

# **Issue Docket**

**Conference Committee on House Bill 1**

**2024-25 General Appropriations Bill**

**Article III - Higher Education**

**30M HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>State Contribution</b>	III-47	III-46		
University of Texas System, Texas A&M University System, and Employee Retirement System participating institutions other than Community Colleges	\$1,331,131,843	\$1,049,682,189	\$281,449,654	<p>House funds contribution rates at 100% of the full Employee Retirement System premium rates, resulting in an increase of \$281.4 million above 2022-23 appropriations.</p> <p>Senate maintains 2022-23 General Revenue appropriations, resulting in rates of 78.7% for the University of Texas and Texas A&amp;M University Systems, and 79.2% for ERS participating institutions.</p> <p>HEGI-funded employee headcounts increased in the spring update. As such, maintaining General Revenue would result in reduced contribution rates of 99.3% for the University of Texas and Texas A&amp;M Systems and 99.8% for ERS participating institutions in the House, and 78.3% for the University of Texas and Texas A&amp;M Systems and 78.7% for ERS participating institutions in the Senate; maintaining their respective rates would result in an increase of \$6.9 million in the House and \$5.5 million in the Senate.</p>
Community Colleges	\$385,048,102	\$385,048,102		<p>House and Senate increased General Revenue appropriations by \$6.1 million above 2022-23 amounts.</p> <p>HEGI-funded employee headcounts increased in the spring update. Because the contribution rate for Community Colleges is set in statute, this results in an increase of \$1.0 million.</p>
<b>Riders</b>				
Benefits Proportionality Audit Requirement	III-52, Rider 8 Rider Packet, page III-1	III-51, Rider 8 Rider Packet, page III-1		Senate includes language that requires institutions of higher education other than Community Colleges to conduct an internal audit to determine its compliance with benefits proportionality requirements.

781 HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) <b>Cross-Strategy Issues</b>	III-52 311.9	III-52 308.9		<p><b>Student Financial Aid</b>                      House provides \$149.3 million in additional funding for the following four financial aid programs in standalone strategies. Funding for these programs was included in the agency's exceptional Item #1 State Grant Funding:                      B.1.1 TEXAS Grants-\$101.3 million                      B.1.2 Tuition Equalization Grants-\$8.0 million                      B.1.10 Texas Transfer Grant Program-\$20 million                      B.1.11 Texas Leadership Scholars Program-\$20 million.                      (see also House Riders #56 and #57, page III-67)</p> <p>Senate consolidates funding for six financial aid programs, totaling \$153.0 million (Agency Exceptional Item #1), in Strategy B.1.10 Student Financial Aid. These programs include the four programs listed above and funding for the TEOG-Community Colleges Program and the TEOG-State and Technical Colleges Program. Funding for two TEOG programs total \$3.7 million.                      (see also Senate Rider #56, page III-67)</p>
A.1.1 AGENCY OPERATIONS	\$ 93,549,570	\$ 61,049,570	\$ 32,500,000	House provides \$47.5 million and 8.0 FTEs for Innovation and Collaboration (Agency Exceptional Item #4). House includes conforming rider. See House Rider #58 Innovation and Collaboration on page 67.
				Senate provides \$15.0 million and 5.0 FTEs for Data Security and Modernization (Agency Exceptional Item #2).  House includes \$15.0 million and 4.0 FTEs for Data Security and Modernization (Agency Exceptional Item #2) in the Supplemental Bill.
B.1.1 TEXAS GRANT PROGRAM	\$ 1,051,578,080	\$ 950,276,320	\$ 101,301,760	See Cross-Strategy Issue.

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B.1.2 TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANTS	\$ 203,864,884	\$ 195,826,678	\$ 8,038,206	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
B.1.10 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID	\$ -	\$ 153,000,000	\$ 153,000,000	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
B.1.10 TEXAS TRANSFER GRANT PROGRAM	\$ 20,000,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
B.1.11 TEXAS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS PROGRAM	\$ 20,000,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000,000	See Cross-Strategy Issue.
C.1.2 BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	\$ 1,462,500	\$ 2,198,964	\$ 736,464	Senate provides \$736,464 in additional funding for the Bilingual Education Program.
C.1.3 EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT	\$ 79,781,250	\$ 73,781,250	\$ 6,000,000	House provides \$6,000,000 in additional GR-D funding for the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program.
D.1.1 FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM	\$ 16,500,000	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 7,000,000	House provides \$7,000,000 in additional funding for the Family Practice Residency Program.
D.1.2 PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM	\$ 4,850,000	\$ 2,850,000	\$ 2,000,000	House provides \$2,000,000 in additional funding for the Preceptorship Program.
D.1.4 TRAUMA CARE PROGRAM	\$ 5,914,406	\$ 3,914,406	\$ 2,000,000	House provides \$2,000,000 in additional funding for the Trauma Care Program.
D.1.5 JOINT ADMISSION MEDICAL PROGRAM	\$ 11,696,794	\$ 11,679,196	\$ 17,598	House provides \$2,000,000 in additional funding for the JAMP Program.  Senate provides \$1,982,403 in additional funding for the JAMP Program.
D.1.8 FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY FELLOWSHIP PGM	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	Senate provides \$5.0 million in a contingency rider for legislation related to the creation of a Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program.
D.1.9 NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ -	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000	Senate provides \$25.0 million in a contingency rider for legislation related to nursing scholarships.

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E.1.1 BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE - UGME	\$ 76,413,492	\$ 79,428,300	\$ 3,014,808	Senate provides \$3.0 million in hold harmless funding for Baylor College of Medicine Undergraduate Medical Education.
Baylor College of Medicine	III-57, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page III-2	III-57, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page III-2		Senate rider includes language that the \$3.0 million in hold harmless funding in Strategy E.1.1 for Baylor College of Medicine is one-time and is for students jointly enrolled in medical programs and other academic disciplines.
Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program	III-61, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page III-2	III-60, Rider #26 Rider Packet, page III-2		Senate rider includes language that requires the agency to allocate funding through different tiers, Growth Tier, Production Tier, and Faculty Tier, and requires the agency to apply different weights to nursing graduates.
Toward Excellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program	III-62, Rider #29 Rider Packet, page III-4	III-61, Rider #29 Rider Packet, page III-4		House rider includes language that Higher Education Coordinating Board will coordinate with institutions to distribute funds appropriated for the program for eligible students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class.
Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds: College Readiness and Success	III-66, Rider #47 Rider Packet, page III-5	III-65, Rider #47 Rider Packet, page III-5		Both House and Senate provide funding for agency's exceptional item #3, Career and College Advising in Strategy A.1.3, College Readiness and Success. House rider includes language that this funding will be used for a one-stop advising tool, My Texas Future.
Contingency Funding for Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program		III-67, Rider #57 Rider Packet, page III-5		Senate includes contingency rider which relates to the creation of a Forensic Psychiatry Forensic Program to support the development or expansion, and administration of accredited forensic psychiatry one-year fellowship training programs and to support the salaries and benefits of the training physicians.
Contingency Funding for Nursing Scholarships		III-67, Rider #58 Rider Packet, page III-6		Senate includes contingency rider which relates to nursing scholarships.
Study on State Social Work Workforce Needs	III-67, Rider #59 Rider Packet, page III-6			House rider requires the agency, using funds appropriated above, to develop a report on social work workforce and the state's social work workforce needs.

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Report on Leasing Property of Public Institutions of Higher Education for Private Use	III-68, Rider #60 Rider Packet, page III-6			House rider requires the agency, using funds appropriated above, to conduct a study to assess the feasibility of leasing to artists for practice and performance of their arts available spaces in buildings of property of public institutions of higher education in the state.
Study on Housing at Public Institutions of Higher Education for Current and Former Foster Youth.	III-69, Rider #61 Rider Packet, page III-8			House rider requires the agency, using funds appropriated above, and in collaboration with the Department of Family and Protective Services, to conduct a study assessing the opportunities and barriers for access to housing on the campuses of public institutions of higher education for current and former foster youth.

**794 SUPPORT FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS EXEMPTIONS**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
B.1.1 REIMBURSEMENT FOR HAZLEWOOD EXEMPTS	III-75 \$ 306,000,000	III-73 \$ 30,000,000	\$ 276,000,000	House includes an increase of \$276.0 million in General Revenue to fully fund reimbursements to institutions of higher education for waived revenues and fees from the Hazlewood Legacy Program, based on fiscal year 2022 costs.
Appropriation: Unexpended Balances	III-76 Rider #3 Rider Packet, page III-9	III-75 Rider #3 Rider Packet, page III-9		House includes carryforward authority within the biennium for any unexpended balances from the General Revenue portion of the Hazlewood Legacy Program reimbursement.
Texas Veterans Commission Veterans Exemption Data	III-76 Rider #4 Rider Packet, page III-9			House includes a new rider requiring the Texas Veterans Commission to provide an annual report on the Hazlewood program to institutions of higher education and their system offices.

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

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Budget Structure</b>	III-69	III-68		
<b>714 The University of Texas at Arlington</b>				
C.2.3 CENTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP/ECON INNOV	\$ III-75 -	\$ III-77 -		Senate made no change to strategy name.
C.2.3 CENTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP/TECH DEV	\$ -	\$ -		House changed strategy name from Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Innovation to Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology Development.
<b>713 Tarleton State University</b>				
C.1.2 MULTI-INSTITUTION TEACHING CENTER	\$ III - 104 -	\$ III - 102 -	\$ -	Senate made no change to strategy name.
C.1.3 SOUTHWEST METROPLEX OUTREACH	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	House changed strategy name from Multi-Institution Teaching Center to Southwest Metroplex Outreach.
<b>Cross-Strategy Issue</b>				<p>1) <b>General Academic Instruction &amp; Operations (I&amp;O) Formula</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated formula data provided by the Coordinating Board, estimated tuition in the I&amp;O formula increased by \$15,617,549 over amounts used in the introduced bills. Weighted Semester Credit Hours (WSCH) declined by 307,318 compared to amounts used in the introduced bills. As a result of the changes, the funding rate per WSCH increased.</p> <p>House increased General Revenue appropriations by \$274,518,232 over 2022-23 levels resulting in a funding rate of \$59.11 per WSCH. As a result of the spring update, the All Funds funding rate per WSCH increased to \$59.78.</p>



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				<p>Senate maintained the 2022-23 I&amp;O formula funding rate of \$55.66 per WSCH, increasing General Revenue amounts by \$2,344,936 over 2022-23 appropriations. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate per WSCH increased to \$56.30.</p> <p>2) <b>Infrastructure Formula</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated formula data provided by the Coordinating Board, estimated tuition in the infrastructure formula increased by \$2,844,151 over amounts used in the introduced bills. Predicted Square Feet (PSF) increased by 199,738 compared to amounts used in the introduced bills. As the changes were minimal, the funding rate per PSF remained the same.</p> <p>House increased General Revenue appropriations by \$274,518,232 over 2022-23 levels resulting in a funding rate of \$5.82 per PSF.</p> <p>Senate maintained the 2022-23 Infrastructure formula funding rate of \$5.47 per PSF, providing an additional \$3,374,213 in General Revenue above 2022-23 amounts.</p> <p>3) <b>Texas Research University Fund</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated research expenditure data provided by the Coordinating Board, the 3-year average of research expenditures increased by \$86.2 million compared to data used for the introduced bill. As a result, the funding rate per eligible research expenditure declined.</p> <p>House increased General Revenue appropriations by \$12,286,886 over 2022-23 levels resulting in a funding rate of 10.6% of eligible research expenditures in the introduced bill. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate decreased to 10.0%.</p> <p>Senate maintained the 2022-23 funding rate of 10.1% of eligible research expenditures, providing an additional \$4,433,853 in General Revenue funds over 2022-23 amounts. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate decreased to 9.6%.</p>

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

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Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	45,661.8	41,389.0	4,272.8	<p>House increased General Revenue appropriations by \$1,192,331 over 2022-23 levels resulting in an effective funding rate of 17.1% of eligible research expenditures in the introduced bill. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate decreased to 15.9%.</p> <p>Senate maintained the 2022-23 funding rate of 16.3% of eligible research expenditures, providing an additional \$490,725 in General Revenue funds over 2022-23 amounts. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate decreased to 15.2%.</p> <p>FTEs for each institution are adjusted in each bill in proportion to the increase or decrease in total General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding. FTEs increase/decrease by the lower of 1.0 FTE for every \$100,000 change between 2022-23 and 2024-25 or the amount requested for nonformula support items, excluding capital items, which are appropriated to the institution.</p>
<b>FORMULAS AND RESEARCH FUNDING</b>				
GAI INSTRUCTION & OPERATIONS FORMULA	\$ 3,560,556,247	\$ 3,288,382,981	\$ 272,173,266	See Cross-Strategy Item #1
GAI, LSC, & TSTC INFRASTRUCTURE FORMULA	\$ 703,209,360	\$ 652,365,979	\$ 50,843,381	See Cross-Strategy Item #2
LAMAR STATE COLLEGES I&O FORMULA	\$ 69,856,750	\$ 69,856,750	\$ -	House and Senate increased the funding rate for the LSCs from \$7.20 to \$8.16 per contact hour, resulting in \$11,367,061 in additional General Revenue funds over 2022-23 amounts. The spring update of the formula data saw an increase in contact hours of 167,890. As a result, the funding rate per contact hour decreased to \$7.85. The cost to maintain the introduced funding rate is \$2.8 million.

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TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES I&O FORMULA	\$ 155,477,023	\$ 155,477,023	\$ -	House and Senate maintained the 2022-23 returned value funding rate of 35.9%, resulting in \$15,644,705 in additional General Revenue funds over 2022-23 amounts. The spring update of the formula data saw a significant increase in the returned value (\$96.7 million). As a result, the returned value funding rate decreased to 29.3%. The cost to maintain the introduced funding rate is \$34.7 million.
TEXAS RESEARCH UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 159,362,679	\$ 151,509,646	\$ 7,853,033	See Cross-Strategy Item #3
CORE RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND	\$ 126,895,035	\$ 123,507,226	\$ 3,387,809	See Cross-Strategy Item #4
COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	\$ 15,464,705	\$ 14,763,099	\$ 701,606	See Cross-Strategy Item #5
COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY FUNDING	\$ 80,000,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000,000	House provides \$80.0 million in General Revenue funds for 27 institutions designated as Comprehensive Regional Universities. The performance-based funding provides a base appropriation of \$500,000 to each institution and \$2,191 per degree awarded to at-risk students.
<b>NON-FORMULA SUPPORT ITEMS</b>				
<b>720 The University of Texas System Administration</b>				
B.2.1 Trauma Research and Combat Casualty Care Collaborative (TRC4)	III - 69 \$ -	III - 68 \$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	Senate provides \$20.0 million in General Revenue funds for the Trauma Research and Combat Casualty Care Collaborative. See also Senate Rider #5, page III-70.
<b>721 The University of Texas at Austin</b>				
C.2.6 BEG: PROJECT STARR	III - 79 \$ 12,503,842	III - 77 \$ 9,503,842	\$ 3,000,000	House provides additional General Revenue funds for the Bureau of Economic Geology, Project Starr at UT Austin.
C.4.1 INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	\$ 39,278,836	\$ -	\$ 39,278,836	House maintains 2022-23 Institutional Enhancement funding for UT Austin.

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<b>746 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley</b>				
C.1.2 STARR COUNTY UPPER LEVEL CENTER	III - 88 \$ 55,230	III - 86 \$ 155,230	\$ 100,000	Senate provides additional General Revenue funds for the Starr County Upper Level Center, a program of UT Rio Grande Valley.
<b>742 The University of Texas Permian Basin</b>				
C.1.6 HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE EDUCATION	III - 91 \$ -	III - 88 \$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for a new Healthcare Workforce Education program.
<b>711 Texas A&amp;M University</b>				
C.1.1 VIRTUAL PRODUCTION INSTITUTE	III - 98 \$ -	III - 95 \$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for a new Virtual Production Institute.
C.3.1 INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	\$ 52,580,000	\$ -	\$ 52,580,000	House maintains 2022-23 Institutional Enhancement funding for Texas A&M University.
<b>757 West Texas A&amp;M University</b>				
C.2.4 ADVANCING FOOD ANIMAL PRODUCTION	III - 117 \$ 4,000,000	III - 115 \$ 10,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	Senate provides additional General Revenue for the Advancing Food Animal Production Program.
<b>751 Texas A&amp;M University - Commerce</b>				
C.1.2 COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION	III - 120 \$ 866,576	III - 117 \$ 3,866,576	\$ 3,000,000	Senate provides additional funding for the Competency-Based Education program, specifically to increase teacher certification through competency-based education.

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<b>783 University of Houston System Administration</b>				
C.1.1 TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM	III - 124 \$ -	III - 122 \$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for a teacher preparation program at UH System for students training to become teachers. This is intended to be a partnership with Houston ISD.
<b>765 University of Houston - Victoria</b>				
C.1.2 AVIATION ACADEMIC PROGRAM	III - 132 \$ -	III - 130 \$ 3,080,000	\$ 3,080,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for the Aviation Academic Program.
<b>773 University of North Texas at Dallas</b>				
C.1.4 CLASSROOM TO CAREER INITIATIVE	III - 137 \$ -	III - 135 \$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for the Classroom to Career Initiative.
<b>755 Stephen F. Austin State University</b>				
C.1.2 STEM TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM	III - 139 \$ -	III - 137 \$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding for the STEM Teacher Preparation Program.
<b>735 Midwestern State University</b>				
C.1.1 STEM EXPANSION & CTR FOR EXCELLENCE	III - 149 \$ -	III - 147 \$ 2,367,700	\$ 2,367,700	Senate provides General Revenue funding for the STEM Expansion & Center for Excellence program.
<b>731 Texas Woman's University</b>				
C.1.2 NURSING FACULTY RECRUIT & RETAIN	III - 152 \$ -	III - 150 \$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding intended to help TWU recruit and retain nursing faculty.
<b>789 Lamar Institute of Technology</b>				
C.1.4 ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING	III - 158 \$ -	III - 156 \$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding to implement a new Associate Degree in Nursing.

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<b>788 Lamar State College - Port Arthur</b>	III - 161	III - 159		
C.1.1 ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS	\$ -	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000	Senate provides General Revenue funding to implement Allied Health Programs.
<b>753 Sam Houston State University</b>	III - 162	III - 161		
C.3.3 LAW ENFORCEMENT MGT INSTITUTE	\$ 7,524,546	\$ 13,524,546	\$ 6,000,000	Senate provides additional General Revenue funding for the Law Enforcement Management Institute.
<b>741 Sul Ross State University RGC</b>	III - 170	III - 168		
A.1.6 HOLD HARMLESS	\$ 65,860	\$ -	\$ 65,860	House provides additional General Revenue as part of the Affordability Decision to ensure that the institution maintains all General Revenue funding from the previous biennium.
<b>717 Texas Southern University</b>	III - 141	III - 140		
Thurgood Marshall School of Law	III-143, Rider 2 Rider Packet, page III- 113	III-142, Rider 2 Rider Packet, page III- 113		House requires that all General Revenue funds generated by the Thurgood Marshall School of Law should only be expended for the law school.

**HEALTH RELATED INSTITUTIONS**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	III-171	III-170		
<b>Budget Structure</b>		III-193		Senate includes new separate budget structure for UT Austin Dell Medical School.
<b>Technical Adjustment</b>	III-272	III-271		<p><b>1) UNT Health Science Center Performance Based Research Operations Formula Governor Calculation</b> House and Senate include a governor calculation error for UNT Health Science Center's Performance Based Research Operations formula. Technical Adjustment would reduce funding for the formula by \$3,780,780, resulting in total increase of \$8,603,941 over 2022-23 appropriated levels.</p> <p><b>2) Sam Houston State University (SHSU) College of Osteopathic Medicine Tuition Estimate</b> House and Senate include FY 2024 tuition estimates for Sam Houston State University (SHSU) College of Medicine. Technical Adjustment uses FY 2022 amounts to align with other HRIs. This results in a decrease of \$3.7 million in GR-D for SHSU and an increase of \$3.3 million in formula General Revenue.</p>
<b>Cross-Strategy Issue</b>				<p><b>1) Health Related Institution Instruction &amp; Operations (I&amp;O) Formula Spring Update:</b> Using updated formula data provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, Weighted Full Time Student Equivalents (FTSEs) declined by 528.43 compared to amounts used in the introduced bills. As a result of the changes, the funding rate per FTSE increased.</p> <p>House and Senate maintained the 2022-23 I&amp;O formula funding rate of \$9,622 per FTSE, increasing General Revenue amounts by \$61,124,119 over 2022-23 appropriations. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate per FTSE increased to \$9,689. <b>If Introduced Rate is maintained, it results in a funding decrease of \$9,085,944.</b></p>



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				<p><b>2) Health Related Institution Infrastructure Support Formula</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated formula data provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, Predicted Square Feet (PSF) increased by 487,158 compared to amounts used in the introduced bills. As a result of the changes, the funding rate per PSF decreased.</p> <p>House and Senate maintained the 2022-23 Infrastructure Support formula funding rate of \$6.14 per PSF, increasing General Revenue amounts by \$732,092 over 2022-23 appropriations. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate per PSF decreased to \$6.01. <b>Cost to maintain Introduced Rate is \$6,804,844.</b></p> <p><b>3) Research Enhancement Formula</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated formula data provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, reported research expenditures increased by \$146,217,260 compared to amounts used in the introduced bills. As a result of the changes, the funding rate decreased.</p> <p>House and Senate maintained the 2022-23 Research Enhancement formula funding rate of 1.17 percent of research expenditures plus \$1.4 million per year, increasing General Revenue amounts by \$5,084,494 over 2022-23 appropriations. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate decreased to 1.11 percent. <b>Cost to maintain Introduced Rate is \$3,413,165.</b></p> <p><b>4) Graduate Medical Education (GME) Formula</b>  <u>Spring Update:</u> Using updated formula data provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, medical residents increased by 161 compared to amounts used in the introduced bills. As a result of the changes, the funding rate per resident decreased.</p> <p>House and Senate maintained the 2022-23 Infrastructure Support formula funding rate of \$5,970 per resident, increasing General Revenue amounts by \$10,662,200 over 2022-23 appropriations. As a result of the spring update, the funding rate per resident decreased to \$5,871. <b>Cost to maintain Introduced Rate is \$1,922,300.</b></p>

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Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	13,580.1	13,580.1	0.0	FTEs for each institution are adjusted in each bill in proportion to the increase or decrease in total General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated funding. FTEs increase/decrease by the lower of 1.0 FTE for every \$250,000 change between 2022-23 and 2024-25 or the amount requested for nonformula support items, excluding capital items, which are appropriated to the institution.
<b>Formula Funding</b>				
Instruction and Operations Formula	\$ 1,363,071,488	\$ 1,363,071,488	\$ -	See Cross-Strategy Item #1
Infrastructure Support Formula	\$ 309,954,412	\$ 309,954,412	\$ -	See Cross-Strategy Item #2
Research Enhancement Formula	\$ 101,634,460	\$ 101,634,460	\$ -	See Cross-Strategy Item #3
Graduate Medical Education Formula	\$ 114,239,567	\$ 114,239,567	\$ -	See Cross-Strategy Item #4
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Operations Formula	\$ 289,001,496	\$ 289,001,496	\$ -	House and Senate increased funding for the Cancer Center Operations formula by 2.9%, which represents the Introduced I&O funding growth rate, excluding SHSU College of Medicine.
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler Chest Disease Center Operations Formula	\$ 63,994,344	\$ 63,994,344	\$ -	House and Senate increased funding for the Chest Disease Center Operations formula by 2.9%, which represents the Introduced I&O funding growth rate, excluding SHSU College of Medicine.
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston Health System Operations Formula	\$ 314,821,518	\$ 314,821,518	\$ -	House and Senate increased funding for the Health System Operations formula by 2.9%, which represents the Introduced I&O funding growth rate, excluding SHSU College of Medicine.
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso Border Health Operations Formula	\$ 28,301,598	\$ 28,301,598	\$ -	House and Senate increased funding for the Border Health Operations formula by 2.9%, which represents the Introduced I&O funding growth rate, excluding SHSU College of Medicine.

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The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 130,840,155	\$ 130,840,155	\$ -	House and Senate maintain Dynamic Base Match rate methodology, which resulted in an increase of \$15,990,266 over 2022-23 appropriated levels and a base rate of 13.40%. Updated research expenditure data results in a rate decrease to 13.35%. No cost or savings to adjust rate due to formula governor.
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 42,949,947	\$ 42,949,947	\$ -	House and Senate maintain Dynamic Base Match rate methodology, which resulted in an increase of \$17,473,787 over 2022-23 appropriated levels and a base rate of 6.47%. Updated research expenditure data results in a rate decrease to 6.46%. No cost or savings to adjust rate due to formula governor.
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 38,515,512	\$ 38,515,512	\$ -	House and Senate maintain Dynamic Base Match rate methodology, which resulted in an increase of \$13,067,512 over 2022-23 appropriated levels and a base rate of 8.55%. Updated research expenditure data results in a rate increase to 8.58%. No cost or savings to adjust rate due to formula governor.
Texas A&M University Health Science Center Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 31,205,211	\$ 31,205,211	\$ -	House and Senate increased base match rate to 12.17%, which resulted in an increase of \$6,705,211 over 2022-23 appropriated levels. Updated research expenditure data increased the three-year average by \$5,476,548, which results in a reduced base rate of 9.66%. <b>Cost to maintain Introduced Rate is \$6,261,841.</b>
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 33,076,416	\$ 33,076,416	\$ -	House and Senate maintained 2022-23 base match rate of 28.58%, which resulted in an increase of \$12,384,721 over 2022-23 appropriated levels. Updated research expenditure data decreased the three-year average by \$596,909 which results in an increased base rate of 29.58%. <b>See Technical Adjustment #1.</b>
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Performance Based Research Operations Formula	\$ 3,823,530	\$ 3,823,530	\$ -	House and Senate increased base match rate to 12.17%, which resulted in an increase of \$662,902 over 2022-23 appropriated levels. Updated research expenditure data increased the three-year average by \$49,667, which results in a reduced base rate of 9.92%. <b>Cost to maintain Introduced Rate is \$28,557.</b>

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Baylor College of Medicine - Undergraduate Education Formula	\$ 76,413,492	\$ 79,428,300	\$ 3,014,808	<p>Baylor College of Medicine's Undergraduate Medical Education appropriations are calculated on a per Full Time Student Equivalent basis using the prior year's average appropriations for medical education, including employee benefits, provided for The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and The University of Texas Medical Branch. These appropriations are trusted to the Higher Education Coordinating Board.</p> <p>House provides the historical calculation methodology, which resulted in a decrease \$3,014,808 from 2022-23 appropriated levels. <b>Cost to incorporate updated spring data is \$220,692 over House.</b></p> <p>Senate provides 2022-23 funding levels to provide one-time hold harmless funding for students jointly enrolled in medical programs and other academic disciplines.</p>
<b>Non-Formula Support Item Funding</b>				
<b>744 The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston</b>	III-178	III-177		
E.1.3 TEPHI	\$ 4,091,959	\$ 27,724,115	\$ 23,632,156	Senate provides \$23.6 million in additional General Revenue funding for the Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute.
<b>745 The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio</b>	III-183	III-181		
Fentanyl Education	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 600,000	House provides \$0.6 million in additional General Revenue-Dedicated Acct. 5189 Opioid Abatement funding for Fentanyl Education in coordination with Regional Education Service Centers and includes conforming rider.
<b>506 The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</b>	III-189	III-187		
D.1.1 CORD BLOOD AND CELLULAR THERAPY	\$ 2,779,101	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 1,220,899	Senate provides \$1.2 million in additional General Revenue funding for Cord Blood and Cellular Therapy Research.
D.1.2 BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM	\$ 2,888,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 1,112,000	Senate provides \$1.1 million in additional General Revenue Funding for Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research.

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<b>774 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso</b> E.3.2 CENTER FOR POPULATION HEALTH	III-207 \$ -	III-206 \$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	Senate provides \$1.0 million in General Revenue funding for the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities.
<b>Riders</b>				
<b>744 The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston</b> Integrated Care Study for Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	III-182, Rider #9 Rider Packet, page III-11	III-181, Rider #9 Rider Packet, page III-11		House removes reporting requirement for Veterans PTSD study.
<b>709 Texas A&amp;M University System Health Science Center</b> Medical Program		III-198, Rider #4 Rider Packet, page III-12		House removes rider that stipulates that TAMUHSC is authorized to unite and collaborate with several private healthcare organizations to provide clinical education and research services to be considered for the Infrastructure Support formula.
Research on Acute Neurological Injuries		III-198, Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-12		House removes rider that stipulates that TAMUHSC may allocate funds to conduct joint research endeavors with Baylor College of Medicine, UTHSC Houston, and UTMB.
Study on Texas Civil Commitment Office	III-199, Rider #12 Rider Packet, page III-12			House adds a new rider that requires TAMUHSC to conduct a study on the Texas Civil Commitment Office in coordination with HHSC.
<b>763 University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth</b> Healthcare Workforce Expansion	III-203, Rider #5 Rider Packet, page III-14			House includes new rider that would make remote UNTHSC locations eligible for the Small Class Supplement in future biennia.

**704 PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Formula Funding</b>	III-213	III-212		
Core Operations	\$68,040,600	\$68,040,600		House and Senate maintain 2022-23 General Revenue appropriations of \$1.4 million per institution per biennium.
Contact Hours	\$1,447,240,805	\$1,447,240,805		House and Senate maintain 2022-23 General Revenue appropriations. In the fall, this resulted in a rate of \$2.94 per contact hour. There was an increase in contact hours in the spring update, which, by maintaining General Revenue, results in a decreased rate of \$2.92 per contact hour.
Success Points	\$314,796,133	\$314,796,133		House and Senate maintain 2022-23 General Revenue appropriations. In the fall, this resulted in a rate of \$252.37 per success point. There was a decrease in success points in the spring update, which, by maintaining General Revenue, results in an increased rate of \$261.29 per success point.
<b>Riders</b>				
Need-Based Supplements	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000		<p>The institutions receiving supplemental appropriations may be revised due to updated data used in the formula calculation.</p> <p>See also House and Senate Rider 25 on pages III-223 and III-221, respectively.</p>

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

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

**555 TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
E.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO	III-238 \$ 1,180,450	III-237 \$ 1,180,450	\$ -	See Texas A&M System Agency Cross-Agency Issues regarding Infrastructure Support Inside Brazos County.
Feral Hog Abatement Program.	III-241 Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-15	III-239 Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-15		House amended the rider to push back the biennial feral hog abatement report deadline from September 1 to October 1.



576 TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
C.1.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO	III-247 \$ 279,801	III-246 \$ 279,801	\$ -	See Texas A&M System Agency Cross-Agency Issues regarding Infrastructure Support Inside Brazos County.
Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (Wildfire Protection Plan)	III-250 Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-16	III-248 Rider #6 Rider Packet, page III-16		House deleted a portion of the rider specifying the types of trainings offered by TFS, directing the agency to submit a statutorily-required report, and providing statutorily-required limits on the use of funds for administering grants.

**575 TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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

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

Item	Senate 2024-25	House 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Riders</b>	III-239	III-241		
Information Related to the Coronavirus Pandemic	III-282, Section 58 Rider Packet, page III-18			House removes a requirement for institutions of higher education to report the receipt of federal funds related to the coronavirus pandemic.
Boycotts		III-281, Section 58 Rider Packet, page III-18		Senate includes requirement for institutions of higher education to adopt rules and policies prohibiting certain academic boycotts.
Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practices	III-281, Section 61 Rider Packet, page III-18	III-281, Section 59 Rider Packet, page III-18		Senate and House both include a prohibition on funds being used for certain diversity, equity, and inclusion practices. The language for both, while similar, is not aligned.
Higher Education Affordability	III-282, Section 60 Rider Packet, page III-18			House directs certain additional funding for institutions of higher education to be contingent on an institution's adoption of policies to maintain all non-statutory tuition rates and mandatory academic fees set by their respective governing boards on all similarly situated students at September 1, 2023, levels for the subsequent two fiscal years.
Contingency for Higher Education Endowment Funding		III-282, Section 61 Rider Packet, page III-19		Senate includes contingency appropriation of \$2.5 billion from General Revenue related to the Texas University Fund.
Contingency for TSTC Endowment Funding		III-282, Section 62 Rider Packet, page III-20		Senate includes contingency appropriation of \$750.0 million from General Revenue related to the creation of endowment funding for the support of capital projects for career and technical education programs at components of Texas State Technical College (TSTC).

**Article III Agencies with No Issues**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Higher Education Fund (780)	III-67	III-69		
Available University Fund (780)	III-70	III-71		
Available National Research University Fund (795)	III-73	III-74		
Texas A&M Agrilife Research (556)	III-234	III-236		
Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (712)	III-240	III-241		
Texas A&M Transportation Institute (727)	III-242	III-244		
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (716)	III-244	III-245		
Texas A&M Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (557)	III-249	III-250		