nuclear research reactor located in Texas. A research reactor would be used to educate future leaders in nuclear science and engineering and for research purposes of innovation in electricity generation, medical isotopes, desalination of seawater, brine, and produced water from oil and gas operations. The appropriation would be used for advanced research, education, and detailed engineering design to get the project ready.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-59 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>G.1.X. Strategy: Nuclear Research and Innovation Project</u>	<u>\$40,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

1. On page III-73 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern add the following rider:

_____. **Nuclear Research and Innovation Project.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy G.1.X, Nuclear Research and Innovation Project, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall transfer this appropriation through an interagency contract to a public or private institution of higher education that currently has applied to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to construct a liquid fueled fission nuclear research reactor located in Texas. It is the intent of the Legislature for the grant to be used for advanced research, education, and detailed engineering design.

By: Rep. Zwiener

Higher Education Coordinating Board – Article III
Proposed Rider
CPAN Substance Abuse Pilot

Overview

This Rider would appropriate an additional \$4,000,000.00 over the 2024-25 biennium from General Revenue funds for the purpose of establishing a pilot program on substance abuse treatment under the Child Psychiatry Access Network.

Required Action

1. On page III-58 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy D.1.7, Health and Safety, by \$2,000,000.00 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2025.

2. On page III-70 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, amend Rider 46(b) as follows:

(b) Programs. At the direction of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium (TCMHCC), the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) shall transfer appropriations through interagency contracts with health-related institutions for the following programs:

	<u>2022</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>2025</u>
Program		
Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN)	\$ <u>15,797,037</u> <u>25,620,280</u>	\$ <u>15,797,037</u> <u>25,620,279</u>
Texas Child Access Through Telemedicine	\$ <u>25,273,565</u> <u>71,041,395</u>	\$ <u>25,273,565</u> <u>71,041,395</u>
Workforce Expansion	\$ <u>6,962,325</u> <u>21,540,733</u>	\$ <u>6,962,325</u> <u>21,540,732</u>
CAP Fellowships	\$ <u>4,110,234</u> <u>5,314,392</u>	\$ <u>4,110,234</u> <u>5,314,391</u>
Coordinated Research	\$ <u>5,000,000</u> <u>13,787,730</u>	\$ <u>5,000,000</u> <u>13,787,729</u>
Central Operation Support Hub	\$ <u>1,135,975</u> <u>3,141,547</u>	\$ <u>1,135,975</u> <u>3,141,547</u>
External Evaluation	\$ <u>375,000</u> <u>500,000</u>	\$ <u>375,000</u> <u>500,000</u>
Administration	\$ <u>600,000</u> <u>1,331,881</u>	\$ <u>600,000</u> <u>1,331,881</u>

3. On page III-70 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the appropriately numbered subsection to Rider 46 as follows:

() Out of funds appropriated in Subsection (b) of this rider, \$2,000,000 of the funds allocated to the Child Psychiatry Access Network shall be allocated in each fiscal year to conduct a pilot on expanding the program's services to include consults for substance abuse treatment for youth and adolescents. The pilot must include rural, exurban, and suburban communities and communities that are located in at least three different Texas Health and Human Services Regions.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Dr. Suleman Lalani

Affected Agency: Higher Education Coordinating Board

Purpose: The purpose of this rider is to increase the amount of money allocated to the Graduate Medical Education Expansion Program

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$5,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

1. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
D.1.3. Graduate Medical Education Expansion Program	\$116,500,000 \$119,000,000	\$116,500,000 \$119,000,000

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RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Dr. Suleman Lalani

Affected Agency: Higher Education Coordinating Board

Purpose: The purpose of this rider is to encourage more students to be physicians by increasing the amount of funds that are allocated for the State Physician Education Loan Repayment Program.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$5,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

1. On page III-57 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, increase appropriations by \$2,500,000 General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and by \$2,500,000 General Revenue in fiscal year 2025.

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Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Rural Veterinary Incentive Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/06/2023

Overview

The following action would appropriate \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to support the Rural Veterinary Incentive Program.

Required Action

1. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds and new Strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>C.1.X. Strategy: Rural Veterinary Incentive Program</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

2. On page III-73 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____ **Rural Veterinary Incentive Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.X, Rural Veterinary Incentive Program, \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to support the Rural Veterinary Incentive Program. Any unexpended balances remaining at the Higher Education Coordinating Board as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

**Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Stackable Nursing Degree Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/08/2023

Overview

The following action would appropriate \$3,500,000 per year in General Revenue Funds for a pilot accelerated nursing program for the Houston Independent School District (HISD), Houston Community College (HCC) and UTHealth Houston Cizik School of Nursing (CSON). The intent of the Stackable Nursing Degree Pilot Program is that a student would be introduced to nursing as a profession beginning the summer prior to their 8th grade year in a Nursing Day Camp. Students who attend the day camp would be provided information regarding the application process and deadlines for the Stackable Nursing Degree Pilot Program. Students would apply to attend this program during their eighth-grade year, and once accepted would start the immersive nursing specific program the summer before their Freshmen year of high school with a three week bootcamp. Students will also be paired with a nurse mentor who will follow the student throughout the program from the summer bootcamp all the way through their BSN degree. Starting their freshman year in high school students will be on the degree plan to obtain their Licensed Vocational Nursing Degree. This degree plan includes fulfilling all academic requirements of HISD as well as HCC Dual Credit Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program. Upon successful passing of the NCLEX-PN the students would be able to work as a LVN. Students would then have the option of continuing their education through the HCC Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program or completing required pre-requisites at HCC for the CSON Bachelor of Nursing Science (BSN) Pacesetter Program. UTHealth CSON and a community partner would continue to assist students through enrichment and mentorship to navigate the pathway of nursing as they pursue advanced degrees, by providing prep courses for the ADN and BSN entrance exams and licensure exams; as well as ensuring that students complete the required pre-requisites and courses for each degree program. It is expected that the first cohort of students in 2024 will be 30 and increase by 30 additional students which each subsequent cohort of this program.

Required Action

1. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds and new Strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>D.1.X. Strategy: STACKABLE NURSING DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>

2. On page III-73 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____ **Stackable Nursing Degree Pilot Program.**

- a) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.X, Stackable Nursing Degree Pilot Program, the Higher Education Coordinating Board through a memorandum of understanding shall allocate \$3,500,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,500,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2025 for the Stackable Nursing Degree Pilot Program to the following institutions to pilot an accelerated nursing degree program:
- 1) The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston;
 - 2) Houston Community College; and
 - 3) Houston Independent School District.
- b) By December 1, 2024, the three institutions listed in subsection a) above shall file with the Higher Education Coordinating Board a progress report on the pilot program detailing programming and student recruitment efforts.
- c) Any unexpended balances remaining at the Higher Education Coordinating Board as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

Amount Requested (if applicable): FY 2024 \$3,000,000; FY 2025 \$3,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): New Funds

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Rider Language: Loan Repayment Program for Certain Nurses.

Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy F.1 , Loan Repayment Program for Certain Nurses, an amount not less than \$3,000,000 each year shall be allocated to the Loan Repayment Program for Certain Nurses in accordance with Education Code §§ 61.651 - 61.659 for repayment of eligible student loans received by nurses who:

- (a) Apply to the board in a manner prescribed by the board;
- (b) Are advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, or licensed vocational nurses; and
- (c) At the time of application for repayment assistance, have been employed full-time by:
 - (1) A convalescent or nursing facility licensed under Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code; or
 - (2) A continuing care facility regulated under Chapter 246, Health and Safety Code.

The board may use these funds to provide loan repayment assistance of any student loan for education at an institution of higher education, a private or independent institution of higher education, a public or private out-of-state institution of higher education accredited by a recognized accrediting agency, or nonprofit, tax-exempt, regionally accredited colleges or universities operating in accordance with a memorandum of understanding with this state under an executive order issued by the governor including loans for undergraduate education, received by an eligible nurse through any lender. The board may not provide repayment assistance for a student loan that is in default at the time of the nurse's application. A nurse may receive loan repayment assistance from these funds in an amount determined by the board, not to exceed \$5,000 for each year the nurse establishes eligibility for the assistance. Up to three percent of these funds may be used to pay the costs of administering the Loan Repayment Program for Certain Nurses. The board shall deliver student loan repayment assistance in a lump sum payable:

- (a) To both the lender or other holder of the loan and the nurse; or
- (b) Directly to the lender or other holder of the loan on the nurse's behalf.

**The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program**

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.

The current program (i.e., the NSRP structure in the 2022-23 GAA) will be renamed the “Growth Tier,” awarding funds based on the increase of nursing graduates from each program. Of the total NSRP appropriations, 60 percent will be distributed in the Growth Tier each biennium. The “Production Tier,” new for the 2024-25 biennium, will award funds based on the total number of nurses graduating from a program each year (rather than growth in the number of graduates), similar to the way the I&O formula distributes funds based on total weighted semester credit hours. Of the total NSRP appropriations, 20 percent will be distributed in the Production Tier. The “Faculty Tier,” also new for the 2024-25 biennium, will award funds based on the production of doctoral level nurses by a program, in order to incentivize programs to increase the number of doctoral level nurses in Texas and thereby increase the supply of faculty and potential faculty available to institutions of higher education in Texas. Of the total NSRP appropriations, 20 percent will be distributed in the Faculty Tier.

Additionally, this program will apply weights to nursing graduates counted toward the formula allocations in both the Growth Tier and the Production Tier. The weights applied are based on the recommendations from the Texas Nurses Association (TNA) and found in “A Report to the Texas Legislature, Per General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article III, Section 27, 87th Legislature.” The weights are designed to correspond to nursing supply and demand projections developed by the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Required Actions

1. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding to Strategy D.1.6, PROF NURSING SHORTAGE REDUCTION PGM, by \$26,600,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$26,600,000 in fiscal year 2025:

	2024	2025
D.1.6. Strategy: PROF NURSING SHORTAGE REDUCTION PGM	\$23,400,000	\$23,400,000
	<u>\$50,000,000</u>	<u>\$50,000,000</u>

2. On page III-66 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, amend Rider 26 as follows:

26. Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program. Appropriations for the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program total ~~\$23,400,000~~ \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and ~~\$23,400,000~~ \$50,000,000 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 5 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, \$60,000,000 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 both initial licensure and bachelor's completion, RN-to-BSN programs. The THECB shall apply a weight of 1.5 for increased graduates in nursing educator programs identified with a Classification of Instructional Program code of 51.3808 and 51.3817. 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, \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 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 both initial licensure and bachelor's completion, and RN-to-BSN programs.
- d. **Faculty Tier.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 shall be distributed in an equitable manner based on the total number of doctoral level nurses graduating from a program each year.
- e. In the allocations distributed by Paragraphs b and c for the Growth Tier and Production Tier, respectively, the THECB shall apply the following weights to nursing graduates counted towards the formula calculations in each tier:
 - i. 2.5 for prelicensure graduates of Bachelors of Science in Nursing programs;
 - ii. 2.0 for graduates of Associate Degree in Nursing Programs;
 - iii. 1.5 for graduates of RN to BSN, Masters of Science in Nursing Education and Doctor of Philosophy programs (CIP codes 51.3808 and 51.3817);
 - iv. 0.5 for Advanced Practice Registered Nursing graduate degree programs; and
 - v. 1.0 for all other nursing graduates.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- ~~h. Using funds under subsection (a), the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall consider if and how metrics relating to quality of nursing programs should be incorporated in the program and any recommendations for weighting of different types of nursing degrees awarded. The Coordinating Board shall confer with higher education nursing programs and the Texas Nurses Association in the developing of these weighted metrics. The Coordinating Board shall make any recommendations to the Legislature by November 1, 2022. It is the intent of the legislature that this subsection (e) expire after the 2022-23 biennium.~~

By: Gonzalez of El Paso

Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Rider

TEXAS Grants

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/08/2023

Overview

The following action would amend rider language related to the Toward EXcellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant program to direct the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to prioritize students graduating in the top ten percent of their high school graduating class to receive a TEXAS grant.

Required Actions

1. On page III-67 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, amend Rider 29 as follows:

29. Toward EXcellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program. For all funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, TEXAS Grant Program, and funds transferred into the TEXAS Grant Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2024 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2025.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board is directed to coordinate with institutions to determine how to prioritize the distribution of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, TEXAS Grant Program awarded to institutions to ensure that all students who graduate in the top ten percent of their class, who otherwise meet the initial eligibility for a TEXAS Grant, receive an initial year grant. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may transfer not more than five percent of the total funds available in Strategy B.1.1. from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2024 to the extent necessary to implement the provisions of this rider.

Any amounts received by the Higher Education Coordinating Board as donations under Texas Education Code §56.310 during the biennium beginning September 1, 2023, are hereby appropriated for the purpose of awarding TEXAS Grants during the biennium beginning September 1, 2023.

Any amounts transferred to the Higher Education Coordinating Board by the Comptroller of Public Accounts in accordance with Texas Property Code §72.1016(e) which provides that five percent of the money collected from stored value cards presumed to be abandoned are to be used as grants under Subchapter M. Education Code Chapter 56, are hereby appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2023, for the purpose of awarding TEXAS Grants during the biennium beginning September 1, 2023.

By: Howard

**Texas Division of Emergency Management,
Article III Education (Higher Education)
Opioid Antagonist Public Education Campaign
Proposed Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/8/2023

Overview

To appropriate \$1,000,000 from the Opioid Abatement General Revenue-Dedicated Account to the Texas Division of Emergency Management in the 2024-25 biennium for the creation of an opioid antagonist public education campaign. The rider would allow TDEM to work with other state agencies, as needed, for this purpose.

Required Actions

1. On page III-259 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for the Texas Division of Emergency Management, add \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue-Dedicated Account 5189 to the new strategy: A.1.6 Strategy: Opioid Abatement.
2. On page III-262 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for the Texas Division of Emergency Management, add the following new rider:

12. Opioid Abuse Prevention. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Opioid Abatement, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from GR-Dedicated Account No. 5189 shall be used to work with other state agencies, as needed, to create an opioid antagonist public education campaign.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Martinez

Affected Agency: TDEM

Purpose: This rider will support regional flood mitigation and reduce flooding for the City of Mercedes and their emergency shelter

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$3,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language: Provide the \$3,000,000 in general revenue to the City of Mercedes in order to prevent flooding around the evacuation shelter, dome, that was built for emergency management and shelters.

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RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. A. Martinez

Affected Agency: TDEM

Purpose: This rider will support regional flood mitigation and reduce flooding for the City of Weslaco.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$8,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language: Provide TDEM with \$8,000,000 in General Revenue to the City of Weslaco in order to create a drainage ditch for flood mitigation. The open canal project is to put proper-sizing piping to channel the water.

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By: Howard

**Texas Division of Emergency Management,
Article III Education (Higher Education)
First Responder Fentanyl Handling Training
Proposed Rider**

Overview

To appropriate funds from the Opioid Abatement Account to the Texas Division of Emergency Management for the 2024-25 biennium for the purpose of providing first responder training on fentanyl handling. The rider would allow TDEM to work with other state agencies, as needed, for this purpose.

Required Actions

1. On page III-259 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall reimburse the Texas Division of Emergency Management in fiscal year 2024 and in fiscal year 2025 out of funds appropriated in General Revenue-Dedicated Account 5189 to the new strategy: A.1.6 Strategy: Opioid Abatement.
2. On page III-262 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for the Texas Division of Emergency Management, add the following new rider:

12. Opioid Abuse Prevention. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Opioid Abatement, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall reimburse the Texas Division of Emergency Management in fiscal year 2024 and in fiscal year 2025 from GR-Dedicated Account 5189 to be used for the purpose of supporting the work with other state agencies, as needed, to provide first responder training on fentanyl handling.

**The University of Texas at Arlington
Proposed Funding and Rider
Center for Mexican American Studies**

Overview

The following action would increase funding to expand the Center for Mexican American Studies at The University of Texas at Arlington.

Housed at one of the largest Hispanic Serving Institutions in the nation, UT Arlington’s Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) serves as a key outlet for Hispanic students and faculty, promoting scholarship and research opportunities on critical issues relevant to Latino communities in Texas. The Center for Mexican American Studies administers an 18-hour academic minor in Mexican American / Latino Studies, advises students interested in pursuing the minor, and promotes their academic success. The center also supports the professional development of UTA faculty actively engaged in studies on Latino issues, and connects UTA with the Latino community in the Dallas / Fort Worth region through internship, service learning, and other service activities.

This action would increase funding to The University of Texas at Arlington by \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2024 and \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2025 in House Bill 1 as Introduced. Additionally, this action would add an associated rider to the institution’s bill pattern to reflect new funding amounts, and provide unexpended balances authority within the biennium for appropriations to Strategy C.2.3, Center for Mexican American Studies.

Required Action

1. On page III-74 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within The University of Texas at Arlington’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding to Strategy C.2.3, Mexican American Studies, by \$2,480,841 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,480,841 in fiscal year 2025:

	2024	2025
C.2.3. Strategy: MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES	\$19,159	\$19,159
	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

2. On page III-75 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within The University of Texas at Arlington’s bill pattern, amend the following rider:

4. Center for Mexican American Studies. ~~The University of Texas at Arlington is hereby authorized to transfer or utilize, from funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed \$38,318 for the operation of the Center for Mexican American Studies.~~ Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.3, Center for Mexican American Studies, \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024, and \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025, shall be used to support the Center for Mexican American Studies. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024 are appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2025.

Increase General Revenue appropriations by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in the bill pattern of The University of Texas At Austin, Strategy C.2.4. McDonald Observatory, with a new rider for the purpose of providing and increasing The University of Texas At Austin's and the McDonald Observatory's contribution for the construction of the Giant Magellan Telescope to enhance the university's existing partnership role in the telescope.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-83 of The University of Texas At Austin's bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.2.4, McDonald Observatory by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025.

- 2) On page III-87 of The University of Texas At Austin's bill pattern in House Bill 1, add the following new rider:

____. Giant Magellan Telescope. Amounts appropriated above to The University of Texas At Austin from General Revenue in Strategy C.2.4, McDonald Observatory, include \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 for providing a contribution for the construction of the Giant Magellan Telescope to enhance the university's existing partnership role in the telescope.

University of Texas at Austin
Proposed Funding and Rider
Center for Societal Impact
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/02/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new nonformula support Strategy to The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern and appropriates \$8,700,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$8,900,000 in fiscal year 2025 for three programs at the Center for Societal Impact within the Steve Hicks School of Social Work.

The Texas Permanency Outcomes Project, in partnership with the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services, currently provides training and support to increase family engagement in the foster care system through reunification of children and birth families. However, the program’s federal grant expires in September of 2023 and currently operates within a few regions in Texas. The requested \$2,050,000 per year in state support would expand programming statewide to encompass all regions in the state.

The University of Texas Spark program is a support program for Foster Care youth as they navigate the college application process, operate as college students, and search for post-college employment opportunities. Spark would use the appropriated funds of \$350,000 per year to continue the support of Foster Youth in university as they build meaningful personal and professional relationships that are important to success.

The Texas Heart Gallery operates as a foster care awareness program, utilizing photographs of foster children to promote adoptive parent recruitment. The Texas Heart Gallery serves the Central Texas Region currently and would use appropriated funds of \$6 million per year to expand to eleven additional regions throughout Texas for the expansion of education and awareness around adoption recruitment and post-adoptive care.

The E4Texas program is a post-secondary educational opportunity for high school graduates with or without a disability which allows them to gain life skills and job skills needed to enter the workforce. E4Texas currently serves 10 students and would use the appropriated funds of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 to enroll 10 additional students and establish program infrastructure at The University of Texas at Austin.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-84 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Center for Societal Impact	<u>\$8,700,000</u>	<u>\$8,900,000</u>

2. On page III-87 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern add the following rider:

_____. **Center for Societal Impact. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.X.X, Center for Societal Impact, \$8,700,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$8,900,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Center for Societal Impact. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.**

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Craig Goldman

Affected Agency: The University of Texas at Austin

Purpose:

The following action adds a new rider that directs General Revenue funding to The University of Texas at Austin for the Texas Digital Molten Salt Reactor.

Nuclear energy is the leading candidate to supplement fossil fuels as an energy source and molten salt reactors (MSR) offer a new path to employing this resource that traditional reactor designs cannot. Molten salt reactors offer significant advantages in safety, sustainability, energy security and waste management. MSRs operate at atmospheric pressure with liquid fuel and are inherently safer than today's reactors. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requires massive amounts of data to evaluate the safety of any individual design change, and the generation of that data can take decades. The creation of verifiable tools would allow safe design progress so that the molten salt reactor's capabilities will not be limited by a single design that never changes or can be commercialized.

There is currently a major push by both industry and academia in Texas to commercialize MSRs. This includes a university research reactor at Abilene Christian University (ACU), which is currently in progress, followed by another research reactor and commercial reactors in quick succession at other sites throughout Texas. The Digital Molten Salt Reactor Initiative proposes to:

- Build a digital twin reactor to generate massive amounts of data to improve the accuracy of digital modeling.
- Design an extensive set of sensors and simulation tools to track everything that happens in the MSR that is being built at ACU to demonstrate that we can predict how MSRs perform to justify design improvements in future reactors to the NRC.
- Establish digital twin models for experimental salt corrosion and chemistry to better understand the impact on MSRs.
- Build a digital model of the electric grid to test and demonstrate the value of MSRs for improved reliability and resilience in the electric supply

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Amount Requested (if applicable): \$7,622,808 in fiscal year 2024; \$10,917,500 in fiscal year 2025

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

.Beginning on page III-83 of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, of The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following:

- On page III-83 of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$7,622,808 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,917,500 in fiscal year 2025;
- On page III-83 of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, add the following new Strategy C.2.7, Texas Digital Molten Salt Reactor, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern with \$7,622,808 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,917,500 in fiscal year 2025; and
- On page III-87 of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern insert the following rider.

_____. **Texas Digital Molten Salt Reactor.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.2.7, Texas Digital Molten Salt Reactor, \$7,622,808 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,917,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used for the Texas Digital Molten Salt Reactor. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2025.

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Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs additional General Revenue funding to The University of Texas at Austin for the existing Texas Seismic Monitoring and Research Program (TexNet).

TexNet at The University of Texas at Austin’s Bureau of Economic Geology (BEG), supports Texas’ energy regulators, policymakers, academics, and industry through expert research on seismicity. West Texas recently experienced two significant 5.4 magnitude earthquakes -- one mid-December in Martin County and one in November in Reeves and Culberson counties. These earthquakes were felt all across West Texas. BEG and TexNet are instrumental in analyzing the data from these and other seismic events providing the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) and industry stakeholders needed information to make prudent regulatory decisions to keep Texans out of harm’s way while allowing for the safe exploration of oil and gas.

In 2015, TexNet initially began its work by building from scratch a 50-seismometer station network across Texas. Due to increased seismic activity, it has now vastly expanded its network to over 200 stations. At the same time, TexNet's budget has not increased since its creation and absorbed a small decrease during the 87th Legislative Session. The below motion would provide an additional \$1.4 million per year for the upcoming biennium to provide the following:

- An additional five seismic analysts for 24/7 TexNet operations;
- A field engineer to work on seismometer maintenance;
- Two information technology/computer science specialists devoted solely to TexNet; and
- A scientist dedicated to creating velocity models to be used in reducing the bias and errors on earthquake hypocentral depth estimation in TexNet operations.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-83 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
C.2.3. Bureau of Economic Geology	\$3,603,336	\$3,603,336
	<u>\$5,003,336</u>	<u>\$5,003,336</u>

2. On page III-87 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern add the following rider:

_____ **Texas Seismic Monitoring and Research Program.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.2.3, Bureau of Economic Geology, at least \$1,400,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and at least \$1,400,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 is to be used by The University of Texas at Austin to operate the Texas Seismic Monitoring and Research Program (TexNet). Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

**The University of Texas at Austin
Proposed Funding and Rider Amendment
Garner Museum**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/06/23

Overview

The following action would increase funding by \$117,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$117,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 and increase the Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) cap by 2.0 FTEs at The University of Texas at Austin for the Garner Museum.

Required Action

1. On page III-83 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue to new strategy, Strategy C.1.2, Garner Museum, by \$117,500 in fiscal year 2024 and \$117,500 in fiscal year 2025:

	2024	2025
<u>C.1.2 Garner Museum</u>	<u>\$117,500</u>	<u>\$117,500</u>

2. Add the following Full-Time-Equivalents within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern on page III-83 of House Bill 1 – Introduced:

	2024	2025
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	<u>2.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>

3. On page III-87 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

Garner Museum. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.1.2, Garner Museum, \$117,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$117,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used for the Garner Museum. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Geanie Morrison

Affected Agency: University of Texas at Austin

Purpose: The Texas Gas Injection Initiative will be a State-University-Industry partnership for development and scaled field implementation of sweep improvement technologies to extend oilfield life and expand CO2 injection in state assets towards low carbon oil production and a sustained decarbonized state oil economy

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$30,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Rider Language: Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.2.X, Texas Gas Injection Initiative, \$20,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used for the Texas Gas Injection Initiative to accelerate low-carbon oil production and carbon dioxide storage by conducting applied research of gas injection at pilot sites in Texas. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

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The University of Texas at Austin
Funding and Rider
Bureau of Economic Geology-Project STARR
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2023

Overview

The following action appropriates \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to the Bureau of Economic Geology-Project STARR at The University of Texas at Austin for the State of Texas Advanced Resource Recovery Program.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-84 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.2.6. Strategy: BEG: Project STARR</u>	<u>\$4,751,921</u>	<u>\$4,751,921</u>
	<u>\$6,251,921</u>	<u>\$6,251,921</u>

2. On page III-87 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern add the following rider:

State of Texas Advanced Resource Recovery Program. Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.2.6, BEG: Project STARR, \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 is to be used by The University of Texas at Austin to support the State of Texas Advanced Resource Recovery Program. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Geanie Morrison

Affected Agency: University of Texas at Austin

Purpose: UT Austin leads a statewide technology-enhanced dual enrollment and educator professional learning program to improve college readiness, reduce the need for developmental education, and improve student success. The OnRamps program includes 19 courses spanning STEM, Arts, and the Humanities and over 60 hours of professional learning for OnRamps teachers.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$4,240,096

Method of Finance (if applicable): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Rider Language: Out of funds appropriated above to Stratedy C.1.1, Texas OnRamps, ~~\$2,879,952~~ \$5,000,000 per fiscal year shall be used for a statewide technology-enhanced dual enrollment and educator professional learning program to improve college readiness, reduce the need for development education, and improve student success, built and administered by the University of Texas at Austin. The courses would incorporate college readiness assignments based on the state college and career readiness standards that have been developed and field tested by faculty and instructional support staff from Texas A&M University, the University of Texas at Austin, public junior colleges, and public school districts. The courses use diagnostic assessments and advanced technology to determine student's specific needs, incorporate open-source instructional materials, include professional development institutes and online resources for instructors, and incorporate the best available research about how students learn complex material. Any unexpected balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

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RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Geanie Morrison

Affected Agency: University of Texas at Austin

Purpose:

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$45,618

Method of Finance (if applicable): Click here to enter text.

Rider Language:

Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.4.1, Institutional Enhancement, \$500,000 [~~\$477,191~~] in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 [~~477,191~~] in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 is for a program to increase arts access and to modernize curriculum and teaching effectiveness in the Fine Arts, especially for schools and communities underperforming in arts education, through the UTeach Fine Arts Initiative, including the initiatives developed by the College of Fine Arts at the University of Texas in partnership with the Texas Cultural Trust. The program shall include training and placement of well-prepared and well-supported Fine Arts instructors into underserved or low-performing schools, promoting arts integration methods into core subject matter for classroom teachers, and encouragement of college and career preparedness.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

The University of Texas at Austin
Proposed Funding and Rider
Long-COVID Research

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs additional General Revenue funding to The University of Texas at Austin for Long-COVID Research.

There is a critical lack of research on, and no proven treatments for, Long-COVID, an increasingly recognized syndrome in which patients continue to experience symptoms of COVID-19 months after initial infection. COVID-19 “long-haulers” experience a wide variety of symptoms, including fatigue, persistent dyspnea, neurocognitive changes, depression, and anxiety. These symptoms are often debilitating and threaten the economic health of the state of Texas and the nation due to a crippled work force.

The below motion would significantly expand, equip and staff the research laboratory currently operating at The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School.

Required Action

1. On page III-XX of The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, increase appropriations and add the following new Strategy J.1.1, Long-COVID Research, by \$2,000,100 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and by \$2,000,100 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025.
2. On page III-XX of The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Long-COVID Research.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy J.1.1, Long-COVID Research, \$2,000,100 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,000,100 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used for Long-COVID Research.

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

establish a statewide Computer Science Pipeline Initiative at the Texas Advanced Computing Center.

The Computer Science Pipeline Initiative at TACC 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. It will also allow TACC to continue to 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. This appropriation will also support the Texas Computer Science Data Dashboard², which makes public data regarding teacher capacity for, student access to, and student participation in computer science coursework in every high school across the state.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-83 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’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:

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

2. On page III-87 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern add the following rider:

_____. **Texas Advanced Computing Center Computer Science Pipeline Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X, TACC 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 at the Texas Advanced Computing Center.

In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X, TACC 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 University of Texas at Austin, contingent upon The University of Texas at Austin demonstrating to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the Texas Advanced Computing Center’s 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 University of Texas at Austin 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.

**The University of Texas at Austin
Proposed Funding and Rider
Marine Science Institute
Texas Gulf Coast Research Center**

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs additional General Revenue funding to The University of Texas at Austin for the Texas Gulf Coast Research Center at the Marine Science Institute.

Increase Applied Research

MSI will expand its applied research programs to design and create solutions to challenges facing the gulf coast to ensure the region maintains vibrant and diverse ecosystems and to protect and grow the coastal economy.

Expand Impact

MSI will engage the entire UT Austin research community to utilize expertise and resources across many disciplines to solve the unique challenges facing the Texas Gulf Coast, including but not limited to, robotics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science, marine geosciences, policy, and business.

Promote the Gulf Coast

MSI will design programming and outreach to establish the region as top destination for world-class researchers, naturalists, sport fishers and visitors.

Required Action

Beginning on page III-83 of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, of The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern, add the following:

- On page III-83 of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025;
- On page III-83 of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, in Strategy C.2.1, Marine Science Institute, in The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern increase strategy allocations by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025; and
- On page III-87 of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, in The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern insert the following rider.

_____. **The Texas Gulf Coast Research Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Marine Science Institute, \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 is to be used to expand applied research to support a healthy ecosystem and economy in and along the Texas Gulf Coast and Gulf of Mexico, including fish physiology and ecology, ecosystem dynamics and biogeochemistry. Special considerations shall be given to multidisciplinary applied research opportunities leveraging partnerships and resources across UT Austin in areas such as: robotics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science, marine geosciences, policy, and business to solve scientific, technological, policy and economic challenges facing the region to preserve thriving Texas coastal communities. Using appropriated funds, the center shall solicit feedback from the local community, including the City of Port Aransas, when establishing pertinent applied research themes and outreach activities. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

By Rose

**The University of Texas at Dallas
Academic Bridge Program**

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue funding to an existing strategy C.2.1 Academic Bridge Program in the University of Texas at Dallas bill pattern by \$1,000,000 for FY 2024 and \$1,000,000 for FY 2025.

Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the University of Texas at Dallas would provide additional state funding to the Academic Bridge Program, a highly successful initiative that recruits and graduates primarily underrepresented minority students from area high schools who do not meet normal UT Dallas admission standards but who do show a passion for success in college. The Academic Bridge Program, which recruits to UT Dallas first generation and underrepresented minority students from urban school districts, currently receives \$1,326,830/biennium in nonformula support. Additional state funding is needed to maximize impact. The Program has recorded extraordinary achievements in “bridging” promising students as they make the transition from inadequate K-12 educational preparations to successful study of rigorous college curricula. Ninety percent (90%) of freshmen return as sophomores, and the 6-year graduation rate is 61%.

Required Actions

1. On page III-88 of House Bill 1-Introduced, within the University of Texas at Dallas’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following existing non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.2.1. Academic Bridge Program	\$663,415 \$1,663,415	\$663,415 \$1,663,415

2. On page III-89 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within the University of Texas at Dallas bill pattern, add the following new rider:

. Academic Bridge Program. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Dallas above in Strategy C.2.1. Academic Bridge Program, \$1,000,000 in additional General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in additional General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used for the Academic Bridge Program.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Button

Affected Agency: University of Texas at Dallas

Purpose:

The following action adds one time funding from GR-Dedicated Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 for a new exceptional item for The University of Texas at Dallas by directing \$5,000,000 for FY 2024 and \$5,000,000 for FY 2025 to the Center for Pain Therapeutic Discovery.

Funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the biennium for the University of Texas at Dallas would provide exceptional item funding the Center for Pain Therapeutic Discovery, which will invest in equipment and recruit new staff in medicinal chemistry, bioengineering and neuroscience to build the drug development platforms needed to tackle the opioid epidemic. The Center will develop new pain therapeutics by leveraging the high impact science already underway at UT Dallas on mapping molecular profiles of human pain neurons and circuits. The Center will be poised to make an impact on defeating the suffering created by the chronic pain and opioid epidemics. The Center will transform North Texas into an international hub for non-opioid analgesic development --- attracting scientists and investment from around the world to overcome the opioid epidemic.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$10,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable):

Rider Language:

On page III-88 of House Bill 1, in the University of Texas at Dallas bill pattern, add a new strategy and GR-Dedication Account No. 5189 funding:

	2024	2025
<u>C.X.X. Strategy: Center for Pain Therapeutic Discovery</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

On page III-89, add the following new rider:

3. Center for Pain Therapeutic Discovery. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Dallas above in Strategy C.X.X. Center for Pain Therapeutic Discovery, \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in one-time funding from GR-Dedicated Account No. 5189 shall be used for the Center for Pain Therapeutic Discovery. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024 and are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2025.

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RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Button

Affected Agency: University of Texas at Dallas

Purpose: The following action adds new General Revenue funding for a new exceptional item for The University of Texas at Dallas by directing \$1,000,000 for FY 2024 and \$1,000,000 for FY 2025 to the Crow Museum of Asian Art. Funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the biennium for the University of Texas at Dallas would provide exceptional item funding for the Crow Museum of Asian Art, which was donated, with its entire art collection, to the University of Texas at Dallas in 2019 by the Trammel and Margaret Crow family. State funding will train UT Dallas students in art conservation, art collection, and art historical and artifact research to help foster an appreciation for this field and develop docents for the Crow Museum. These docents will also be valuable when the University opens in 2024 the new Edith and Peter O'Donnell Jr. Athenaeum, which will house not only a second Crow Museum but also serve as the initial building of a new arts district at UT Dallas.

Amount Requested (if applicable): 2,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): GR

Rider Language:

On page III-88 of House Bill 1, in the University of Texas at Dallas bill pattern, add a new strategy and General Revenue funding:

	2024	2025
<u>C.X.X. Strategy: Crow Museum of Asian Art</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

On page III-89, add the following new rider:

____. Crow Museum of Asian Art. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Dallas above in Strategy C.X.X. Crow Museum of Asian Art, \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used for the Crow Museum of Asian Art.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

**The University of Texas at El Paso, Article III
Proposed Funding and Rider
Law School Planning Study**

Overview

On average, the four largest metropolitan areas in Texas have 2.5 times as many lawyers per capita compared to El Paso. One of the factors that contributes to this shortage of legal representation is the lack of a law school in the El Paso area. The closest law school located 260 miles away in Albuquerque, New Mexico. UTEP seeks authorization and funding to conduct a needs assessment, financial plan and feasibility study for the establishment and operation of a law school at UTEP. Outside consultants who are experienced with the full procedures of both ABA and SACS accreditation would be needed for the feasibility study.

Required Action

On page III-91 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within the University of Texas at El Paso bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2024	2025
C.4.2 Strategy: Law School Planning Study	\$250,000	

On Page III-92 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within the University of Texas at El Paso bill pattern add the following rider:

Law School Planning Study. Out of funds appropriated to the University of Texas at El Paso in Strategy C.4.2. Law School Planning Study, \$350,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 shall be used to conduct a study to examine the need for and feasibility of establishing a school of law as a professional school of The University of Texas at El Paso. The department or entity may seek the assistance of outside experts or consultants, as necessary.

**The University of Texas at El Paso, Article III
Federal Economic Development Regional Challenge Matching Funds**

Overview

A coalition led by the City of El Paso and UTEP has been awarded \$40 million by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to develop regional advanced manufacturing infrastructure to support the aerospace and defense industries. The grant provides \$15 million to UTEP for the creation of an Aerospace and Defense Innovation Network for Manufacturers – an initiative known as El Paso Makes – to support small and medium-sized manufacturers and advanced manufacturing startups in West Texas.

El Paso Makes will provide access to applied research, engineering design services, equipment, software, technology, and other resources, all to ensure that manufacturers can successfully compete for business in aerospace and defense. Leveraging state support and the research preeminence, expertise, and talent pipeline of UTEP’s Aerospace and Keck centers, UTEP will work with small and medium manufacturers and startups to make them more competitive and to earn new customers in aerospace and defense markets.

The University of Texas at El Paso seeks a state appropriation of \$5 million for the biennium to match federal funds dedicated to strengthening innovation and commercialization of advanced manufacturing technologies in West Texas.

Required Action

1. On page III-91 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within the of the University of Texas at El Paso bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2024	2025
C.3.7. Strategy: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
<u>REGIONAL CHALLENGE</u>		

2. On page III-92 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within the University of Texas at El Paso bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____ Economic Development Regional Challenge. Out of funds appropriated to the University of Texas at El Paso in Strategy C.3.7, Economic Development Regional Challenge, \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to support the Economic Development Regional Challenge.

**The University of Texas at El Paso, Article III
Proposed Funding and Rider
Center for Hispanic Health Disparities Research**

Overview

UTEP seeks to significantly expand the health research integrating determinants of health (social, behavioral, genetic, environmental, and physiological factors) and biomarkers of disease to study health disparities-related studies in Mexican-origin people.

State support would build on existing expertise at UTEP to better equip and staff a center for initiating and integrating clinical and translational integrated research initiatives related to Hispanic Health Disparities.

Required Action

1. On page III-90 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within the University of Texas at El Paso bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>C.2.4. Strategy: CENTER FOR HISPANIC HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH</u>	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

2. On page III-92 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within the University of Texas at El Paso bill pattern, add the following rider:

. Center for Hispanic Health Disparities Research. Out of funds appropriated to the University of Texas El Paso in Strategy C.2.4, Center for Hispanic Health Disparities Research, \$3,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to support the Center for Hispanic Health Disparities Research.

By: Martinez Fischer

The University of Texas at San Antonio, Article III
Proposed Funding and Rider
Cyber Advanced Manufacturing

Overview

The following action appropriates an additional \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to support the University of Texas at San Antonio Cyber Advanced Manufacturing.

UTSA leverages the Cybersecurity Manufacturing Innovation Institute (CyManII) and the National Security Collaboration Center to offer small and medium Texas businesses the necessary technological innovations and training to compete and thrive by operating resilient supply chains. This positions Texas manufacturers and businesses to substantially increase their volume and capture emerging national and global markets demanding secure management of complex supply chains. Introducing CyManII as an impartial and expert supplier of new innovations to the Texas business ecosystem is helping Texas companies leapfrog over competitors into new markets.

UTSA has developed unique resources to educate and prepare small and medium Texas manufactures meet the pending Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certifications. This includes partnering with Port San Antonio to establish a physical space on the port's technology innovation campus to provide novel and necessary cybersecurity education, along with training and certification opportunities. UTSA has also secured resources that can be deployed to Texas manufactures who may not be able to travel to San Antonio, such as online training modules and remote and mobile training resources.

Required Action

1. On page III-97 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, add a new strategy and funding as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.3.4. CYBERSECURE</u>	<u>\$3,250,0</u>	<u>\$3,250,000</u>
<u>ADVANCED</u>	<u>00</u>	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>		

By: Martinez Fischer

The University of Texas at San Antonio, Article III
Proposed Funding and Rider
San Antonio Life Science Institute (SALSI)

Overview

The following action appropriates an additional \$7,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to provide UTSA the resources necessary to advance the interdisciplinary collaborations and curriculum alignments in the health, biomedical and biotechnology industries for San Antonio and south Texas. State support will enable the university to provide more experiential learning, offer additional undergraduate and graduate courses, enable cluster faculty hires, and acquire and upgrade laboratories and necessary equipment. This will position SALSI and UTSA to competitively pursue additional grant proposals such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Required Action

1. On page III-97 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.2.1. San Antonio Life Science Initiative</u>	<u>\$8,319,14</u> <u>2</u>	<u>\$8,319,14</u> <u>2</u>

The University of Texas at San Antonio, Article III
Proposed Funding and Rider
Bold Research Initiative (BRI)

Overview

The following action appropriates an additional \$16,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$16,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to support the University of Texas at San Antonio Bold Research Initiative.

Driven by world-class investigators who are committed to collaboration, innovation and entrepreneurship the Bold Research Initiative (BRI) will provide UTSA the resources necessary to develop competitive grant proposals with the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Defense (DOD). The initiative is a strategic R&D investment in quantum security, AI, cloud computing, data analytics, microelectronics, and next gen communication. It's also an investment in bioengineering and related fields like materials science, tissue engineering, neuroscience and immunology. This investment will create experiential learning opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to meet THECB goals of educating 7,500 research doctorates a year.

Required Action

1. On page III-97 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, add a new strategy and funding as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.2.X. Bold Research Initiative</u>	<u>\$16,000,00</u> <u>0</u>	<u>\$16,000,000</u>

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Geanie Morrison

Affected Agency: Small Business Development Centers

Purpose:

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$10,490,898

Method of Finance (if applicable): Click here to enter text.

1. **Rider Language:** On page III-97 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.3.1. Small Business Development Center</u>	<u>\$4,170,253</u>	<u>\$4,170,253</u>
<u>C.3.3. SW TX BORDER SBDC</u>	<u>\$1,334,486</u>	<u>\$1,334,486</u>

2. On page III-130 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.3.1. Small Business Development Center</u>	<u>\$3,377,767</u>	<u>\$3,377,767</u>

3. On page III-154 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.1.1. Small Business Development Center</u>	<u>\$149,313</u>	<u>\$149,313</u>

4. On page III-152 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.2.1. Small Business Development Center</u>	<u>\$167,290</u>	<u>\$167,290</u>

5. On page III-219 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>N.2.1. Small Business Development Center</u>	<u>\$1,817,094</u>	<u>\$1,817,094</u>

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6. On page III-223 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>AV.1.X. Small Business Development Center</u>	<u>\$240,000</u>	<u>\$240,000</u>

7. On page III-93 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.2.7. BORDER ECON/ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT</u>	<u>\$597,651</u>	<u>\$597,651</u>

8. On page III-150 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.3.3. Small Business Development Center</u>	<u>\$1,350,477</u>	<u>\$1,350,477</u>

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**The University of Texas at Tyler
Proposed Funding and Rider
Fisch College of Pharmacy Formula Bridge Funding**

Overview

Under current law, the Fisch College of Pharmacy (FCOP) at UT Tyler does not receive state formula funding resulting in higher tuition for FCOP students. UT Tyler is pursuing a legislative change this session to allow the college of pharmacy to receive formula funding in future biennia. In the meantime, the university is requesting a non-formula support item in an amount approximate to what would be received in formula funding for the upcoming biennium. The following action adds a new Strategy to the University of Texas at Tyler's bill pattern and appropriates \$1.6 million of General Revenue funds each year of the 2024-2025 biennium to the university as a bridge to formula funding.

Required Action

1. On page III-99 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within the University of Texas at Tyler bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new nonformula support strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>C.X.X. Strategy:</u> College of Pharmacy Formula Bridge Funding	<u>\$1,600,000</u>	<u>\$1,600,000</u>

2. On page III-101 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within the University of Texas at Tyler bill pattern add the following rider:

Fisch College of Pharmacy Formula Bridge Funding. Out Of funds appropriated to the University of Texas at Tyler in Strategy C.X.X. Fisch College of Pharmacy Formula Bridge Funding, \$1,600,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,600,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used for the Fisch College of Pharmacy.

The following action adds a new Strategy to the University of Texas at Tyler’s bill pattern and appropriates \$2.5 million in General Revenue funds each year of the 2024-25 biennium to the university as a bridge to formula funding. Funding would be used 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.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-99 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Texas at Tyler bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new nonformula support strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Critical Care Nurse Training Program	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

2. On page III-101 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Texas at Tyler bill pattern add the following rider:

_____. **Critical Care Nurse Training Program.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of Texas at Tyler in Strategy C.X.X, Critical Care Nurse Training Program, \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used for the Critical Care Nurse Training Program.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Geanie Morrison

Affected Agency: Texas A&M University Natural Resource Institute

Purpose: The following action adds a new Objective, and Strategy to the Texas A&M University bill pattern and appropriates \$200,000 each year for the Natural Resource Institute. The funds would be used to update the Land Trends data.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$400,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Rider Language: Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University in Strategy C.X.X. Natural Resource Institute, \$200,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$200,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Natural Resource Institute's efforts to update the Land Trends data.

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy to the Texas A&M University at Galveston’s bill pattern and appropriates \$750,000 each year to the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas for the Digital Risk Infrastructure Program. Funds would allow IDRT to continue DRIP beyond the end of 2023, providing staff, technical assistance, and GIS-based data tools.

Required Actions

1. On page III-104 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M University at Galveston’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Disaster Resilient Texas	<u>\$750,000</u>	<u>\$750,000</u>

2. On page III-105 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas A&M University at Galveston’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

Digital Risk Infrastructure Program. Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University at Galveston in Strategy C.X.X. Disaster Resilient Texas, \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Digital Risk Infrastructure Program at the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas.

Texas A&M University at Galveston
Proposed Funding
Texas A&M University at Galveston Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/16/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective, and Strategy to the Texas A&M University at Galveston’s bill pattern and appropriates \$750,000 each year for the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas. Funds would support IDRT’s Houston office, administrative and programmatic support positions, and staff development activities. The funds would also allow continued through the Digital Risk Infrastructure Program, allowing outreach to an at least an additional 5 communities.

Required Actions

1. On page III-104 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M University at Galveston’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Disaster Resilient Texas	<u>\$750,000</u>	<u>\$750,000</u>

2. On page III-105 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas A&M University at Galveston’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas. Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University at Galveston in Strategy C.X.X. Disaster Resilient Texas, \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas.

Prairie View A&M University
Proposed Funding and Rider
Rosenwald Schools Learning Centers
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/03/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy, C.X.X. Rosenwald Schools Learning Centers, within the Prairie View A&M University bill pattern. Funding would be used to renovate, repair, and provide programming at three Central Texas Rosenwald Schools Learning Centers along Texas State Highway 183, just north and south of the intersection with Interstate Highway 10. Funding shall be divided equally among the three.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-106 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Prairie View A&M University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new nonformula support strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Rosenwald Schools Learning Centers	<u>\$12,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

2. On page III-108 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Prairie View A&M University bill pattern add the following rider:

_____. **Rosenwald Schools Learning Centers. Included in amounts appropriate above in Strategy C.X.X., Rosenwald Schools Learning Centers, is \$12,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2024 to support the renovation, repair, and programming at three rural Central Texas Rosenwald Schools Learning Centers along Texas State Highway 183, just north and south of the intersection with Interstate Highway 10. Funding shall be divided equally among the three schools.**

Tarleton State University
Proposed Funding
Institutional Enhancement
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/02/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue appropriations to Strategy C.4.1, Institutional Enhancement, in the Tarleton State University bill pattern by \$10.0 million in each year of the 2024-25 biennium. Of the additional appropriation, \$10.0 million would be used for Tarleton Today; \$4.0 million would be used for The Tarleton Distinguished High School Partners Program; and \$6.0 million would be used for the Institute for Rural Economic Development and Research.

Required Actions

1. On page III-109 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Tarleton State University bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.4.1. Strategy: Institutional Enhancement	\$1,814,204	\$1,814,204
	<u>\$11,814,204</u>	<u>\$11,814,204</u>

Tarleton State University
Proposed Funding
Better Health for Rural North Texans
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/16/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective, and Strategy to the Tarleton State University bill pattern and appropriates \$4,320,000 in General Revenue funds in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium. These funds would be used to increase the number of rural healthcare practitioners produced by the school in underrepresented healthcare fields.

Required Actions

1. On page III-109 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Tarleton State University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Better Health for Rural NTX	<u>\$4,320,000</u>	<u>\$4,320,000</u>

2. On page III-111 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Tarleton State University bill pattern, add the following rider:

Better Health for Rural North Texans. Out of funds appropriated to Tarleton State University in Strategy C.X.X. Better Health for Rural NTX, \$4,320,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,320,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Better Health for Rural North Texans initiative.

By _____

Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Article III
Multi-Purpose Community Events Center

Overview

The following action appropriates \$55,000,000 for a multi-purpose community events center. Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), with the support of the City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation, and the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau, seeks funding to construct a new mid-size, multi-purpose venue to support economic development, bolster tourism and quality of place, provide increased emergency management support to the Coastal Bend, and strengthen educational opportunities.

This 125,000 square foot, 3,500 seat venue, located on land provided by TAMU-CC, will serve as a center of educational advancement for UIL competitions, university speaker series, STEM camps for area youth, and a hub for campus life, including convocation, commencement, and Division I athletics. This Center will support economic growth and development, community events, K-12 initiatives, student engagement and success, and emergency management in the Coastal Bend Region. The Community and University continue to work closely with the Texas Division of Emergency Management and this project can be leveraged in those efforts. The Corpus Christi area currently lacks a mid-size indoor event space. Such a venue will benefit the entire Coastal Bend region and the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi community.

Required Action

1. On page III-113 of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi bill pattern, add General Revenue in the amount of \$55,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for a new strategy B.1.3. MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY EVENTS CENTER.
2. On page III–115 of Texas A&M University -Corpus Christi’s bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Multi-Purpose Community Events Center.** (a) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3. Multi-Purpose Community Events Center, \$55,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 shall be used for the construction of a multi-purpose community events center, and is contingent upon this Act passing by a two-thirds majority in each house. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024 are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2025.

(b) The legislature hereby finds in accordance with Art. 7, Section 18(i) of the Texas Constitution that there is a demonstrated need for the facilities described by subsection (a) and that such appropriation may be used for construction of such facilities by Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

By: _____

Texas A&M University-Commerce
Art. III

Institute for Alternative Teacher Certification by Competency-Based Education

Overview

The following action adds a new rider and creates a new strategy within the Texas A&M University-Commerce bill pattern, providing \$2 million in General Revenue to that strategy for Texas A&M University-Commerce to guide and support other Texas institutions of higher education to develop their own competency-based program for alternative teacher certification of K-12 paraprofessional educators and uncertified bachelor's degree holders.

Required Action

On page III-124 of the Texas A&M University-Commerce's bill pattern, take the following actions:

1. Create Strategy C.1.5. Institute for Alternative Teacher Certification by CBE.
2. Add \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in each year to Strategy C.1.5. Institute for Alternative Teacher Certification by CBE.
3. Add the following new rider:

_____. **Alternative Teacher Certification by Competency-Based Education.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy C. 1.5 Institute for Alternative Teacher Certification by Competency-Based Education, \$1,000,000 in FY2024 and \$1,000,000 in FY2025 shall be used to guide and support other Texas institutions of higher education to develop programs for Alternative Teacher Certification Through Competency-Based Education. Any unexpended balances in this strategy remaining as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

The following action adds a new Objective, and Strategy to the University of Houston System’s bill pattern and appropriates \$1.0 million each year to the university to reestablish a Teacher Preparation Program in partnership with Houston Independent School District. The funds would be matched by HISD to fund two cohorts of 60 students throughout the four UH System universities.

Required Actions

1. On page III-128 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Houston System’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Teacher Preparation	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

2. On page III-129 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the University of Houston System’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

Teacher Preparation Program. Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston System in Strategy C.X.X. Teacher Preparation, \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Teacher Preparation Program.

University of Houston
Proposed Funding
University of Houston Institutional Enhancement
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/16/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue appropriations in the University of Houston’s bill pattern and appropriates \$25.0 million each year to the university for Institutional Enhancement.

Required Actions

1. On page III-130 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Houston’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.4.1. Strategy: Institutional Enhancement	\$7,735,993	\$7,735,993
	<u>\$32,735,993</u>	<u>\$32,735,993</u>

University of Houston
Proposed Funding
Multicultural Success Programs
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/20/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue appropriations by \$2.5 million for the biennium in General Revenue funds for the nonformula support strategy C.3.4, Multicultural Success, in the University of Houston bill pattern. Funding will be used to support multicultural success programs within the Center for Mexican American and Latino/a Studies, African American Studies, and Asian American Studies Program

Required Actions

1. On page III-130 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Houston bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.3.4. Strategy: Multicultural Success	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

2. On page III-132 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the University of Houston bill pattern, amend the following rider:

Multicultural Success. Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.3.4, Multicultural Success, ~~\$1,250,000~~ \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and ~~\$1,250,000~~ \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used for Multicultural Success.

University of Houston - Clear Lake
Proposed Funding
Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/05/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.2.3, Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, within the University of Houston – Clear Lake bill by \$800,000 in each year of the 2024-2025 biennium. Funding would be used to hire additional master’s level clinicians, a full-time director to supervise those clinicians in efforts to expand services and help clear the 350-family wait list. Funding would also be used to lease additional space and to support clinical operations.

Required Actions

1. On page III-132 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Houston – Clear Lake bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds in the following non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.2.3. Center for Autism and Dev. Disabilities	\$200,000	\$200,000
	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

2. On page III-134 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the University of Houston – Clear Lake bill pattern, amend the following rider:

Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston – Clear Lake, in Strategy C.2.3, Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, ~~\$200,000~~ \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and ~~\$200,000~~ \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used for the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.

University of Houston - Clear Lake
Proposed Funding
Success Through Education Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/05/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy, C.X.X. Success Through Education Program (STEP), within the University of Houston – Clear Lake bill pattern and appropriates \$500,000 in General Revenue funds for each year of the 2024-2025 biennium. Funding would be used to allow UHCL grow this program, currently funded by grants, and expand into other ISDs including Pearland ISD. The STEP program creates opportunities for students to explore teaching as a profession and is currently established as a collaborative partnership between UHCL, six area school districts, and four community colleges.

Required Actions

1. On page III-132 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Houston – Clear Lake bill pattern, appropriate General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Success Through Education Program	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

2. On page III-134 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the University of Houston – Clear Lake bill pattern, add the following rider:

Success Through Education Program. Out of funds appropriated to University of Houston – Clear Lake, in Strategy C.X.X., Success Through Education Program, \$500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used for the Success Through Education Program (STEP).

University of Houston Downtown
Proposed Funding
University of Houston Downtown Student Success Initiatives
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/13/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective, and Strategy to the University of Houston Downtown’s bill pattern and appropriates \$6.0 million each year to the university for student success initiatives relating to improving graduation rates, providing mental health services, providing financial literacy training, completing course redesign, increasing academic advising, increasing tutoring and peer mentoring, and providing ESL services.

Required Actions

1. On page III-134 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Houston Downtown’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Student Success Initiatives	<u>\$6,000,000</u>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

2. On page III-135 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the University of Houston Downtown’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

Student Success Initiatives. Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston Downtown in Strategy C.X.X. Law Student Success Initiatives, \$6,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$6,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support initiatives relating to student success.

Midwestern State University
Proposed Funding
Small Business Development Center
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/06/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue appropriations by \$56,014 each year in Strategy C.1.1, Small Business Development Center to the Midwestern State University pattern. The funds would support initiatives to assist small businesses in the 13-county area in Northwest Texas.

Required Actions

1. On page III-154 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within Midwestern State University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.1.1. Strategy: Small Business Dev Ctr	\$93,299	\$93,299
	\$149,313	\$149,313

Midwestern State University
Proposed Funding and Rider
STEM Expansion and Center for Excellence
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/06/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new nonformula support Strategy to Midwestern State University's bill pattern and appropriates \$1,202,400 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,163,300 in fiscal year 2025 for STEM Expansion and Center for Excellence. The funds would be used to expand STEM courses, disciplines, and outreach to enhance recruitment, retention, and community development.

Required Actions

1. On page III-154 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within Midwestern State University's bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: STEM Expansion and Center for Excellence	<u>\$1,202,400</u>	<u>\$1,163,300</u>

2. On page III-155 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within Midwestern's State University's bill pattern, add the following rider:

STEM Expansion and Center for Excellence. Out of funds appropriated to Midwestern State University in Strategy C.X.X. STEM Expansion and Center for Excellence, \$1,202,400 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,163,300 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support STEM Expansion and Center for Excellence.

By: Rep. Lynn Stucky

**University of North Texas
Flagship Equity**

Overview

In a state as large and growing as quickly as Texas, the Legislature must take decisive action to not only accommodate today’s growth, but to anticipate demand and establish the talent pipeline necessary to meet the needs of tomorrow’s Texas. In no place is this demand more pronounced than in the North Texas region, which is projected to grow to 10 million people over the next decade.

UNT is the fourth largest and fastest growing university in Texas; however, we rank 36th of 37 institutions in General Revenue funding per student. Despite this disparity, UNT achieves notable outcomes that directly benefit the state, the economy, and the Texas workforce. Flagship Equity funding is critical to enable UNT to support high-impact programs, services, and research to meet the needs of our students, Texas employers, and the state’s economy.

Required Actions

1. On page III-139 of the University of North Texas bill pattern, amend the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
C.3.1. Institutional Enhancement	<u>\$26,888,827</u> \$1,888,827	<u>\$26,888,827</u> \$1,888,827

2. On page III-141 of the University of North Texas pattern, add the following rider:

Flagship Equity. Out of the amounts appropriated to University of North Texas in Strategy C.3.1, Institutional Enhancement, \$25,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$25,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support competitive academic programs, research, and student success services.

Rider Request

Member Name: Rose

Agency: Texas Southern University – Article III

Purpose: Statistics have shown that Black and Brown communities and those citizens living in urban settings were hit the hardest and suffered the most physical and mental health challenges during and since the COVID-19 pandemic. In minority communities, the pandemic has been a magnifier for common health disparities and other medical challenges/problems underscoring the need for a public health agenda beyond COVID-19 and other health conditions plaguing urban communities. The medical epidemic that effectively occurred during this pandemic has necessitated ongoing health initiatives to prevent and manage both physical and mental health occurrences while improving livability to transform lives of the citizens of Texas. Additionally, Today, 98% of Texas' 254 counties were wholly or partially designated by the federal government as mental health professional shortage areas. The medical initiatives, objectives and activities needed to respond to these challenges are well aligned with the priorities of the state of Texas, the City of Houston and surrounding communities as well are as follows:

- Increasing the number of mental health and medical professionals readily prepared to serve the citizens of Texas
- Increasing access to competent and evidence-based preventive screening services for depression and other mental health challenges
- Strengthen resource capacity to provide reliable interventions for those suffering for mental health conditions
- Increase the understanding of practitioners and the public of the role that untreated mental health problems play
- Support research on the diagnosis, prevention, treatment and delivery of services to address inequality in access to mental healthcare and other prevalent health disparities
- Increase the prevalence of awareness literature, training seminars, and other educational tools and services that directly respond to the prevention and control of mental health and other health disparities

The objectives and activities of this rider benefiting Texas Southern University are for the enlargement of mental health and health disparity services to its campus community and the larger surrounding community and to increase the production of health practitioners and professionals available and prepared to meet the needs of the citizens of Texas. Post Covid, the University found that its current counseling and health disparity services have been stretched to the breaking point. The increased needs of the university and surrounding communities have surpassed by the ability of both public and private providers in the area. Professionals are needed on a 24/7 basis. This coverage is non-existence. Texas Southern University seeks to meet the existing needs and projected future needs of those impacted.

To adequately address the complex needs of these issues, to complement the emphasis on mental health, additional work is needed to treat mental health and health disparities from a pharmaceutical disciplinary approach. The College of Pharmacy and Health Science of Texas Southern University has produced 27% of all minority pharmacists in the US. Also, TSU is the second largest educator of pharmacists in Texas. The School is the first and only college in Houston to offer a graduate degree in Health Care Administration. The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has experienced significant enrollment growth ranging from 50-70% units various health science degree programs. The students in the Pharmacy School are trained to respond, research the current trends, and address the future needs of our communities and the state regarding mental health problems and health disparities. Additionally, the students and faculty are engaged in new discoveries leading to identification, detection, prevention, control, and successful treatment of conditions and diseases manifesting in our communities throughout Texas.

Required Action

1. On Page III-XX of the Texas Southern University bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy C.3.4. Mental Health Services, by \$70,324,535 in General Revenue in each fiscal year.

3. On page III-XX of the Texas Southern University bill pattern, add the following rider:

____. Texas Southern University Mental Health Services. From funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.4 Mental Health Services, \$70,324,535 in each fiscal year shall be used for campus and community mental health and health disparities program to provide:

- competent and evidence-based preventive screening services for depression;
- brief interventions for those suffering for mental health conditions;
- increased understanding of practitioners and the public of the role that untreated mental health problems play;
- research on the diagnosis, prevention, treatment and delivery of services to address inequality in access to mental healthcare;
- research on the pharmaceutical discoveries for the treatment of mental health conditions;
- education of future pharmacy students to development methods of interactions with mental health patients; and
- creation of clinics (both mobile and stationery) to treat the patient who cannot be treated in the normal treatment centers.
- The increased production of mental health and community health professionals to respond to the workforce shortages throughout various counties within Texas.

The University shall submit to the Texas Southern University Board of Regents, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor a report describing the use of the funds appropriated that states the goals and outcomes to be achieved through use of the funds and established timelines and milestones for showing progress in meeting the goals.

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy, C.X.X Campus Health and Safety Enhancements in the Texas Southern University Bill pattern and appropriates \$73,000,000 in each fiscal year to Texas Southern University for the purpose of implementing new safety measures, improving existing infrastructure, and providing necessary resources to the campus police department to ensure the safety of the campus.

Required Actions

1. On page III-146 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Southern University bill pattern, add General Revenue appropriations to a new nonformula support strategy as follows:

	2024	2025
C.X.X Campus Health and Safety Enhancements	<u>\$73,000,000</u>	<u>\$73,000,000</u>

2. On page III-148 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Southern University bill pattern, add the following new rider:

Campus Health and Safety Enhancements. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X Research Funds for R1 Carnegie Status, \$73,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$73,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue funds shall be used to support Campus Health and Safety Enhancements.

Any appropriated unexpended balances in strategy C.X.X. Campus Health and Safety Enhancements as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

The University shall submit to the Texas Southern University Board of Regents, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor a report describing the use of the funds appropriated that states the goals and outcomes to be achieved through use of the funds and established timelines and milestones for showing progress in meeting the goals.

Texas Southern University
Proposed Funding
College of Transdisciplinary Studies
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/8/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy, C.X.X College of Transdisciplinary Studies in the Texas Southern University Bill pattern and appropriates \$115,641,457 in each fiscal year of the 2024-2025 biennium to Texas Southern University to support the College of Transdisciplinary Studies (COTS). The COTS initiative caters to nontraditional undergraduate and graduate students who need flexibility, opportunity, and accessibility to complete a degree.

Required Actions

1. On page III-146 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Southern University bill pattern, add General Revenue appropriations to a new nonformula support strategy as follows:

	2024	2025
C.X.X College of Transdisciplinary Studies	<u>\$115,641,457</u>	<u>\$115,641,457</u>

2. On page III-148 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Southern University bill pattern, add the following new rider:

College of Transdisciplinary Studies. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X College of Transdisciplinary Studies, \$115,641,457 in fiscal year 2024 and \$115,641,457 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue funds shall be used to support Texas Southern University’s College of Transdisciplinary Studies.

Any appropriated unexpended balances in strategy C.X.X. College of Transdisciplinary Studies as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

The University shall submit to the Texas Southern University Board of Regents, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor a report describing the use of the funds appropriated that states the goals and outcomes to be achieved through use of the funds and established timelines and milestones for showing progress in meeting the goals.

Texas Southern University
Proposed Funding
Research Funds for R1 Carnegie Status
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/6/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy, C.X.X Research Funds for R1 Carnegie Status in the Texas Southern University Bill pattern and appropriates \$129,777,716 in each fiscal year to Texas Southern University for the purpose of developing and implementing research initiatives across multiple disciplines.

Required Actions

1. On page III-146 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Southern University bill pattern, add General Revenue appropriations to a new nonformula support strategy as follows:

	2024	2025
C.X.X Research Funds for R1 Carnegie Status	<u>\$129,777,716</u>	<u>\$129,777,718</u>

2. On page III-148 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Southern University bill pattern, add the following new rider:

Research Funds for R1 Carnegie Status. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X Research Funds for R1 Carnegie Status, \$129,777,716 in fiscal year 2024 and \$129,777,716 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue funds shall be used to support Texas Southern University’s pursuit of R1 Carnegie status.

Any appropriated unexpended balances in strategy C.X.X. Research Funds for R1 Carnegie Status as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

The University shall submit to the Texas Southern University Board of Regents, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor a report describing the use of the funds appropriated that states the goals and outcomes to be achieved through use of the funds and established timelines and milestones for showing progress in meeting the goals.

The following action increases General Revenue appropriations by \$2,700,000 each year in Strategy A.1.1, System Office Operations, in the Texas Tech University System Administration bill pattern.

Required Actions

1. On page III-148 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University System Administration bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
A.1.1. Strategy: System Office Operations	\$1,299,600	\$1,299,600
	<u>\$3,999,600</u>	<u>\$3,999,600</u>

Texas Tech University
Proposed Funding
Institute for One Health Innovation
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new nonformula support Strategy to the Texas Tech University bill pattern and appropriates \$818,400 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,661,600 in fiscal year 2025 for the Institute for One Health Innovation. The funds would be used, in partnership with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, to plan research initiatives, conduct budget and economic development analyses, initiate site planning, develop governance and curriculum plans, and engage regional stakeholders through the Institute for One-Health Innovation (OHI).

Required Actions

1. On page III-150 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Institute for One Health Innovation	<u>\$818,400</u>	<u>\$1,661,600</u>

2. On page III-151 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Tech University bill pattern, add the following rider:

Institute for One Health Innovation. Out of funds appropriated to Texas Tech University in Strategy C.X.X. Institute for One Health Innovation, \$818,400 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,661,600 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Institute for One Health Innovation.

By: Rep. Lynn Stucky

**Texas Tech University
Proposed Rider**

1. On page III-151 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within Texas Tech University's bill pattern, add the following rider:

Viticulture Research. Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Agricultural Research, is \$250,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2024 to support appropriate departments within the College of Agriculture in conducting research to mitigate abiotic stress on grapes within the Texas High Plains.

The following action increases General Revenue appropriations in the Texas Tech University bill pattern and appropriates \$25.0 million each year to the university for Institutional Enhancement.

Required Actions

1. On page III-150 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.4.1. Strategy: Institutional Enhancement	\$4,727,445	\$4,727,445
	\$29,727,445	\$29,727,445

Angelo State University
Proposed Funding
Small Business Development Center
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/03/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue appropriations by \$75,000 each year in Strategy C.2.1, Small Business Development Center in to the Angelo State University pattern. The funds would support initiatives to assist small businesses in and around Tom Green County.

Required Actions

1. On page III-152 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Angelo State University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.2.1. Strategy: Small Business Dev Ctr	\$92,290	\$92,290
	\$167,290	\$167,290

Angelo State University
Proposed Funding and Rider
Student Care Services Support
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/03/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new nonformula support Strategy to the Angelo State University pattern and appropriates \$500,000 each year for a Student Care Services Support program.

Required Actions

1. On page III-152 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Angelo State University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Student Care Services Support Program	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

2. On page III-153 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Angelo State University bill pattern, add the following rider:

Student Care Services Support Program. Out of funds appropriated to Angelo State University in Strategy C.X.X. Student Care Services Support, \$500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used for the Student Care Services Support program.

Angelo State University
Proposed Funding
Commercial Aviation Training Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/03/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new nonformula support Strategy to the Angelo State University pattern and appropriates \$2,000,000 each year for a Commercial Aviation program. The funds would support costs associated with flight training including equipment and instructors.

Required Actions

1. On page III-152 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Angelo State University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Commercial Aviation	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

2. On page III-153 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Angelo State University bill pattern, add the following rider:

Commercial Aviation Training Program. Out of funds appropriated to Angelo State University in Strategy C.X.X. Commercial Aviation, \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Commercial Aviation Training Program.

By: Rep. Lynn Stucky

**Texas Woman’s University System
Proposed Funding
System Office Operations**

Overview

The following action appropriates an additional \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue for Texas Woman's University System to continue to establish itself as the seventh public university system in the state of Texas.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-156 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
C.4.3 Frontiers “Bridge” Program	\$500,000	\$500,000

**Texas Woman’s University
Proposed Funding and Rider
Frontiers “Bridge” Program**

Overview

The following action appropriates \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue for Texas Woman's University to develop a three-five week summer bridge program that would provide an immersive environment for students who have aged out of foster care to help them develop the life skills essential for college success and to better prepare to meet the challenges of college life as they transition to their college or university. Additionally, this action creates a new rider to direct the use of the funds for the support the Frontiers “Bridge” Program.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-157 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.4.3 Frontiers “Bridge” Program</u>	<u>\$1,400,000</u>	<u>\$1,400,000</u>

- 2) On page III-158 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, add the following rider:

Frontiers “Bridge” Program: Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.4.3, \$1,400,000 in General Revenue for each fiscal year shall be used to support the development of the Frontiers “Bridge” Program.

**Texas Woman’s University
Proposed Funding
Equity Funding**

Overview

The following action appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue for Texas Woman's University for equity funding to further align TWU as the flagship institution of the TWU System.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-157 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, update the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.4.1 Institutional Enhancement</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

**Texas Woman’s University
Proposed Funding and Rider
Nursing Faculty Recruitment and Retention**

Overview

The following action appropriates \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue for Texas Woman's University to help attract and retain well-qualified and experienced faculty to train the next generation of nurses to provide top-notch care to the people of Texas. Additionally, this action creates a new rider to direct the use of the funds for the support of Nursing Faculty Recruitment and Retention.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-157 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.1.2. Nursing Faculty Recruitment and Retention</u>	<u>\$2,425,000</u>	<u>\$2,425,000</u>

- 2) On page III-158 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, add the following rider:

Nursing Faculty Recruitment and Retention: Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, \$1,500,000 in General Revenue for each fiscal year shall be used to support the recruitment and retention of nursing faculty.

**Texas Woman’s University
Proposed Funding and Rider
Center for Longevity and Rural Health**

Overview

The following action appropriates \$2,425,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,425,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue for Texas Woman's University to create a center engaged in scientific and clinical research that focuses on facilitating healthy aging and improved quality of life. Additionally, this action creates a new rider to direct the use of the funds for the Center for Longevity and Rural Health.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-157 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.2.3. Center for Longevity and Rural Health</u>	<u>\$2,425,000</u>	<u>\$2,425,000</u>

- 2) On page III-158 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, add the following rider:

Center for Longevity and Rural Health: Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.3, \$2,425,000 in General Revenue for each fiscal year shall be used to support the Center for Longevity and Rural Health.

**Texas Woman’s University
Proposed Funding and Rider
Mental Healthcare on Campus**

Overview

The following action appropriates \$430,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$430,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue for Texas Woman's University to develop a campus-wide suicide prevention and early mental health intervention program, diversify and increase access to support resources for students, and expand programs focused on supporting the health and wellness of students. Additionally, this action creates a new rider to direct the use of the funds for the support of mental health.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-157 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
C.4.2 Mental Healthcare on Campus	\$430,000	\$430,000

- 2) On page III-158 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, add the following rider:

Mental Healthcare on Campus: Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.4.2, \$430,000 in General Revenue for each fiscal year shall be used to support the development of suicide prevention and early mental health intervention programs, and to increase access to support resources on campus for students.

**Texas Woman’s University
Proposed Funding and Rider
Family and Child Care Resource Center**

Overview

The following action appropriates \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue for Texas Woman's University by to provide a hub for current services already available on campuses of TWU, creating a one-stop-shop for students, their families and the community to locate resources and education. Additionally, this action creates a new rider to direct the use of funds to the Family and Child Care Resource Center.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-157 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>C.3.2. Family and Child Care Resource Center</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

- 2) On page III-158 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Woman's University bill pattern, add the following rider:

Family and Child Care Resource Center: Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.2, Family and Child Care Resource Center, \$4,000,000 in General Revenue for each fiscal year shall be used to support the Family and Child Care Resource Center.

The following action adds a new nonformula support Strategy to Texas State University’s bill pattern and appropriates \$150,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2025 for the Texas Forensic Anthropology Center.

The Forensic Anthropology Center will use the appropriated funds for the purpose of assisting counties and justices of the peace with complying with the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure, Section 49.04, Deaths Requiring an Inquest, when the identity and cause of death is unknown.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-171 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within Texas State University’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Forensic Anthropology Center	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

2. On page III-172 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within Texas State University’s bill pattern add the following rider:

_____. **Forensic Anthropology Center.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas State University in Strategy C.X.X, Forensic Anthropology Center, \$150,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$150,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Texas Forensic Anthropology Center.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Angie Chen Button

Affected Agency: UT Southwestern Medical Center, Article III

Purpose:

The Texas Legislature has historically appropriated start-up funds to support higher education institution efforts to launch new schools to educate our state's workforce. In 2021, UT Southwestern received legislative authorization and \$10,000,000 in general revenue for FY 2022-23, contingent on the institution securing a 2:1 match, to establish the Peter O'Donnell, Jr. School of Public Health. In the 88th Session, funding was eliminated in the House and Senate introduced budgets although the required match was met and curriculum development, recruitment of faculty and staff, and the pursuit of accreditation continue. The following action restores funding for FY 2024-25 to open and operate the new School where inaugural master level students will enroll in fall 2023 and doctoral students in 2024. Traditional Instruction & Operations Formula funding will not be available to the School until FY 2026 for masters students and FY 2028 for doctoral students.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$5,000,000 in FY 24 and \$5,000,000 in FY 25

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

Required Actions

- 1) On page III-177 of the UT Southwestern Medical Center bill pattern in House Bill 1 (Introduced), restore Strategy D.4.2 SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, add \$5,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2025.

- 2) On Page III-179 of the UT Southwestern Medical Center bill pattern in House Bill 1 (Introduced), restore the School of Public Health rider and modify as follows:

~~7.6 Contingency for the School of Public Health Start-up Support.~~ The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center is authorized to ~~initiate~~ continue curriculum design and development, faculty recruitment, and commencement of organization and other processes necessary to attain accreditation of a school of public health. ~~The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center shall seek the support of the Dallas community, groups and entities that may support and contribute to the development and establishment of a school of public health.~~ Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.4.2, School of Public Health, \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 202~~4~~5 and \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 202~~3~~4 shall be used to support the new School of Public Health. ~~Funds are contingent upon institutional or external investment of \$10,000,000 each fiscal year.~~

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RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Angie Chen Button

Affected Agency: UT Southwestern Medical Center, Article III

Purpose:

The following action adds funding to meet the state match as calculated by the UT Southwestern Performance-Based Research Operations Formula that the 87th Legislature was unable to fund in the 2021 Session.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$7,552,664.00 in FY 24 and \$7,552,664.00 in FY 25

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

- 1) On page III-177 of the UT Southwestern Medical Center bill pattern in Senate Bill 1 (Introduced), in Strategy B.1.2 PERFORMANCE BASED RESEARCH OPS, add \$7,552,664.00 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,552,664.00 in fiscal year 2025.

- 2) On Page III-276 of Special Provisions Relation Only to Institutions of Higher Education, amend the UT Southwestern Rider 10. Mission Specific Support - Performance Based Research Operations Formula as follows:

10. Mission Specific Support - Performance Based Research Operations Formula. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center has a mission that is research intensive. To enhance research capacity, assist the institution in leveraging research grants and gifts, and support expansion of the institution's research operations, additional research formula funding shall be provided based on the following criteria: a. General Revenue Research Operations Formula funding allocated to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Strategy B.1.2, Performance Based Research Operations Formula, shall be guided to the institution through two mechanisms that measure the institution's performance.

1) Base Match allocations shall be based on the institution's average annual research expenditures for the previous three-year period as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Base Match rate shall be 13.40 percent for each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium. The Base Match rate shall be adjusted based on the average annualized increase or decrease in research expenditures from the prior biennium's three-year base average.

2) Performance Incentive Tiered Match allocations shall be based on the increase of the institution's average annual research expenditures since the prior biennium. The calculation of this increase shall be based on the average annual research expenditures for the two-year base period preceding each

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biennium, as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Tiered Match shall allocate funding in three tiers that increase on a sliding scale. Tier 1 shall provide matching General Revenue funds at a rate of 25.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$0 and \$10,000,000. Tier 2 shall provide matching General Revenue funds at a rate of 50.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000. Tier 3 shall provide matching General Revenue funds at a rate of 75.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures greater than \$20,000,000.

The institution's Performance Based Research Operations Formula shall be expended for the purpose of research operations, expanding research capacity, and pursuing excellence in its research mission. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding for the Performance Based Research Operations Formula from one biennium to another may not exceed 5.0 percent of the institution's total General Revenue appropriations in the prior biennium, excluding tuition revenue bond debt service. The Legislative Budget Board shall implement the funding in accordance with this limitation. In a biennium in which funding is not available to meet the institution's performance-driven target, the formula mechanisms and performance-calculated match rates remain while the Legislature determines the General Revenue provided. In the FY 2024-25 biennium, ~~\$130,840,155~~ \$145,945,483 in General Revenue is provided.

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RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Representative Dennis Paul

Affected Agency: The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Purpose: The following action provides \$11 million in the FY24/25 biennium to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to support its new School of Public and Population Health. UTMB’s School of Public and Population Health (SPPH) welcomed its inaugural class in Fall 2022. SPPH departments will focus on the primary prevention of disease and disability through the promotion of healthy behaviors and environments. This work applies not only to public health crises, such as infectious disease outbreaks, but also to addressing chronic conditions. From aerospace medicine, to emerging diseases in the lab, SPPH’s extensive programs have impact from the ground to the skies. A robust public health infrastructure with a well-trained workforce of researchers and practitioners is essential to protecting the health of Texas residents and the state’s economy.

This one-time funding will support the additional costs associated with opening a new school, including the hiring of faculty, purchasing of equipment, development of academic infrastructure, and ensuring appropriate space to support programs.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$11,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

On page III-180 of UTMB Galveston’s bill pattern:

	FY 24	FY 25
Amend D.2. Objective: Institutional		
Add: D.2.2. School of Public and Population Health	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000

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By Leo-Wilson

***The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Art. III
Drug Discovery***

Overview

The following action provides \$22.2 million in the FY24/25 biennium to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to support its Institute for Drug Discovery. UTMB is a world-class leader in many health disciplines, including infectious disease and neuroscience research. The Institute for Drug Discovery will enable meaningful bench-to-bedside work, by bringing together UTMB's expertise in virology, pharmacology, toxicology, and medicinal chemistry, to develop new oral drugs. Researchers will focus on the creation of intellectual property for new medicines, building the university's capability to design and discover chemical compounds for pre-clinical development. This research will increase state-wide quality of life with the development of novel therapeutics for emerging and re-emerging health concerns.

State funding will support researchers, lab operations, supplies, and equipment needed by the institute and will be leveraged to match philanthropic donations and federal support. Philanthropic funding has been provided to support the institute's establishment (i.e., lab construction), and NIH funding has been secured to research three specific infectious diseases. State support will build upon these external contributions, allowing the Drug Discovery framework to be expanded to other high-need areas, such as aging and addiction. It will also advance UTMB's clinical trial efforts to ensure therapeutics created in the lab have a pipeline for testing, development, and clinical research. This exceptional item funding sets the stage for Texas to be a leader in creating the next generation of therapeutics.

Required Action

On page III-180 of UTMB Galveston's bill pattern:

	FY 24	FY 25
Add D.X. Objective: Research		
D.X.1. Drug Discovery	\$11,100,000	\$11,100,000

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Geanie Morrison

Affected Agency: [Texas Education Agency & The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston](#)

Purpose:

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$7,500,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Rider Language: In Article III on page III-18 of HB 1, increase the funding to the Early Childhood School Readiness Program as follows:

40. Early Childhood School Readiness Program. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, ~~\$3,250,000~~ 7,000,000 in fiscal year ~~2022~~2024 and ~~\$3,250,000~~ 7,000,000 in fiscal year ~~2023~~2025 shall be distributed to the Children's Learning Institute at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to be used to support the Early Childhood School Readiness Program. The Early Childhood School Readiness Program resources and services will be provided to public prekindergarten, Head Start, university early childhood programs, and/or private non-profit early childhood care programs that have entered into an integrated program with a public school. The Texas Education Agency shall expend these funds in accordance with the following provisions:

Funds shall be distributed on a competitive grant basis to preschool programs to provide scientific, research-based instruction across primary development domains including, but not limited to, physical, mathematical concepts and thinking, language and communication, literacy, reading and writing, and social emotional development with the goal of directly improving the skills of three- and four-year-old children and improving overall kindergarten readiness. To be eligible for the grants, applicants must serve at least 75 percent low income students, as determined by the Commissioner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Education Agency participate to the extent practicable in interagency early childhood education and care coordination initiatives. This includes, but is not limited to, participation in the Head Start collaboration project or any other interagency entity formed to address the coordination of early childhood care and education service delivery and funding.

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From amounts referenced above, the Texas Education Agency shall ensure that the Children's Learning Institute at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston uses funds to support the Texas School Ready! system, Engage, and CIRCLE platforms and implement the following requirements:

- a. Provide statewide online access to research-based professional development for beginning, intermediate and advanced instruction and activities across the primary developmental domains;
- b. Provide statewide online access to research-based professional development courses across the primary developmental domains;
- c. Provide statewide access and support for CIRCLE student progress monitoring to assist teachers with determining a child's progress in the primary developmental domains and plan effective instruction; and
- d. Significantly increase the impact and use of the Texas School Ready! system, Engage, and CIRCLE platforms.

The Commissioner shall require The Children's Learning Institute to provide any expenditure and performance data deemed necessary to assess the success of the program in meeting the requirements identified in this rider.

In the expenditure of funds referenced above, the Texas Education Agency or any entity with which the Texas Education Agency contracts for purposes of administering programs under this rider shall comply with contract management requirements pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2262.

As a condition of receipt of these funds, the Commissioner shall require the Children's Learning Institute to submit a report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Legislative Budget Board, and the presiding officers of the standing committees of the Legislature with primary jurisdiction over public education not later than December 1 of each year providing detailed information on the expenditure of state funds and performance data in the prior fiscal year for purposes of programs administered under this rider. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, ~~2022~~2024, are appropriated to fiscal year ~~2023~~2025 for the same purpose.

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RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Geanie Morrison

Affected Agency: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Purpose: UTHealth Houston is seeking \$7 million annually for operation of the Texas All-Payor Claims Database (TX-APCD). The TX-APCD is a comprehensive health care claims database (claims of approx. 17 million Texans) that will increase public transparency, control costs, and improve the quality of health care for Texans through data reporting and analysis.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$14,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): Click here to enter text.

Rider Language: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Center for Health Care Data (CHCD) shall administer and operate the Texas All-Payor Claims Database (TX-APCD) as required by HB 2090, 87th Session. The amount of \$7,000,000 million of General Revenue per year for each year of the FY 24-25 biennium is appropriated to UTHealth Houston for operation of the TX-APCD as described in Subchapter I, Chapter 38, Insurance Code. The TX-APCD shall provide information to increase public transparency of health care costs, maintain an online consumer information portal, and provide analysis to improve the quality of health care in Texas. As required by statute, the TX-APCD shall issue a biennial report by September 1st, 2024, and analyses shall contain of the following:

- a. trends of health care expenditures with detail on medical and pharmaceutical expenditures
- b. trends of health care utilization and accessibility
- c. quality of health care
- d. incidence and prevalence of chronic disease
- e. other drivers of population health and health care spending

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RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Geanie Morrison

Affected Agency: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Purpose: In Article III, create a new bill pattern for the Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute (TEPHI) to conform to Sec. 61.003(6), Education Code, “other agency of higher education” consistent with SB 1780, 87th Session and maintain level funding at \$20 million per year for each year of the biennium for the FY 2024-25.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$40,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): **TEXAS EPIDEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE**

Method of Finance:	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2025
General Revenue Fund	\$15,908,041	\$ _____
Federal Funds	\$ _____	\$ _____
UB Authority	\$ 4,091,959	\$ _____
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$20,000,000</u>	<u>\$20,000,000</u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency’s estimated total available funds for the biennium

Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs)- Appropriated funds	<u>31</u>	<u>75</u>
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A. Goal: Training

A.1.1. Strategy: Training Development & Delivery

Performance Measure: Number of People Trained in Pandemic Preparedness

Suggested Target for FY24-25: 3,100

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A.1.2. Strategy: Public Health Reserve Network
Performance Measure: Number of Public Health Regions Covered
Suggested Target for FY24-25: 8

B. Goal: Readiness

B.1.1. Strategy: Early Detection
Performance Measure: Number of Early Detection Sampling Points
Suggested Target: 25
Performance Measure: Number of pathogens
Suggested Target: 12

B.1.2. Strategy: Data Visualization
Performance Measure: Number of Data Portal web visits
Suggested Target: 5,000

B.1.3. Strategy: Business and Priority Population Readiness
Suggested Target: 600 trainees

C. Goal: Communication

C.1.1. Strategy: Public Health Communications Outreach
Performance Measure: Number of Participants at TEPHI Educational Events
Suggested Target: 9,400
Performance Measure: Number of public health communications certificates awarded
Suggested Target: 250

D. Goal: Indirect Administration

D.1.1. Strategy: Indirect Administration

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Overview

The following action would increase funding to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio by \$7,500,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year to be used to support the School of Public Health. The UT School of Public Health San Antonio was approved by the University of Texas System Board of Regents in November 2021. This collaboration with the University of Texas at San Antonio will build upon health behavior, data science, behavioral science, epidemiology and biostatistics, and implementation science. The two institutions share a mission to establish a research-intensive, community-centric school to improve health outcomes, reduce morbidity and mortality, and educate the next generation of public health professionals. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio has received support from the City of San Antonio and Bexar County that will contribute to the development and establishment of a school of public health.

Required Action

1. On page III-189 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds and new Strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>D.1.X. Strategy: SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>

2. On page III-191 of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **School of Public Health San Antonio.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in Strategy D.1.X, School of Public Health, \$7,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to support public health education programs and operations at The University of Texas School of Public Health San Antonio, a collaboration between The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and The University of Texas at San Antonio. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024 are appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2025.

By _____

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Overview

HHSC established TTOR in May 2017 with funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). That grant money is now insufficient to address the increase in fentanyl-related deaths. For the 2022 fiscal year, the naloxone distribution program received \$4.65 million. It had received just shy of \$6 million the year before. The \$4.65 million was supposed to last for the entire year. But as Fentanyl deaths soared, the program had spent all its money by January and the More Narcan Please program posted a notice on its website that it was not accepting any new naloxone requests. *The following action adds an additional ~\$6 million in each fiscal year – on top of the \$9,082,982 per fiscal year included in the introduced bill – for a total \$21 million additional money to Strategy E.2.1. for the Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR) program.* The money will be appropriated from the Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189, which was created in the aftermath of and funded by the statewide opioid settlement agreement. Importantly, this money can be used for more than opioid overdose reversal medications. The increase in funding over the introduced version of the bill is necessary to both adequately fund the overdose reversal medication and prevention, recovery, and education efforts with respect to opioid addiction. This rider would provide additional and much-needed funding out of the Texas Opioid Abatement Recovery Fund to help combat the significant increase in fentanyl-related deaths.

Required Action

On page III-189 of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio bill pattern, increase the funding for Strategy E.2.1., Opioid Abuse Prevention, to \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2025.

On page III-191 of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio bill pattern, substitute the following:

5. Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.2.1., Opioid Abuse Prevention, \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in one-time funding from GR-Dedicated Account No. 5189 shall be used to support overdose prevention, addiction recovery, education, and overdose reversal

medication. This support includes funding for overdose reversal medication access for law enforcement, distribution through health care providers, educational programming and distribution through schools, and distribution through community organizations. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024 are appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2025.

Along with the children’s mental health strategic plan required by Article IX, Special Provisions, Sec. 10.04 (g), the state needs a one-time analysis of the number and types of pediatric resources that are currently available in the state of Texas. This data to support the strategic plan does not currently exist. This analysis is vital to estimate the need for mental health services for children and adolescents. Understanding the number, types, and locations of services needed across the state will allow for appropriate planning and development.

Required Action

XX. Study on Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents. In addition to the funds appropriated above to Texas A&M University System Health Science Center in Strategy E.1.4., Coll Stn, Temple, R Rock - Medical, \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 shall be used for purpose of conducting a study on the current and future mental and behavioral health needs of children and adolescents in both rural and urban areas of the state for the next 10 years and create a report of the findings. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024 identified in this rider are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024. The report must:

- a) include recommendations for services needed in the state for children and adolescents, including infrastructure needs, capacity needs across various regions of the state, and associated costs;
- b) assess the current and future needs of children and adolescents for inpatient services, residential services, partial hospitalization programs, intensive outpatient programs, outpatient services, community services, and school services; and
- c) consider current hospital capacity for children and adolescents requiring inpatient care, timely access to patient care in the least restrictive setting as clinically appropriate, opportunities for patients to receive care closer to their homes, and efficient use of state resources.

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center shall coordinate with the Health and Human Services Commission for the purposes of conducting the study. No later than December 1, 2024, Texas A&M University shall submit study findings to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Lieutenant Governor, and permanent standing committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate with jurisdiction over health and human services.

By: _____

Texas A&M University System Health Science Center
Texas A&M-Care

Overview

The following action adds a new rider and creates a new strategy within the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center bill pattern, providing \$25 million in General Revenue to that strategy for rural health initiatives at Texas A&M University System Health Science Center. Initiatives address challenges in rural communities related to the health care work force; health care facility sustainability; and access to care.

Required Action

On page III-201 the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center's bill pattern, take the following actions:

1. Create Strategy E.3.1 Rural Health Initiatives.
2. Add \$12,500,000 in General Revenue in each year to Strategy E.3.1 Rural Health Initiatives.
3. Add the following new rider:

_____. **Rural Health Initiatives.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy E.3.1 Rural Health Initiatives, \$12,500,000 in General Revenue in FY2024 and \$12,500,000 in General Revenue in FY2025 shall be used to implement the Texas A&M-Care rural health program in rural communities throughout the state. Any unexpended balances in this strategy remaining as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

**University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth
Danny Jensen Center for Older Adults**

Overview

This request will establish the Center for Geriatrics as the Danny Jensen Center for Older Adults at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. The Jensen Center will provide comprehensive services that help prevent and manage the chronic diseases and long-term illnesses that accompany the aging process.

Establishing the Danny Jensen Center recognizes the immense contributions of the late Danny Jensen to the state of Texas, the Fort Worth and Tarrant County communities, and UNTHSC. Among his many contributions, Jensen was integral to UNTHSC becoming a state and national leader in the research and care for aging Texans.

The Jensen Center will be located within the Health Pavilion on the UNTHSC campus. The Center, led by an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals and researchers, promotes optimal and healthy aging, addresses emerging health needs across the continuum of care, prepares future health care providers to serve older adults, and improves the quality of life for older residents of the Fort Worth and Tarrant County communities.

Required Actions

1. On page III-206 of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
D.1.3. Jensen Center for Older Adults	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000

2. On page III-208 of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth bill pattern, add the following rider:

Danny Jensen Center for Older Adults. Out of the amounts appropriated to University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth in Strategy D.1,3, Jensen Center for Older Adults, \$1,125,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,125,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Danny Jensen Center for Older Adults.

The following action adds a new non-formula support Strategy to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center bill pattern and appropriates \$13,500,000 in the 2024-25 biennium for the Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation. The funds would be used to support emerging telehealth adaptations in education, collaborative research on efficacy and outcomes, and growth of telehealth practices.

Required Actions

1. On page III-209 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>D.X.X. Strategy: Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation</u>	<u>\$6,750,000</u>	<u>\$6,750,000</u>

2. On page III-212 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center bill pattern, add the following rider:

Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation. Out of funds appropriated to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Strategy D.X.X. Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation, \$6,750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$6,750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation.

By: Tepper

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Proposed Funding
Rural Health Care

Overview

To appropriate an additional \$1,000,000 for the biennium from General Revenue to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for Rural Health Care.

Required Action

1. On page III-209 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center bill pattern, amend the following strategy:

	2024	2025
D.3.1. Strategy: RURAL HEALTH CARE	\$3,173,058	\$3,173,058
	<u>\$3,673,058</u>	<u>\$3,673,058</u>

The following action adds a new non-formula support Strategy to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center bill pattern and appropriates \$818,400 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,661,600 in fiscal year 2025 for the Institute for One Health Innovation. The funds would be used, in partnership with Texas Tech University, to plan research initiatives, conduct budget and economic development analyses, initiate site planning, develop governance and curriculum plans, and engage regional stakeholders through the Institute for One-Health Innovation (OHI).

Required Actions

1. On page III-209 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>D.X.X. Strategy: Institute for One Health Innovation</u>	\$818,400	\$1,661,600

2. On page III-212 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center bill pattern, add the following rider:

Institute for One Health Innovation. Out of funds appropriated to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Strategy D.X.X. Institute for One Health Innovation, \$818,400 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,661,600 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Institute for One Health Innovation.

**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Proposed Funding and Rider
Performance Based Research Operations Developmental Supplement**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/01/2023

Overview

This action appropriates a total of \$20,000,000 in General Revenue to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to support research capacity, assist leveraging external research grants and gifts, and support expansion of research operations. Included in this amount is \$5,000,000 in General Revenue for the Performance Based Research Operations formula Base Match for the 2024-25 biennium. The remaining \$15,000,000 million in General Revenue is added as a Developmental Supplement that will be decreased each biennium and used to fund any increases in the Base Match rate of the Performance Based Research Operations formula.

Required Action

1. On page III-209 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following strategy and add new strategy and funding:

	2024	2025
B.1.2. Performance Based Research Ops	\$1,911,765\$4,080,314	\$1,911,765\$4,080,314
<u>B.1.3. Developmental Supplement</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>

2. On page III-281 of the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, amend the following rider:

Sec. 27.17. Mission Specific Support – Performance Based Research Operations Formula.

To enhance cancer research at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, assist the institution in leveraging research grants and gifts, and support expansion of the institution’s research operations, additional research formula funding shall be provided based on the following criteria:

- a. General Revenue Research Operations Formula funding allocated to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Strategy B.1.2, Performance Based Research Operations Formula, shall be guided to the institution through two mechanisms that measure the institution’s performance.
 - 1) Base Match allocations shall be based on the institution’s average annual research expenditures from federal and private sources for the previous three-year period as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Base Match rate shall be ~~40.00~~22.10 percent for each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium.
 - 2) Performance Incentive Tiered Match allocations shall be based on the increase of the institution’s average annual research expenditures since the prior biennium. The calculation of this increase shall be based on the average annual research expenditures from federal and private sources for the two-year base period preceding each biennium, as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Tiered Match shall allocate funding in three tiers that increase on a sliding scale. Tier 1 shall provide matching General Revenue funds at a rate of 25.0 percent for any increase in the institution’s average annual research expenditures between \$0 and \$2,500,000. Tier 2 shall provide matching General Revenue funds at a rate of 50.0 percent for any increase in the institution’s average annual research expenditures between \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000. Tier 3 shall provide matching General Revenue funds at a rate of 75.0 percent for any increase in the institution’s average annual research expenditures greater than \$5,000,000.

The institution's Performance Based Research Operations Formula shall be expended for the purpose of supporting cancer research, the institution's research operations, and expanding research capacity. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding for the Performance Based Research Operations Formula from one biennium to another may not exceed 5.0 percent of the institution's total General Revenue appropriations in the prior biennium, excluding tuition revenue bond debt service. The Legislative Budget Board shall implement the funding in accordance with this limitation. In a biennium in which funding is not available to meet the institution's performance-driven target, the formula mechanisms and performance-calculated match rates remain while the Legislature determines the General Revenue provided. In the FY 2024-25 biennium, ~~\$3,823,530~~\$8,160,628 in General Revenue is provided.

- b. In addition to the funding described in subsection a, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is appropriated a Developmental Supplement of \$15,000,000 for the 2024-25 biennium in Strategy B.1.3, Developmental Supplement, for the same purposes. It is the intent of the Legislature that any future increase in the Base Match appropriation will be offset by an equal reduction in the Developmental Supplement, until the Developmental Supplement is depleted.

**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, Article III
Proposed Funding and Rider
Center for Population Health and Health Disparities**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/17/2023

Overview

New funding would support the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso. The Center for Population Health and Health Disparities will focus on areas such as obesity, diabetes, liver disease, colon cancer, and include research that (a) leads to prevention and early detection; (b) minimizes disease progression; and (c) defines and implements best practices that can allow for prevention and early detection of disease in both urban and rural areas of west Texas.

Required Action

1. On page III-213 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>E.3.2. Center for Population Health and Health Disparities</u>	<u>\$3,750,000</u>	<u>\$3,750,000</u>

2. On page III-215 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso bill pattern add the following rider:

_____. **Center for Population Health and Health Disparities.** Out of funds appropriated to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in Strategy E.3.2, Center for Population Health and Health Disparities, \$3,750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to support the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities.

Southwest Texas Junior College
Proposed Funding and Rider
Technical Program Expansion
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/6/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy to the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern and appropriates \$5.0 million in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium to expand or create programs identified as a statewide or regional targeted occupation.

Required Actions

1. On page III-222 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior Colleges’ bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item objective and strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>AM.2. Objective: Non-Formula Support</u>		
<u>AM.2.1. Strategy: Technical Program Expansion</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

2. On page III-228 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior Colleges’ bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Southwest Texas Junior College – Technical Program Expansion. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy AM.2.1., Technical Program Expansion, \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 shall be used for Technical Program Expansion.**

Texas Southmost College
Proposed Funding and Rider
Short-Term Workforce Training Aid
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/2/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy to the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern and appropriates \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2024 and Unexpended Balance authority in fiscal year 2025 to provide financial support to students participating in short-term training programs who are not eligible for federal financial aid.

Required Actions

1. On page III-223 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, 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
<u>AQ.2. Objective: Non-Formula Support</u>		
<u>AQ.2.1. Strategy: Short-Term Workforce Training Aid</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

2. On page III-228 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior Colleges’ bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Texas Southmost College – Short-Term Workforce Training Aid.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy AQ.2.1., Short-Term Workforce Training Aid, \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 shall be used for Short-Term Workforce Training Aid. Any unexpended balances on hand in this strategy at the end of fiscal year 2024 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in 2025.

By: Anderson

**McClennan Community College
Proposed Funding and Rider
Behavioral Health Workforce Expansion**

Overview

Increases appropriations to McClennan Community College behavioral health workforce expansion.

Required Action

_____.McClennan Community College - Behavioral Health Workforce Expansion. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy AA.1.3.4, Workforce Expansion, \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year shall be used for expanding the behavioral health workforce.

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy to the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern and appropriates \$4.5 million in fiscal year 2024 and Unexpended Balance authority in fiscal year 2025 to construct a building in East Aldine that would be dedicated to health programs.

Required Actions

1. On page III-221 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, 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
<u>Z.2. Objective: Non-Formula Support</u>		
<u>Z.2.1. Strategy: East Aldine Health Program Center</u>	<u>\$4,500,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

2. On page III-228 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior Colleges’ bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Lone Star College System – East Aldine Health Program Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy Z.2.1., East Aldine Health Program Center, \$4,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 shall be used for the East Aldine Health Program Center. Any unexpended balances on hand in this strategy at the end of fiscal year 2024 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in 2025.

Public Community/Junior Colleges
Proposed Funding and Rider
Need-Based Supplements
 Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/6/2023

Overview

The following action would amend a rider within the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern that provides a need-based supplement to certain Community College districts by removing three districts receiving funding and adding seven districts receiving funding, resulting in an increase of \$4,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium.

Required Actions

1. On pages III-228 within the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern, amend the ‘Need-Based Supplement’ rider, as follows:

Need-Based Supplements. Out of funds appropriated above, General Revenue is appropriated as follows:

	2024	2025
Angelina College	\$500,000	\$500,000
Cisco Junior College	\$500,000	\$500,000
Clarendon College	\$500,000	\$500,000
Coastal Bend College	\$500,000	\$500,000
Howard College	\$500,000	\$500,000
<u>Frank Phillips College</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
<u>Hill College</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
<u>Kilgore College</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
Navarro College	\$500,000	\$500,000
Northeast Texas Community College	\$500,000	\$500,000
Panola College	\$500,000	\$500,000
Texarkana College	\$500,000	\$500,000
<u>Paris Junior College</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
<u>Ranger College</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
<u>South Plains College</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
<u>Southwest Texas Junior College</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>
Vernon College	\$500,000	\$500,000
Western Texas College	\$500,000	\$500,000

Eligibility for appropriations made in this rider considers the following:

- a. A fiscal year 2022 composite financial index as calculated by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, including:
 - a. expendable assets to total expenses;
 - b. expendable assets to total noncurrent liabilities;
 - c. growth in expendable assets during the previous fiscal year;
 - d. operating surplus or deficit;
 - e. availability of capital resources; and
 - f. amount of debt in relation to net position;
- b. Six-year contact hour growth trend;
- c. The average income of the students in fiscal year 2022 that completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), completed a Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA), or were enrolled in the institution and received aid but did not complete a FAFSA or TASFA;

- d. The July 1, 2021 population of the municipality containing the Community College's main campus, as determined by the United States Census Bureau; and
- e. Fiscal year 2022 student contact hours as related to fiscal year 2022 gross assessed district valuation.

An individual's eligibility for a grant made from appropriations made in this rider should consider the need-based supplements outlined in this rider.

Austin Community College
Proposed Funding
Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/21/2023

Overview

The following action increases appropriations to Austin Community College in Strategy, E.2.2., Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant, by \$5,668,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024.

Required Actions

1. On page III-218 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior College bill pattern, amend the following strategy:

	2024	2025
E.2.2.: TX INNOVATIVE ADULT CAREER ED GRANT	\$4,332,000	UB
	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Cody Vasut

Affected Agency: Brazosport College

Purpose: Add a rider to appropriate an additional \$50,000 in General Revenue in the biennium to Brazosport College to G.2.1 Strategy: Catalyst Program. Catalyst is a selective, competitive scholarship program that provides high school students pathways from dual credit to associate degree. In partnership with local school districts, Catalyst students take a structured, three-year pathway to attain an associate degree one year after high school graduation in an in-demand field. Catalyst students are often first-generation college students who are seeking a career-ready program. They have also been classified as at-risk for not pursuing post-secondary education.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$50,000 (\$25,000/biennium)

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

Rider Language:

1. On Page III-XX of the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern, increase General Revenue funds by \$50,000 To Goal G: Brazosport College, G.2.1 Strategy: Catalyst Program.
2. On page III-XX of the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern, add the following rider.

Brazosport – Catalyst Program: In Strategy G.2.1 Catalyst Program, increase General Revenue by \$25,000 in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium to be used for the sole purpose of supporting a scholarship program to help at-risk students with a pathway for an associate degree in in-demand fields.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

Overview

The proposed rider and funding would appropriate \$120,000 each fiscal year from General Revenue of the 2024-25 biennium to the Texas A&M AgriLife Research for the purposes of implementing a study about the effectiveness of weather modification programs to be published by December 31, 2025.

Required Action

On page X of the bill pattern for the Texas A&M AgriLife Research, add the following new rider:

- _____. The Texas A&M AgriLife Research is appropriated \$120,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2024 and \$120,000 for fiscal year 2025 to implement a study about the effectiveness of weather modification programs. Funds appropriated for this purpose may pay for salaries.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Article III Education (Higher Education)
Proposed Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2023

Overview

To appropriate an additional \$960,000 for the biennium from General Revenue to Texas A&M AgriLife Research for cotton, wool, and mohair research.

Required Action

1. On page III-242 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M AgriLife Research, amend the following strategy:

A.1.1. Strategy: AGRICULTURAL/ LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH	2024	2025
	<u>\$51,391,905</u> \$50,911,905	<u>\$51,286,921</u> \$50,806,921

2. On page III-243 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M AgriLife Research, amend the following rider:

6. Cotton, Wool, and Mohair Research. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research, \$960,000~~\$480,000~~ in fiscal year 2024 and \$960,000~~\$480,000~~ in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue shall be used for cotton, wool, and mohair research.

By XXX

Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station
Article III
Rio Grande Valley Advanced Manufacturing Hub

Overview

The following action modifies an existing rider to add \$5,000,000 in General Revenue to the second year of the biennium. This request would maintain the current program funding appropriated for fiscal years 2022-2023. Modifications to rider language will allow for expansion of the program to include Hidalgo, Willacy, and additional counties along the Texas-Mexico border. The additional funds will also allow for partnerships with training providers around automated manufacturing, the development and marketing of advanced manufacturing courses and outreach to over 220,000 6th-12th graders to build a workforce development pipeline to meet industry needs in the region.

Required Actions

1. On page III-248 of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, add \$5,000,000 in FY25 in General Revenue to Strategy A.3.2 RAMI HUB.
2. On page III-249 of Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station's bill pattern, Rider 7:
 7. **Rio Grande Valley Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Hub.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.3.2, RAMI Hub, is \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year ~~2024~~ for the purpose of engaging with the ~~Brownsville Navigation District~~, the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, and other regional industrial and educational partners to establish and operate an advanced manufacturing innovation hub in the ~~Lower~~ Rio Grande Valley to provide workforce development credentials for skills in-demand by the advanced manufacturing sector.

Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2025.

By VanDeaver

Texas A & M Forest Service Art. III (Higher Education)
Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program

Overview

The Texas A&M Forest Service administers the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Program. This is a one-time appropriation of \$100 million from General Revenue to help address the backlog of requests for firefighting vehicles. The program provides funding for vehicles, equipment and training for volunteer fire departments and there is currently a more than \$158 million backlog for requests through this program. The one-time funding would be in addition to other funds appropriated for FY24 and FY25.

Required Action

Required Action

On page III-254 of Texas A&M Forest Service bill pattern:

Strategy B.1.2, Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Grant

to \$100,000,000 and \$22,840,321 in FY24 and \$22,840,230 in FY25.

By: Martinez

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Harris Ashby
Burns Spiller
Isaac Orr
Howard Buckley

Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education
Article III
Texas A&M University System Agencies
Keeping Texas Prepared

Overview

The Texas A&M University System is requesting an increase in base funding to its statewide emergency management team, “Keeping Texas Prepared”. The team is led by the Texas Division of Emergency Management and four service agencies: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service.

Over the last decade, and particularly in response to Hurricane Harvey and the COVID pandemic, these A&M System Agencies have been tapped to help supply emergency preparedness and response to hurricanes, tornados, flooding, wildfires, the pandemic, and other events – responding and aiding in recovery from east to west and Red to Rio Grande – all in an effort to reduce the consequences of loss of human life, property, and the economic viability of communities and the State. To accomplish these goals in a rapidly growing state, the agencies must have adequate, reliable base funding.

This rider will provide funding for the *Keeping Texas Prepared* initiative.

Required Action

On page III – 245 of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service bill pattern, add \$16,148,103 in General Revenue in each year of the biennium to a new goal and strategy (Goal __. Keeping Texas Prepared, Strategy __.1.1 Keeping Texas Prepared.)

On page III-252 of Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service’s bill pattern, add \$13,000,000 in General Revenue in each year of the biennium to a new goal and strategy (Goal __. Keeping Texas Prepared, Strategy __.1.1 Keeping Texas Prepared.)

On page III – 254 of Texas A&M Forest Service’s bill pattern, add \$5,197,000 in General Revenue in each year of the biennium; \$11,253,000 in General Revenue Dedicated Fund 36 in each year of the biennium; and \$6,785,485 for 2024 and \$6,614,370 for 2025 in General Revenue Dedicated Fund 5064 to a new goal and strategy (Goal __. Keeping Texas Prepared, Strategy __.1.1 Keeping Texas Prepared.)

On page III – 257 of Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory’s bill pattern, add \$2,613,500 for 2024 and \$2,316,500 for 2025 in General Revenue to a new goal and strategy (Goal __. Keeping Texas Prepared, Strategy __.1.1 Keeping Texas Prepared.)

On page III – 259 of Texas Division of Emergency Management’s bill pattern, add \$11,080,311 for 2024 and \$8,319,689 for 2025 in General Revenue to a new goal and strategy (Goal __. Keeping Texas Prepared, Strategy __.1.1 Keeping Texas Prepared.)

On page III-292 of the General Appropriation Act, Special Provisions Relating only to State Agencies of Higher Education, add the following new rider:

____. **Keeping Texas Prepared.** The following is an informational list of amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Texas A&M University System emergency response agencies to prepare for and respond to natural disasters and other state emergencies in addition to their ongoing education and service missions. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2025.

	2024	2025
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension	\$ 16,148,103	\$ 16,148,103
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000
Texas A&M Forest Service	\$ 23,235,485	\$ 23,064,370
Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory	\$ 2,613,500	\$ 2,316,500
Texas Division of Emergency Management	\$ 11,080,311	\$ 8,319,689

**University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and
Texas Tech University
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Grape and Wine Institute
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/22/2023**

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$30,000,000 (\$10 million to each university) in fiscal year 2024 and 2025 for funding to Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas Tech University, and The University of Texas at Austin for the formation of the Texas Grape and Wine Institute (TGWI). The TGWI would develop the workforce as well as conduct interdisciplinary research to address production issues to increase sustainable grape and wine production. Production issues can include those related to labor, weather stress, disease and insect damage, mechanization, water and nutrient use, grape and wine quality, economics and pesticide application practices.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-84 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2024	2025
C.2.7. Texas Grape and Wine Institute	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

2. On page III-87 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern add the following rider:

_____ **Texas Grape and Wine Institute.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.2.7, Texas Grape and Wine Institute, \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the formation of the Texas Grape and Wine Institute. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

3. On page III-242 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M AgriLife Research bill pattern, amend the following strategy:

	2024	2025
A.1.1. AGRICULTURAL/ LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH	<u>\$55,911,905</u>	<u>\$55,806,921</u>

4. On page III-243 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M AgriLife Research bill pattern add the following rider:

_____ **Texas Grape and Wine Institute.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M AgriLife Research in Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research, \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the formation of the Texas Grape and Wine Institute. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

5. On page III-150 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within Texas Tech University’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2024	2025
C.2.4. Texas Grape and Wine	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

Institute

6. On page III-151 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within Texas Tech University’s bill pattern add the following rider:

_____. **Texas Grape and Wine Institute.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas Tech University in Strategy C.2.4, Texas Grape and Wine Institute, \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the formation of the Texas Grape and Wine Institute. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

Overview

The proposed amendment will increase the minimum annual salary increase for each employee of an institution of higher education by \$5,000 and each state employee by \$5,000.

Required Actions

(1) Amend Article IX, Section 17.18 as follows:

Sec. 17.18. Appropriation for a Salary Increase for General State Employees.

(a) As used in this section, “salary increase” shall mean:

(1) a 5.0 percent increase in annual salary with a minimum of ~~\$5,000~~^{3,000} per annum increase in salary, to begin on September 1, 2023, and another increase in annual salary to occur on September 1, 2024, consisting of an additional 5.0 percent increase with a minimum of ~~\$5,000~~^{3,000} per annum increase in salary;

(2) any related employee benefits costs associated with the salary increase described by Subsection (a)(1) including contributions required by Sections 17.03 and 17.06; and

(3) funding necessary to implement the recommendations for changes to State Classification Plan as provided by the State Auditor’s Biennial Report on the State’s Position Classification Plan for the 2024-2025 Biennium.

(b) In addition to other amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act which can be found in an individual strategy item contained in the bill pattern for each agency, for the biennium the Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated an amount estimated to be ~~\$568,723,049~~ out of the General Revenue Fund, an amount estimated to be ~~\$43,598,783~~ out of the General Revenue-Dedicated, an amount estimated to be \$ ~~72,833,265~~ out of State Highway Fund No. 006, an amount estimated to be ~~\$10,877,065~~ out of Other Funds and accounts, and an amount estimated to be ~~\$170,167,161~~ out of federal funds to fund a salary increase as described in Subsection (a) for all employee positions of state agencies paid according to the Schedules A, B, and C Classification Salary Schedules, including employees of the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the employees of a Texas A&M University System service agency and employees of agencies appropriated money under Article X of this Act as well as line item exempt (non-classified) employees, as such a salary increase is reflected in the salary rates authorized elsewhere in this Act. Included in the amounts above and in the other amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act which can be found in an individual strategy item contained in the bill pattern for each agency are General Revenue Funds, General Revenue-Dedicated Funds, State Highway Fund No. 006, and Other Funds that are intended to provide the salary increase for certain FTE positions currently paid from federal fund sources that would not be available for this purpose.

(b-1) In addition to other amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, for the biennium the Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated an amount estimated to be \$4,100,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund to fund a salary increase as described in Subsection (a) for all employee positions of each institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(c) The amounts appropriated by this section and elsewhere in this Act that are intended to be used for the salary increase described by Subsection (a) and which can be found in an individual strategy item contained in the bill pattern for each agency may not be used to provide a salary increase for statewide elected officials, justices and judges of the appellate and district courts, district attorneys, criminal district attorneys, county attorneys performing the duties of a district attorney, ~~line item exempt (non-classified) employees, employees of institutions of higher education (except the employee positions of the Higher Education Coordinating Board and of a Texas A&M University System service agency)~~, or the compensatory per diem of board or commission members.

(d) Provisions requiring salaries and benefits to be proportional to the source of funds shall apply to all sums allocated under this section and to the appropriations made elsewhere in this Act that are intended to be used for the salary increase described by Subsection (a) and which can be found in an individual strategy item contained in the bill pattern for each agency. Each agency and institution shall pay the increase in compensation from funds held in the state Treasury and from local funds in the same proportion as the employee's regular compensation unless their salary is paid from those federal funds deemed unavailable in Subsection (b).

(e) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to administer this section and the appropriations made elsewhere in this Act that are intended to be used for the salary increase described by Subsection (a) and which can be found in an individual strategy item contained in the bill pattern for each agency as well as Subsections (b) and (b-1). Funds appropriated in this section and the appropriations made elsewhere in this Act that are intended to be used for the salary increase described by Subsection (a) and which can be found in an individual strategy item contained in the bill pattern for each agency shall be allocated to each agency and institution, and to the appropriate employee benefit appropriation items, in accordance with these rules and regulations and may be used for the purpose of providing a salary increase and paying associated benefit costs.

(f) Notwithstanding other restrictions on transfers of appropriations from one strategy to another, the funds appropriated for the salary increase may be transferred to other strategies without limitation for the purpose of implementing the salary increase.

(g) This section and the appropriations made elsewhere in this Act that are intended to be used for the salary increase described by Subsection (a) and which can be found in an individual strategy item contained in the bill pattern for each agency and in Subsection (b) do not authorize an increase of classified salary rates or exempt salary rates above the rates listed in the applicable schedule in this Act.

(h) State agencies appropriated monies under this Act may not increase fees or taxes during fiscal years 2024 or 2025 to offset the appropriations made by this section or elsewhere in this Act that are intended to be used for the salary increase described by Subsection (a). The monies necessary for the salary increase described by Subsection (a) for employees of agencies subject to appropriations limited to revenues collected provisions are included in the totals appropriated by this section and elsewhere in this Act that are intended to be used for the salary increases described by Subsection (a) and which can be found in an individual strategy item contained in the bill pattern for each agency. This subsection does not apply to the Texas Department of Insurance.

(i) This section shall apply to all part-time employees hired pursuant to Government Code, Section 658.009. For the purposes of this section, in computing the annual salary increase for a part-time employee, the salary increase shall be proportional to an employee working 40 hours per week.

(j) This section applies to all staff at the Windham School District and the Texas Department of Juvenile Justice. This section applies to the non-instructional staff at the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; it does not apply to the instructional staff whose salaries are statutorily tied to the salary schedule at the Austin Independent School District.

(k) It is the intent of the Legislature that each institution of higher education utilizing the additional General Revenue funds appropriated by Subsection (b-1) shall finance the overall salary increase proportionally from both General Revenue and any

other available funding sources in the same manner prescribed by the Section 6.08, “Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance” or other applicable law. The money appropriated by Subsection (b-1) shall be utilized only for the purpose of salary increases. All general academic, technical colleges, services agencies, medically related components, and community/junior colleges are included in the pay increases provided by this section.

(2) Amend Salary Schedule A for the Fiscal Year Beginning September 1, 2024, Salary Schedule A for the Fiscal Year Beginning September 1, 2025, Salary Schedule B for the Fiscal Year Beginning September 1, 2024, Salary Schedule B for the Fiscal Year Beginning September 1, 2025, Salary Schedule C for the Fiscal Year Beginning September 1, 2024, and Salary Schedule C for the Fiscal Year Beginning September 1, 2025 as found in Article IX to be consistent with the amendments of Article IX, Section 17.18.

(3) Amend the Minimum Salary and Maximum Salary limits for salary groups 1 through 9 as found in Article IX, Section 3.04(b)(2) to be consistent with the amendments of Article IX, Section 17.18.

Overview

The following action deletes Section 52, Diversity of Student Body at National Research Universities, in the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education page III-287.

Required Actions

On page III-287 of the bill pattern for the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, delete Section 52:

~~**Section 52. Diversity of Student Body at National Research Universities.** It is the intent of the Legislature that, in expending funds appropriated by this Act, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University shall make a good faith effort to improve the racial diversity of the university's student body and shall, in determining admissions and in adopting any institutional policy, comply with the United States Constitution and Texas Constitution.~~

By: Walle

Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education

Proposed Rider

Administrative Accountability Report

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2023

Overview

The following action requires demographic information about each individual holding high-ranking administrative positions at an institution of higher education to be disaggregated in the Administrative Accountability Report required under Section 5(7) in Special Provisions Relating only to State Agencies of Higher Education.

Required Actions

1. On page III-267 of House Bill-1 Introduced, within the bill pattern for the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, modify Section 5(7) as follows:

Sec. 5. Salary and Benefit Provisions.

1. **Prorated Salaries Authorized.** Any employees who distribute their time and duties between general administration, instruction, organized activities related to instruction, and the management of auxiliary enterprises may receive their total salary payments in proportionate parts from such activities and from the appropriated or available funds therefore.
2. **President Salaries.** Out of the educational and general funds appropriated to the general academic institutions, community colleges, health centers, health science centers, and medical education programs, an amount not to exceed \$65,945 in fiscal year 2024 and \$65,945 in fiscal year 2025 may be expended for the salary of a president. All presidents may receive in addition to the above amounts a house, utilities, and/or supplement from institutional funds. If a house owned by the institution, center, or program is not available, an amount not to exceed \$7,200 per year from the appropriation to the institution, center, or program, and additional amounts from institutional funds where required, may be provided in lieu of house and utilities.
3. **Chancellor Salaries.** Out of the funds appropriated, transferred, or contracted to the system offices and community colleges, an amount not to exceed \$70,231 in fiscal year 2024 and \$70,231 in fiscal year 2025 may be expended for the salary for a chancellor. All chancellors may receive in addition to the above amounts a house, utilities, and/or supplement from institutional funds. If a system owned house is not available, an amount not to exceed \$7,200 per year from the system office appropriation and additional amounts from private and institutional funds where required may be provided in lieu of house and utilities.
4. **Merit Authorization.** It is expressly provided that institutional administrators may grant merit salary increases to employees whose job performance and productivity is consistently above that normally expected or required.
5. **Merit Requirement for Faculty and Faculty Equivalent Employees of Institutions and Agencies of Higher Education.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, salary increases

for faculty or faculty equivalent employees of institutions of higher education shall be awarded on the basis of merit and performance in accepted activities. This shall not be interpreted so as to preclude salary adjustment designed to avoid salary inequities.

6. **Group Insurance Premiums.** For the biennium ending August 31, 2025, there is hereby appropriated such amounts, from local funds or educational and general income available to institutions of higher education, as may be necessary to pay the proportional share of the State's contributions for Staff Group Health Insurance Premiums. Funds appropriated by this subsection may be transferred by those institutions not retaining separate insurance programs to the Employees Retirement System at appropriate intervals to pay the proportional share of the group insurance premiums.

7. **Administrative Accountability**

- a. In each state fiscal year of the biennium, an institution of higher education, including a system office, may not spend funds appropriated to the institution by this Act unless, not later than December 1, the institution submits to the Legislative Budget Board, the chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and the chair of the Senate Finance Committee a report that includes the total number of persons holding high-ranking administrative positions at the institution.
- b. For purposes of subsection (a), "high-ranking administrative position" includes the following positions:
 - (1) chancellor;
 - (2) vice chancellor;
 - (3) associate chancellor;
 - (4) assistant chancellor;
 - (5) president;
 - (6) vice president;
 - (7) associate vice president;
 - (8) assistant vice president;
 - (9) dean;
 - (10) associate dean;
 - (11) assistant dean; and
 - (12) any other administrative position having similar responsibilities to the other positions listed in this subsection.
- c. A report submitted under subsection (a) must:
 - (1) be in a form prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board;
 - (2) include the name, salary, and total value of nonsalary benefits for each person holding a high administrative position at the institution; and
 - (3) include the percentage salary increase for each person holding a high-ranking administrative position at the institution who occupies the same position during the current fiscal year as during the preceding fiscal year.
 - (4) include disaggregated demographic information about each individual holding high-ranking positions at the institution.

**House Appropriations Committee
Riders - Article III
Higher Education**

Not Adopted

March 16, 2023

Legislative Budget Board

The following action increases General Revenue funding to existing strategy D.1.1, Family Practice Residency Program, in the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern by \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
D.1.1. Family Practice Residency Program	\$4,750,000	\$4,750,000
	<u>\$14,750,000</u>	<u>\$14,750,000</u>

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
College and Career Advising
Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/06/2023

Overview

The following action would appropriate \$20,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$20,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to support College and Career Advising.

Required Action

1. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds and new Strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>A.1.X. Strategy: College and Career Advising</u>	<u>\$20,000,000</u>	<u>\$20,000,000</u>

2. On page III-73 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____ **College and Career Advising.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.X, College and Career Advising, \$20,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$20,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to support college and career advising. Any unexpended balances remaining at the Higher Education Coordinating Board as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Proposed Funding and Rider Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program

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.

The current program (i.e., the NSRP structure in the 2022-23 GAA) will be renamed the “Growth Tier,” awarding funds based on the increase of nursing graduates from each program. Of the total NSRP appropriations, 60 percent will be distributed in the Growth Tier each biennium. The “Production Tier,” new for the 2024-25 biennium, will award funds based on the total number of nurses graduating from a program each year (rather than growth in the number of graduates), similar to the way the I&O formula distributes funds based on total weighted semester credit hours. Of the total NSRP appropriations, 20 percent will be distributed in the Production Tier. The “Faculty Tier,” also new for the 2024-25 biennium, will award funds based on the production of doctoral level nurses by a program, in order to incentivize programs to increase the number of doctoral level nurses in Texas and thereby increase the supply of faculty and potential faculty available to institutions of higher education in Texas. Of the total NSRP appropriations, 20 percent will be distributed in the Faculty Tier.

Additionally, this program will apply weights to nursing graduates counted toward the formula allocations in both the Growth Tier and the Production Tier. The weights applied are based on the recommendations from the Texas Nurses Association (TNA) and found in “A Report to the Texas Legislature, Per General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, Article III, Section 27, 87th Legislature.” The weights are designed to correspond to nursing supply and demand projections developed by the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Required Actions

1. On page III-58 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding to Strategy D.1.6, PROF NURSING SHORTAGE REDUCTION PGM, by \$26,600,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$26,600,000 in fiscal year 2025:

	2024	2025
D.1.6. Strategy: PROF NURSING SHORTAGE REDUCTION PGM	<u>\$23,400,000</u>	<u>\$23,400,000</u>
	<u>\$50,000,000</u>	<u>\$50,000,000</u>

2. On page III-66 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, amend Rider 26 as follows:

26. Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program. Appropriations for the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program total ~~\$23,400,000~~ \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and ~~\$23,400,000~~ \$50,000,000 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 5 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, \$60,000,000 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 both initial licensure and bachelor's completion, RN-to-BSN programs. ~~The THECB shall apply a weight of 1.5 for increased graduates in nursing educator programs identified with a Classification of Instructional Program code of 51.3808 and 51.3817.~~ 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, \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 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 both initial licensure and bachelor's completion, and RN-to-BSN programs.
- d. **Faculty Tier.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 shall be distributed in an equitable manner based on the total number of doctoral level nurses graduating from a program each year.
- e. In the allocations distributed by Paragraphs b and c for the Growth Tier and Production Tier, respectively, the THECB shall apply the following weights to nursing graduates counted towards the formula calculations in each tier:
 - i. 2.5 for prelicensure graduates of Bachelors of Science in Nursing programs;
 - ii. 2.0 for graduates of Associate Degree in Nursing Programs;
 - iii. 1.5 for graduates of RN to BSN, Masters of Science in Nursing Education and Doctor of Philosophy programs (CIP codes 51.3808 and 51.3817);
 - iv. 0.5 for Advanced Practice Registered Nursing graduate degree programs; and
 - v. 1.0 for all other nursing graduates.
- f. 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.

- g. 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.
- ~~h. Using funds under subsection (a), the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall consider if and how metrics relating to quality of nursing programs should be incorporated in the program and any recommendations for weighting of different types of nursing degrees awarded. The Coordinating Board shall confer with higher education nursing programs and the Texas Nurses Association in the developing of these weighted metrics. The Coordinating Board shall make any recommendations to the Legislature by November 1, 2022. It is the intent of the legislature that this subsection (e) expire after the 2022-23 biennium.~~

By: _____

**Texas Department of Emergency Management, Article 3
Proposed Funding and Rider
Special Threat Training Facility**

Overview

The following action would increase the funding allocated for Goal A.1.1 Strategy, Emergency Management Training Preparedness from \$11,059,909 to \$34,804,909 in fiscal year 2024 to ensure the continued operations of the Special Threat Training Facility in Montgomery County.

Since October 1, 2022, the Special Threat Training Facility has successfully taught over 1,200 sworn peace officers, firemen, and paramedics for jurisdictions across the state at no cost to their agency. Their training is conducted by certified instructors using the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training course developed by Texas State University.

Montgomery County will continue to staff and facilitate training utilizing the ALERRT course materials at this facility for any agency in the state of Texas at no cost to them.

Required Action

1. On page III-259 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within Texas Department of Emergency Management bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding to Goal A.1.1 Strategy: Emergency Management Training Preparedness, by \$23,745,000 in fiscal year 2024:

	2024	2025
Goal A.1.1 Strategy: Emergency Management Training Preparedness	\$11,059,909	\$11,059,909
	<u>\$34,804,909</u>	

2. On page III-260 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within Texas Department of Emergency Management bill pattern, add the following rider:

6. Informational listing of funds: Pass-through funds to cities, counties and other entities. Out of funds appropriated above in Goal A.1.1 Strategy, Emergency Management Training Preparedness the Agency shall grant \$23,745,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to Montgomery County for the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Special Threat Training Facility in Montgomery County.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. John Lujan

Affected Agency: University of Texas at Austin

Purpose:

The following action adds a new nonformula support Strategy to The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern and appropriates \$8,700,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$8,900,000 in fiscal year 2025 for three programs at the Center for Societal Impact within the Steve Hicks School of Social Work.

The Texas Permanency Outcomes Project, in partnership with the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services, currently provides training and support to increase family engagement in the foster care system through reunification of children and birth families. However, the program's federal grant expires in September of 2023 and currently operates within a few regions in Texas. The requested \$2,050,000 per year in state support would expand programming statewide to encompass all regions in the state.

The University of Texas Spark program is a support program for Foster Care youth as they navigate the college application process, operate as college students, and search for post-college employment opportunities. Spark would use the appropriated funds of \$350,000 per year to continue the support of Foster Youth in university as they build meaningful personal and professional relationships that are important to success.

The Texas Heart Gallery operates as a foster care awareness program, utilizing photographs of foster children to promote adoptive parent recruitment. The Texas Heart Gallery serves the Central Texas Region currently and would use appropriated funds of \$6 million per year to expand to eleven additional regions throughout Texas for the expansion of education and awareness around adoption recruitment and post-adoptive care.

The E4Texas program is a post-secondary educational opportunity for high school graduates with or without a disability which allows them to gain life skills and job skills needed to enter the workforce. E4Texas currently serves 10 students and would use the appropriated funds of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 to enroll 10 additional students and establish program infrastructure at The University of Texas at Austin.

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Amount Requested (if applicable): \$17,600,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue Funds

Rider Language:

1. On page III-84 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Center for Societal Impact	<u>\$8,700,000</u>	<u>\$8,900,000</u>

2. On page III-87 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern add the following rider:

_____. **Center for Societal Impact.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.X.X, Center for Societal Impact, \$8,700,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$8,900,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Center for Societal Impact. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

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The following action adds a new rider that directs additional funding to The University of Texas at Austin for McDonald Observatory.

McDonald Observatory draws scientists and tourists from around the world and supports a vibrant tourism and hospitality sector in the Fort Davis/Alpine/Marfa region. The Frank N. Bash Visitors Center at McDonald Observatory is the biggest tourist draw in the region.

The Visitors Center was opened over 20 years ago and needs one-time funding to refresh and modernize exhibits and facilities to ensure it continues offering experiences that draw visitors to the area and advance their understanding of astronomy.

Required Action

Beginning on page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, of The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern, add the following:

- On page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2025;
- On page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, in Strategy C.2.4, McDonald Observatory, in The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern increase strategy allocations by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2025; and
- On page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, in The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern insert the following rider.

_____. **McDonald Observatory Visitor Center and Outreach.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.4, McDonald Observatory, \$15,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$15,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 is to be used to enhance visitor experiences and engagements with the McDonald Observatory at the University of Texas at Austin. Using appropriated funds, the observatory shall install new exhibits and renovate existing exhibits, modernize self-guided tours with the integration of technology, renovate and upgrade the theater, leverage technology to create first-class virtual experiences, design in-person and virtual engagements for all ages with special consideration given to students and educators, and update the visitor facility to improve and enhance visitor experience. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Article 7, Section 18(i), Texas Constitution, the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for renovations to the Frank N. Bash Visitors Center at the McDonald Observatory at The University of Texas at Austin, and that such appropriation may be used for such improvements.

**Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Article III
Multi-Purpose Community Events Center**

Overview

The following action appropriates \$55,000,000 for a multi-purpose community events center. Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), with the support of the City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation, and the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau, seeks funding to construct a new mid-size, multi-purpose venue to support economic development, bolster tourism and quality of place, provide increased emergency management support to the Coastal Bend, and strengthen educational opportunities.

This 125,000 square foot, 3,500 seat venue, located on land provided by TAMU-CC, will serve as a center of educational advancement for UIL competitions, university speaker series, STEM camps for area youth, and a hub for campus life, including convocation, commencement, and Division I athletics. This Center will support economic growth and development, community events, K-12 initiatives, student engagement and success, and emergency management in the Coastal Bend Region. The Community and University continue to work closely with the Texas Division of Emergency Management and this project can be leveraged in those efforts. The Corpus Christi area currently lacks a mid-size indoor event space. Such a venue will benefit the entire Coastal Bend region and the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi community.

Required Action

1. On page III-113 of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi bill pattern, add General Revenue in the amount of \$55,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for a new strategy B.1.3. MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY EVENTS CENTER.
2. On page III–115 of Texas A&M University -Corpus Christi’s bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Multi-Purpose Community Events Center.** (a) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3. Multi-Purpose Community Events Center, \$55,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 shall be used for the construction of a multi-purpose community events center, and is contingent upon this Act passing by a two-thirds majority in each house. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024 are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2025.

(b) The legislature hereby finds in accordance with Art. 7, Section 18(i) of the Texas Constitution that there is a demonstrated need for the facilities described by subsection (a) and that such appropriation may be used for construction of such facilities by Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Harold V. Dutton, Jr.

Affected Agency: Texas Southern University

Purpose: To clarify intent of the original language before unintentionally changed to the direction of appropriations of funding for the Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Amount Requested (if applicable): N/A

Method of Finance (if applicable): N/A

Rider Language: 2. Thurgood Marshall School of Law. All tuition and fee revenues, including Texas Public Education Grants and Emergency Loans under Education Code, Chapter 56 (Student Financial Aid Assistance), and all other general revenue funds generated through enrollment in the School of Law 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.

RIDER REQUEST

Member Name: Rep. Armando Walle

Affected Agency: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Purpose: UTHealth Houston is seeking \$7 million annually for operation of the Texas All-Payor Claims Database (TX-APCD). The TX-APCD is a comprehensive health care claims database (claims of approx. 17 million Texans) that will increase public transparency, control costs, and improve the quality of health care for Texans through data reporting and analysis.

Amount Requested (if applicable): \$14,000,000

Method of Finance (if applicable): General Revenue

On page III-184 of University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston's bill pattern, add a new budget strategy and rider for the Texas All-Payor Claims Database with funding as follows:

D.1.2 Strategy: TEXAS ALL-PAYOR CLAIMS DATABASE

Rider Language: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Center for Health Care Data (CHCD) shall administer and operate the Texas All-Payor Claims Database (TX-APCD) as required by HB 2090, 87th Session. The amount of \$7,000,000 million of General Revenue per year for each year of the FY 24-25 biennium is appropriated to UTHealth Houston for operation of the TX-APCD as described in Subchapter I, Chapter 38, Insurance Code. The TX-APCD shall provide information to increase public transparency of health care costs, maintain an online consumer information portal, and provide analysis to improve the quality of health care in Texas. As required by statute, the TX-APCD shall issue a biennial report by September 1st, 2024, and analyses shall contain of the following:

- a. trends of health care expenditures with detail on medical and pharmaceutical expenditures
- b. trends of health care utilization and accessibility
- c. quality of health care
- d. incidence and prevalence of chronic disease
- e. other drivers of population health and health care spending

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A. Goal: Training

A.1.1. Strategy: Training Development & Delivery

Performance Measure: Number of People Trained in Pandemic Preparedness

Suggested Target for FY24-25: 3,100

A.1.2. Strategy: Public Health Reserve Network

Performance Measure: Number of Public Health Regions Covered

Suggested Target for FY24-25: 8

B. Goal: Readiness

B.1.1. Strategy: Early Detection

Performance Measure: Number of Early Detection Sampling Points

Suggested Target: 25

Performance Measure: Number of pathogens

Suggested Target: 12

B.1.2. Strategy: Data Visualization

Performance Measure: Number of Data Portal web visits

Suggested Target: 5,000

B.1.3. Strategy: Business and Priority Population Readiness

Suggested Target: 600 trainees

C. Goal: Communication

C.1.1. Strategy: Public Health Communications Outreach

Performance Measure: Number of Participants at TEPHI Educational Events

Suggested Target: 9,400

Performance Measure: Number of public health communications certificates awarded

Suggested Target: 250

D. Goal: Indirect Administration

D.1.1. Strategy: Indirect Administration

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Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education
Article III
Texas A&M University System Agencies
Keeping Texas Prepared

Overview

The Texas A&M University System is requesting an increase in base funding to its statewide emergency management team, “Keeping Texas Prepared”. The team is led by the Texas Division of Emergency Management and four service agencies: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service.

Over the last decade, and particularly in response to Hurricane Harvey and the COVID pandemic, these A&M System Agencies have been tapped to help supply emergency preparedness and response to hurricanes, tornados, flooding, wildfires, the pandemic, and other events – responding and aiding in recovery from east to west and Red to Rio Grande – all in an effort to reduce the consequences of loss of human life, property, and the economic viability of communities and the State. To accomplish these goals in a rapidly growing state, the agencies must have adequate, reliable base funding.

This rider will provide funding for the *Keeping Texas Prepared* initiative.

Required Action

On page III – 245 of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service bill pattern, add \$16,148,103 in General Revenue in each year of the biennium to a new goal and strategy (Goal __. Keeping Texas Prepared, Strategy __.1.1 Keeping Texas Prepared.)

On page III-252 of Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service’s bill pattern, add \$13,000,000 in General Revenue in each year of the biennium to a new goal and strategy (Goal __. Keeping Texas Prepared, Strategy __.1.1 Keeping Texas Prepared.)

On page III – 254 of Texas A&M Forest Service’s bill pattern, add \$5,197,000 in General Revenue in each year of the biennium; \$11,253,000 in General Revenue Dedicated Fund 36 in each year of the biennium; and \$6,785,485 for 2024 and \$6,614,370 for 2025 in General Revenue Dedicated Fund 5064 to a new goal and strategy (Goal __. Keeping Texas Prepared, Strategy __.1.1 Keeping Texas Prepared.)

On page III – 257 of Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory’s bill pattern, add \$2,613,500 for 2024 and \$2,316,500 for 2025 in General Revenue to a new goal and strategy (Goal __. Keeping Texas Prepared, Strategy __.1.1 Keeping Texas Prepared.)

On page III – 259 of Texas Division of Emergency Management’s bill pattern, add \$11,080,311 for 2024 and \$8,319,689 for 2025 in General Revenue to a new goal and strategy (Goal __. Keeping Texas Prepared, Strategy __.1.1 Keeping Texas Prepared.)

On page III-292 of the General Appropriation Act, Special Provisions Relating only to State Agencies of Higher Education, add the following new rider:

___. **Keeping Texas Prepared.** The following is an informational list of amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Texas A&M University System emergency response agencies to prepare for and respond to natural disasters and other state emergencies in addition to their ongoing education and service missions. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2025.

	2024	2025
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension	\$ 16,148,103	\$ 16,148,103
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000
Texas A&M Forest Service	\$ 23,235,485	\$ 23,064,370
Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory	\$ 2,613,500	\$ 2,316,500
Texas Division of Emergency Management	\$ 11,080,311	\$ 8,319,689