

Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on House Bill 1

2024-25 General Appropriations Bill

Article III – Higher Education

HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

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8. Benefits Proportionality Audit Requirement.

- a. For fiscal year 2024 and 2025, institutions of higher education shall also consider audits of benefits proportional when developing their annual internal audit plans.
- b. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Auditor's Office audit at least two institutions of higher education for compliance with benefits proportional provisions during the 2024-25 biennium.
- c. If an audit conducted under subsections (a) and (b) identifies any instances in which an institution has not been compliant with the proportionality requirements provided in Article IX, Sec. 6.08, Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance and received excess General Revenue as a result of this noncompliance, the institution shall submit a reimbursement payment to the Comptroller of Public Accounts within two years from the conclusion from the audit. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and State Auditor's Office of all reimbursement payments submitted by an institution of higher education.

8. Benefits Proportionality Audit Requirement.

- a. Each institution of higher education, excluding Public Community/Junior Colleges, shall conduct an internal audit of benefits proportional by method of finance and submit a copy of the internal audit to the Legislative Budget Board, Comptroller of Public Accounts, and State Auditor's Office no later than August 31, 2024. The audit must examine fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, and must be conducted using a methodology approved by the State Auditor's Office.
- b. If the internal audit conducted by an institution identifies any instances in which an institution has not been compliant with the proportionality requirements provided by Article IX, Sec. 6.08, Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance in the prior three fiscal years defined in subsection (a) and received excess General Revenue as a result of this noncompliance, the institution shall submit a reimbursement payment to the Comptroller of Public Accounts within two years from the conclusion of the institution's audit. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and State Auditor's Office of all reimbursement payments submitted by an institution of higher education.
- c. If an institution has previously conducted an internal audit of benefits proportional by fund for the fiscal years included in subsection (a) using a methodology determined to be acceptable by the State Auditor's Office, the State Auditor's Office may waive the requirement that the institution conduct an additional internal audit. The State Auditor's Office shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and Comptroller of Public Accounts of any institutions who receive such a waiver. Any institution that receives a waiver from the audit requirement from the State Auditor's Office is still subject to the provisions of subsection (b) for any instances of noncompliance that were identified.
- d. For fiscal year 2024 and 2025, institutions of higher education shall also consider audits of benefits proportional when developing their annual internal audit plans.
- e. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Auditor's Office audit at least two institutions of higher education for compliance with benefits proportional provisions during the 2024-25 biennium.

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8. Baylor College of Medicine.

- a. From funds appropriated by this Act for the Baylor College of Medicine, the Coordinating Board shall allocate an amount per student enrolled in the college equal to the cost of medical education in the established public medical schools cited in Subchapter D, Chapter 61, Education Code. The cost of medical education per student at public medical schools as determined by the Coordinating Board shall include General Revenue appropriations for instruction and operations, infrastructure, and staff benefits allocated to undergraduate medical education. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2025.
- b. Appropriations made by this Act for Baylor College of Medicine are considered to be appropriations for any legal successor to Baylor College of Medicine and may be expended only for the purposes for which appropriated. Any details, limits, or restrictions applicable to those appropriations are applicable to that legal successor.
- c. The Coordinating Board is authorized to make an intergovernmental transfer of the funds appropriated by this Act for Baylor College of Medicine to the Health and Human Services Commission.

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

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- a. Up to 5 percent each year may be used for administrative expenses.

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

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- a. Up to 5 percent each year may be used for administrative expenses. Funds used for program

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- b. Funds shall be distributed in an equitable manner to institutions with nursing programs, including institutions graduating their first nursing class, based on increases in 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. 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.
- d. 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 Paragraph b.

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- 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, \$28,080,000 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 allocate up to 50 percent in each fiscal year of the biennium and any unexpended amounts to community colleges.
 - c. Production Tier. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, \$4,680,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,680,000 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, \$4,680,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,680,000 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

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- 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.

- 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 shall coordinate with eligible institutions to distribute funds appropriated above for Strategy B.1.1, TEXAS Grant Program, to those institutions in a manner that ensures that each eligible student who graduates in the top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class receives an initial grant for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may transfer not more than five percent of the total funds appropriated for Strategy B.1.1, TEXAS Grant Program, for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, to that strategy for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2024, to the extent necessary to implement 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.

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

Program	2024	2025
Advise TX	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000
Developmental Education	\$1,285,250	\$1,285,250
My Texas Future	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Total	\$13,235,250	\$13,235,250

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.

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Program	2024	2025
Advise TX	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000
Developmental Education	\$1,285,250	\$1,285,250
Total	\$3,235,250	\$3,235,250

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.

57. Contingency Funding for Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program. Contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature relating to the creation of a Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program, the Higher Education Coordinating Board is appropriated \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy D.1.8, Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program to implement provisions of the legislation 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. 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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58. Contingency Funding for Nursing Scholarships. Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 25, or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature relating to nursing scholarships, the Higher Education Coordinating Board is appropriated \$12,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$12,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy D.1.9, Nursing Scholarships to implement provisions of the legislation. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

59. 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.

60. Report on Leasing Property of Public Institutions of Higher Education for Private Use.

- (a) Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall conduct a study to assess the feasibility of leasing to artists for the practice and performance of their arts available spaces in buildings or property of public institutions of higher education in this state.
- (b) In conducting the study, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall consider with respect to buildings or property of public institutions of higher education in this state:
 - (1) the types of spaces that are appropriate for leasing;
 - (2) the location of each building or property with a space identified as potentially available

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for lease;

- (3) the times each identified space would be available for lease;
- (4) the persons to whom each identified space may be leased;
- (5) any disadvantages to leasing each identified space, including sensitive surroundings or information that may be at risk during the lease;
- (6) the fair market value for leasing each identified space;
- (7) any tax implications for accepting a lease payment from a private business for private use of each identified space;
- (8) the use limitations that may need to be included in a lease agreement for each identified space;
- (9) security measures that hinder or enhance the availability or value of each identified space; and
- (10) any other issue that would negatively impact or prohibit leasing each identified space.

(c) The study must identify:

- (1) the criteria used to determine the feasibility of leasing each space identified as available for lease;
- (2) the measures instituted to avoid viewpoint bias or other possible biases in the selection of a lease holder;
- (3) the authorized uses of lease income by public institutions of higher education to benefit each institution offering space for lease; and
- (4) the reasons a public institution of higher education would be authorized to decline to lease space at the institution.

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- (d) In conducting the study, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall coordinate with the Texas Commission on the Arts.
- (e) Not later than December 2, 2024, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall submit a report to each member of the legislature that includes the results of the study conducted under this rider and any recommendations of the board related to the study and statutory changes necessary to authorize leasing space to artists for the practice and performance of their arts at public institutions of higher education in this state.

61. Study on Housing at Public Institutions of Higher Education for Current and Former Foster Youth.

- (a) Out of funds appropriated above, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall collaborate 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.
- (b) The study must:
 - (1) include a thorough examination of supervised independent living contracts with public institutions of higher education and other opportunities for providing access to housing for current and former foster youth; and
 - (2) consider methods to expand the number of foster youth who receive supervised independent living services or subsidized housing on the campuses of public institutions of higher education.
- (c) Not later than December 31, 2024, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall submit to the legislature a report summarizing the results of the study and making recommendations based on those results.

SUPPORT FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

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3. Appropriation: Unexpended Balances. Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2023, in Permanent Fund Supporting Military and Veterans Exemptions appropriations made to each eligible institution of higher education are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023. Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, in Permanent Fund Supporting Military and Veterans Exemptions appropriations made to each eligible institution of higher education are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

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Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, resulting from appropriation distributions made to each eligible institution of higher education out of Strategy B.1.1, Reimbursement for Hazlewood Exempts, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

4. Texas Veterans Commission Veterans Exemption Data. By November 30 of each year of the biennium, the Texas Veterans Commission shall provide a report to eligible institutions and their system office on veteran, child, spouse and legacy participants in the Hazlewood exemption program. At a minimum, the report would include all institutions, broken down by institution and exemption type, and would contain numbers of students, total exemption hours, total value of exemptions. Any information provided would not be personally identifiable, so as to not violate the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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- 2. Thurgood Marshall School of Law.** All tuition and fee revenues generated through enrollment in the School of Law, including Texas Public Education Grants and Emergency Loans under Education Code, Chapter 56 (Student Financial Aid Assistance), 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.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON

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9. Integrated Care Study for Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Out of the funds appropriated above to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in Strategy E.3.2, Veterans PTSD Study, \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used for purposes of conducting a research study, including clinical research, on the benefits of providing integrated care to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. The study shall evaluate the benefits of:

- a. a standardized comprehensive trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder assessment, and
- b. family involvement in post-traumatic stress disorder treatment.

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- a. a standardized comprehensive trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder assessment, and
- b. family involvement in post-traumatic stress disorder treatment.

No later than December 1, 2024, The University of Texas at Houston shall submit a report on the results of the study to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The report must include the number of people served and the type of integrated care provided through the study.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

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4. Medical Program. Texas A&M University System Health Science Center is hereby authorized to unite with Scott & White Clinic, Scott & White Memorial Hospital, and the Scott, Sherwood, and Brindley Foundation as its long-term primary partners for high quality clinical education and research for the benefit of the citizens of Texas. Texas A&M University System Health Science Center is additionally authorized to collaborate with the Central Texas Veterans' Health Care System, Darnall Army Community Hospital, and Driscoll Children's Hospital. Research conducted by Texas A&M University System Health Science Center faculty under the contract with its primary clinical partner to provide clinical education and research services shall be considered in the formula calculations for the Research Enhancement and E&G Space Support strategies.

6. Research on Acute Neurological Injuries. Out of funds appropriated above, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center may allocate funds to conduct joint research endeavors with other scientists from Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to develop treatments to repair acute neurological injuries such as those caused by trauma and strokes.

12. Study on the Texas Civil Commitment Office. Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas A&M Health Science Cent (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;

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- (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

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- 5. 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.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

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6. Feral Hog Abatement Program. Amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy D.1.1, Wildlife Management, include \$450,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to be used to implement feral hog abatement technologies. Of this amount, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall use a minimum of \$96,250 per fiscal year to fund grants for county feral hog eradication projects in Texas. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than October 1, 2024, providing information on the number of feral hogs abated and the cost per abatement using certain technologies.

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TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

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- 6. Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (Wildfire Protection Plan).** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$22,652,152 in fiscal year 2024 and \$22,652,153 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 shall be used to assist volunteer fire departments and provide for equipment and training needs.

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- 6. Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (Wildfire Protection Plan).** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$22,652,152 in fiscal year 2024 and \$22,652,153 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 shall be used to assist volunteer fire departments and provide for equipment and training needs, including specific training for handling industrial emergency incidents and response involving ammonium nitrate used as fertilizer, by building their capacity to respond to fires locally. The Texas A&M Forest Service shall submit a report to each member of the Legislature no later than November 1 of each year regarding expenditures of all grants under this program, including enrollment numbers and type of training administered through the expenditure of these funds. An amount not to exceed 7 percent of total appropriations per fiscal year from General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 shall be used to administer grants.

TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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- 10. Texas Energy Reliability Council Administrative Support.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Emergency Preparedness, \$147,295 in fiscal year 2024 and \$130,669 in fiscal year 2025 out of General Revenue Funds shall be used to provide administrative support to the Texas Energy Reliability Council.

- 11. Agency Operations.** Out of the funds appropriated above in strategy B.1.1, Indirect Administration, \$5,850,000 out of General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,850,000 out of General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2025 shall be used for agency operations.

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

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Sec. 58. Information Related to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Each institution of higher education that has received federal funds related to the coronavirus pandemic from a state or federal agency shall report the amount of the awards, expenditures, and uses of those funds to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The agency shall report the information collected to the Governor, Legislative Budget Board, and any appropriate standing committee in the Legislature in January and July of each fiscal year. The format and content of the report shall be specified by the Legislative Budget Board in consultation with the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Sec. 61. Prohibition on Unconstitutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs or Practices. No funds appropriated by this Act may be expended by an entity listed in this article (including any component, constituent unit, supported program, or grant recipient) for the design, implementation, or administration of diversity, equity, & inclusion practices or programs that do not comply with Sections 3 and 3a, Article I, Texas Constitution. This prohibition includes, without limitation, the hiring and supervision of employees, mandatory or recommended training, or programmed activities.

Sec. 60. Higher Education Affordability. It is the intent of the Legislature that certain institutions of higher education may receive additional state funding. Such funding is contingent upon 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.

Sec. 58. Boycotts. Any public or private institution of higher education receiving funds appropriated under this Article shall adopt rules and policies prohibiting an academic boycott that would deprive students or faculty members of the ability to study or conduct research in or about a foreign country or to interact with its scholars or representatives. The rule shall allow the support of an academic boycott if the target is a foreign country that is a state sponsor of terrorism, as defined by the U.S. Department of State.

Sec. 59. 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.

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Included in the amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, is an amount allocated amongst each institution to supplement the following strategies:

- (a) Instruction & Operations and Infrastructure formulas of general academic institutions and TSTCs;
- (b) Texas Research University Fund, Core Research University Fund, and Comprehensive Research University Fund at general academic institutions;
- (c) Performance-based funding for at-risk students at comprehensive regional universities;
- (d) Support for Military Veterans Exemptions to reimburse the Hazlewood Legacy Program costs in accordance with the full fiscal year 2022 cost of reimbursement; and
- (e) Higher Education Group Insurance to fund Higher Education Group Insurance coverage for employees in accordance with the full 2022-23 biennium reimbursement cost.

Sec. 61. Contingency for Higher Education Endowment Funding. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 19 and Senate Joint Resolution 5, or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and after approval of the constitutional amendment by the voters, \$2,500,000,000 from General Revenue is appropriated for fiscal year 2024 to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for immediate deposit to the Texas University Fund.

It is the intent of the Legislature that, consistent with the provisions of Senate Bill 19 and Senate Joint Resolution 5, for purposes of Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 22, Limitation on the Rate of Growth of Appropriations, money in the Texas University Fund is considered dedicated by the constitution and an appropriation of money to the fund is considered an appropriation of state tax revenues dedicated by the constitution.

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Sec. 62. Contingency for TSTC Endowment Funding. Contingent on enactment of Senate Joint Resolution 81, or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, relating to endowment funding for the support of capital projects for career and technical education programs at components of Texas State Technical College (TSTC), and after approval of the constitutional amendment by the voters, \$750,000,000 from General Revenue is appropriated for fiscal year 2024 for immediate deposit to an account or fund to be managed by the TSTC board of regents.

It is the intent of the Legislature that, for purposes of Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 22, Limitation on the Rate of Growth of Appropriations, money in the Technical Institution Infrastructure Fund is considered dedicated by the constitution and an appropriation of money to the fund is considered an appropriation of state tax revenues dedicated by the constitution.