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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Article III

Joint Admission Medical Program

Restoration of 2022-2023 Reduction and Increase to Support Growth

Overview

A funding increase in the amount of \$1,982,402 for the biennium would restore the 5% reduction of appropriation that occurred in the 87th legislative session, and fund the program to grow the cohort size from 100 to 150, support the four medical schools added without additional funding (since 2018), enhance programming to improve student persistence and success so that more students get into medical school and subsequently the physician workforce, and support the anticipated addition of the UT Tyler School of Medicine to the program.

As an industry workforce program, JAMP provides support for highly qualified, economically disadvantaged students interested in becoming physicians. State funding in supporting the education and training of physicians from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds is critical in ensuring that Texas medical students will stay and practice in Texas to address physician shortages, especially in medically underserved areas.

Required Action

On page III-58 of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern amend as follows:

	2024	2025
<u>D.1.5. Strategy: JOINT ADMISSION</u>	<u>\$9,696,794</u>	<u>\$11,679,196</u>
<u>MEDICAL PROGRAM</u>		<u>\$UB</u>

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By: ___ Creighton _____

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/10/2023

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-66 of Senate 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 in fiscal year 2024 and \$23,400,000 in fiscal year 2025. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

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

- a. Up to 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, \$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 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, \$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 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 (c) expire after the 2022-23 biennium.~~

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By: Zaffirini

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Funding and Rider Bilingual Education
Program Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/2/2023

Overview

The following action increases funding to Strategy C.1.2, Bilingual Education Programs by \$368,232 per year and modifies Rider 43 in the agency's bill pattern to expand participation in the program to The University of Texas San Antonio, The University of Texas El Paso, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Texas A&M University- Kingsville, and University of Houston – Clear Lake.

Required Actions:

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

	2024	2025
C.1.2. Bilingual Education Program	\$731,250	\$731,250
	<u>\$1,099,482</u>	<u>\$1,099,482</u>

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

Program to Encourage Certification to Teach Bilingual Education, English as a Second Language, or Spanish. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Bilingual Education Program, the Coordinating Board may allocate in equal amounts to the University of North Texas, University of North Texas at Dallas, Texas Woman's University, The University of Texas at Dallas, The University of Texas Arlington, Texas A&M Commerce and DFW Tech Teach, in consultation with Texas Tech University, The University of Texas San Antonio, The University of Texas El Paso, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Texas A&M University- Kingsville, and University of Houston – Clear Lake to be used for grants to provide financial incentives in the form of tuition assistance, to encourage students who enroll in an educator preparation program at the university to become certified to teach bilingual education, English as a Second Language, or Spanish in school districts with high critical needs. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2024 may be carried over to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

The program shall make awards to qualified students admitted to the Teacher Education Program in Bilingual Education or other comparable programs for teacher education in English as a second language or Spanish. Qualified students must: 1) have demonstrated financial need, as defined by the Higher Education Coordinating Board and 2) Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. The program shall submit a report not later than January 1, 2025, to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board detailing annual information on the following performance measures:

- a. Student graduation rates from the program;
- b. Passage rates for the Texas Examination of Education Standards Bilingual Education Supplemental exam and/or the English as a Second Language Supplemental exam; and Graduate employment data at Texas public school districts.

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**Higher Education Coordinating Board
Contingency Funding and Rider
Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/2/2023**

Overview

The following action adds a new Strategy to the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern and appropriates \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 for contingent on the enactment of legislation relating to the creation of a Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program.

With a state population of more than 30 million people, Texas has only one fellowship program in forensic psychiatry at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Forensic psychiatrists provide psychiatric evaluations of individuals involved with the legal system, provide youth suicide and violence risk/risk of future dangerousness assessments, and specialized psychiatric treatment for inmates or state hospital patients who require psychiatric competency restoration before standing trial. The shortage of forensic psychiatrists in the state has a direct bearing on the ability of court cases to be heard when there is a need for an assessment of mental competency.

Because of the shortage of these physicians in Texas, patients who require psychiatric forensic services must unnecessarily await treatment while courts and state hospitals must contend with backlogs. Moreover, forensic psychiatrists must assess and develop treatment plans for people referred for court-ordered jail diversion programs, yet there are too few specially trained psychiatrists to meet the demand.

Currently, nearly all psychiatrists interested in pursuing specialty forensic training must leave the state for training. Increasing the number of accredited psychiatric forensic fellowships through a grant program at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will support the pipeline of psychiatrists with the expertise and ability to work in the state's criminal justice and state hospital systems, increase risk assessments and relieve backlogs of mentally impaired inmates awaiting assessment, treatment, or trial. The State will be better able to train and retain these highly skilled and valuable physicians to provide needed care to the population of Texas.

Required Actions:

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

	2024	2025
D.1.X. Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

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

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.X, 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.

By Huffman/Creighton

The University of Texas System Administration

Trauma Research and Combat Casualty Care Collaborative (TRC4)

Overview

Funding will provide the initial competitive grant support for cutting edge trauma related research projects at UT System institutions in collaboration with the Department of Defense (DoD). These funds would leverage existing DoD support (\$2.5 million in research equipment) and a matching \$2.5 million investment from the UT System Board of Regents to establish the collaborative organizational structure and serve to initiate participation in trauma research across the UT System.

Based at UT Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSC San Antonio) and on behalf of UT System institutions, the TRC4 will facilitate and fund groundbreaking inter-institutional and collaborative basic, clinical, and translational research between UT researchers and the DoD Defense Health Agency (DHA). This will generate significant economic and business opportunities for Texans through leveraging state support and attracting additional federal funding.

Research conducted by this collaborative in the near- and long-term will not only save lives on the battlefield but will likewise dramatically improve the civilian, law enforcement, and military trauma continuum of care across Texas and the globe. TRC4 will attract multiple sources of federal funding, while supporting commercialization, device development, and innovative surgical interventions and therapeutics. TRC4 will also grow the future workforce needed to realize transformational innovation in both civilian and military trauma care and encourage participation by industry and philanthropy.

Required Action

On page III-73 of The University of Texas System Administration bill pattern add the following language:

	2024	2025
B.2. Objective: RESEARCH SUPPORT		
<u>B.2.1. Strategy: TRC4</u>	<u>\$20,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>
<u>Trauma Research and Combat</u>		
<u>Casualty Care Collaborative</u>		

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By Brandon Coe

University of Texas – Permian Basin

Educational Programs to Meet Healthcare Workforce Needs in the Permian Basin

Overview

To improve the health of West Texans, UT Permian Basin plans to expand and create educational programs to meet the shortage of mental health and other healthcare professionals in the Permian Basin. There are pressing service gaps in the region: in the treatment of adolescents and young adults, and those suffering from trauma and substance abuse disorders; in allied health fields; and in management of health organizations and health outcomes.

Funding would support programs and family services that have been identified as shortage areas in the Permian Basin. This funding would support accelerating graduates in existing programs in Clinical Psychology, Clinical Social Work, Nursing, and Clinical Counseling. In addition, the funding would provide for new program development in other healthcare workforce gap areas.

Required Action

On page III-95 of House Bill 1, in the University of Texas Permian Basin bill pattern, add a new strategy and General Revenue funding:

	2024	2025
<u>C.1.6. Strategy: Health Workforce Initiatives</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

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By: Perry/Sparks

West Texas A&M University
Proposed Funding and Rider
Advancing Food Animal Production in the Panhandle, Phase II
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/01/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that increases General Revenue appropriations to Strategy C.2.4 Advancing Food Animal Production by \$3.0 million in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium. This funding would support efforts to improve food system resiliency, address producer needs in the beef, dairy and swine areas, and optimize water use technologies in the High Plains. Funding would support teaching, research, increased capacity, outreach to industry stakeholders, increase training, and double grant support for research benefitting the food animal industry and its stakeholders.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-122 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the West Texas A&M University bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
C.2.4. Advancing Food Animal Production	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

2. On page III-123 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the West Texas A&M University bill pattern add the following rider:

..... Advancing Food Animal Production, Out of funds appropriated to West Texas A&M University in Strategy C.2.4, Advancing Food Animal Production, \$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 Advancing Food Animal Production initiative.

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By: Creighton

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/10/2023

Overview

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

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

This action would provide one-time hold harmless funding of \$1,166,598 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,848,210 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to BCM through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern to account for these jointly enrolled students.

Required Action

1. On page III-58 of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following new General Revenue funding to the following existing strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
E.1.1. Strategy: BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE - UGME	\$38,446,836 \$39,613,434	\$37,966,656 \$39,814,866

2. On page III-62 of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, amend the following rider:

_____ . **Baylor College of Medicine.**

- a. From funds appropriated by this Act for the Baylor College of Medicine, the Coordinating Board shall allocate an amount per student enrolled in the college equal to the cost of medical education in the established public medical schools cited in Subchapter D, Chapter 61, Education Code. The cost of medical education per student at public medical schools as determined by the Coordinating Board shall include General Revenue appropriations for instruction and operations, infrastructure, and staff benefits allocated to undergraduate medical education. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2025.
- b. Appropriations made by this Act for Baylor College of Medicine are considered to be appropriations for any legal successor to Baylor College of Medicine and may be expended only for the purposes for which appropriated. Any details, limits, or restrictions applicable to those appropriations are applicable to that legal successor.
- c. The Coordinating Board is authorized to make an intergovernmental transfer of the funds appropriated by this Act for Baylor College of Medicine to the Health and Human Services Commission.
- d. Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy E.1.1, Baylor College of Medicine – UGME, The Coordinating Board is authorized to allocate \$1,166,598 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,848,210 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 in one-time hold harmless funding to account for Baylor College of Medicine students jointly enrolled in medical programs and other academic disciplines.

**The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston,
Article III
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/23/2023

Overview

This action adds operational funding for the Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute (TEPHI) at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in the amounts of \$3,632,156 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$20,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025.

Required Action

On page III-184 of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston bill pattern, add General Revenue funding in the following strategy:

	2024	2025
E.1.3. Strategy: TEPHI	\$4,091,959 <u>\$7,724,115</u>	\$0 <u>\$20,000,000</u>

**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, 03/23/2023

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 Senate 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>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

2. On page III-215 of Senate 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, \$500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to support the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities.

Brandon Coe
By: _____

Special Provisions Relating Only To State Agencies Of Higher Education, Article III
Proposed Rider
Anti-Academic Boycott Rider for Higher Education

Overview

The Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission's 2022 "Study on Antisemitism in Texas" included a recommendation to consider prohibiting a state-funded college or university from implementing boycotts 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 proposed rider would be added to the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education and require any public or private institution of higher education receiving funds appropriated under Article III to adopt rules to prohibit academic boycotts. The rules would, however, allow for academic boycotts if the target of the boycott is a state sponsor of terrorism, as defined by the U.S. Department of State.

Required Action

1. On page III-292 of the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **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.

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By: Creighton

Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education

Proposed Rider

Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practices

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/21/2023

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 Senate 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.

By: Huffman / Creighton

**Article III Education (Higher Education)
Technical Institution Infrastructure Fund
Proposed Contingency Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/23/2023

Overview

To appropriate \$750 million in General Revenue to an endowment intended to generate returns that can be used to support capital projects in support of career and technical education (CTE) programs at Texas State Technical Colleges (TSTCs).

Required Actions

1. On page III-292 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, add the following new rider:

Sec. . 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.

By: Huffman / Creighton

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Contingency Funding and Rider
Nursing Scholarships
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/20/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Strategy to the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern and appropriates \$12,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$12,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 25 or similar legislation related to nursing scholarships.

Required Action

1. On page III-57 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>D.1.X Strategy Nursing Scholarships</u>	<u>\$12,500,000</u>	<u>\$12,500,000</u>

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

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.X, 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.

By: Huffman / Creighton

Article III Education (Higher Education)
Texas University Fund
Proposed Contingency Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/20/2023

Overview

To appropriate \$2.5 billion in General Revenue to the Texas University Fund, contingent on Senate Joint Resolution 5 and Senate Bill 19, or similar legislation.

Required Actions

1. On page III-292 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, delete Rider 63, Contingency for Higher Education Endowment Funding.
2. On page III-292 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, add the following new rider:

Sec. ____ . Contingency for Texas University Fund. 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.

**Senate Finance Committee
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Article XI

March 27, 2023

Legislative Budget Board

By: Creighton

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Competency-Based Education Grant Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/09/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Strategy to the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern and appropriates \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 contingent on the enactment of legislation relating to the establishment of the Texas Competency-Based Education Grant Program.

Required Action

1. On page III-57 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>B.1.X Strategy Competency-Based Education Grant Program</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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

Contingency Funding for Competency Based Education Grant Program.
Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 462, or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature relating to the creation of the Competency-Based Education Grant Program, the Higher Education Coordinating Board is appropriated \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy B.1.X, Competency-Based Education Grant Program to implement provisions of the legislation. The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall collect and report data to the Legislature on enrollment, credential completion, and employment outcomes for students in the identified programs to gauge the impact on student success and transition to workforce. 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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By: Creighton

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
B-On-Time Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2023

Overview

The following rider appropriates \$141.5 million in B-On-Time balances to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to allocate to eligible institutions pursuant to Education Code 56.092(e).

Required Action

1. On page III-57 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>B.1.10 Strategy B-On-Time Balances</u>	\$ _____	<u>141,460,191</u>

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

B-On-Time Balances. Any unexpended balances remaining in the B-On-Time loan Account 5103 on August 31, 2024, estimated to be \$141,460,191, shall be transferred to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as Appropriated Receipts and appropriated above in Strategy B.1.10, B-On-Time Balances, in fiscal year 2025. These funds are appropriated to eligible institutions based on a formula adopted by the Higher Education Coordinating Board pursuant to Education Code 56.0092(e). Effective September 1, 2024, any payments received on B-on-Time loans are Appropriated Receipts and are included in the appropriation above in Strategy A.1.2, Student Loan Programs, for administration of the loan program.

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By: Paul Bellercont

**The University of Texas at Austin
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas OnRamps**

Overview

The following action amends the existing Texas OnRamps rider within The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern and increases General Revenue support for the program to \$5 million in each year of the 2024-25 biennium.

The University of Texas at 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.

Currently, OnRamps reaches more than 38,000 unique students and over 1,600 teachers from over 200 school districts, continuing to offer them seamless and rigorous distance education and professional learning and development.

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 \$2,120,048 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,120,048 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 \$2,120,048 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,120,048 in fiscal year 2025; and
- On page III-86 of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, in The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern amend the following rider.

The Texas OnRamps. Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy 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 developmental 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 students' specific needs, incorporate open-source instructional materials, include professional

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development institutes and online resources for instructors, and incorporate the best available research about how students learn complex material. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

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By: Zaffirini

University of Texas at Austin
Proposed Funding and Rider
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/23/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new nonformula support Strategy to The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern and appropriates \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

The University of Texas at Austin Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is the Botanic Garden of Texas. The Wildflower Center promotes its mission to inspire the conservation of native plants through its internationally recognized sustainable gardens, education and outreach programs, and research projects. The Wildflower Center is working to change the world and serve the state and nation through its education and research programs.

The Wildflower Center provides programs covering:

- Gardens, Arboretum and Natural Areas;
- Plant Conservation;
- Ecological Research and Design;
- Education and Training; and
- Outreach and Information

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:

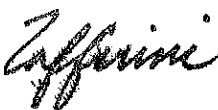
	2024	2025
C.X.X. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

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

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.X.X, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, \$500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. 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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By: 

University of Texas at El Paso
Proposed Funding and Rider
Economic Development Regional Challenge Matching Funds
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/16/2023

Overview

The West Texas Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Coalition, led by the University of Texas at El Paso, has been named a finalist for a major regional challenge grant from the Economic Development Administration and is competing for an award of \$100 million. UTEP's proposal, titled "Reclaiming Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Dominance through Frontier Technologies," aims to build on UTEP's strength in advanced manufacturing and create 4,000 engineering and engineering technology jobs and 13,000 technical jobs to support America's aerospace and defense manufacturing capabilities. The following action adds a new Strategy to the University of Texas at El Paso's bill pattern and appropriates \$2.5 million each year to the university to match federal funds and strengthen innovation and commercialization of advanced manufacturing technologies in West Texas.

Required Actions:


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

	2024	2025
C.3.7. Economic Development Regional Challenge Matching Funds	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

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

Economic Development Regional Challenge Matching Funds. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at El Paso in Strategy C.3.7, Economic Development Regional Challenge Matching Funds, \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to match federal funds received by the institution.

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By: 

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



Overview

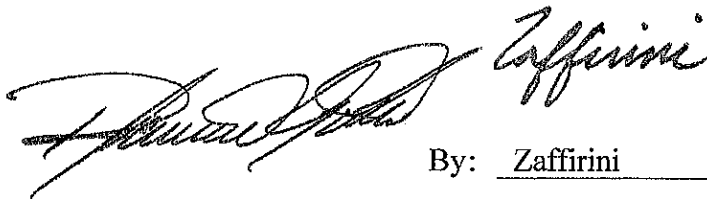
The following action appropriates an additional \$7,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to provide UTSA the resources necessary to advance the interdisciplinary collaborations and curriculum alignments in the health, biomedical and biotechnology 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 Senate 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>\$8,319,142</u>	<u>\$8,319,142</u>

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By: Zaffirini





University of Texas at San Antonio

Proposed Funding and Rider

Bold Research Initiative

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new nonformula support Strategy to The University of Texas at San Antonio's bill pattern and 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.

The Bold Research Initiative (BRI) will provide The University of Texas at San Antonio 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 Actions:

1. On page III-97 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at San Antonio's bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

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

2. On page III-99 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at San Antonio's bill pattern add the following rider:

Bold Research Initiative. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at San Antonio in Strategy C.2.X, Bold Research Initiative, \$16,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$16,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Bold Research Initiative. 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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By Senator Hughes

**The University of Texas at Tyler, Article III
Fisch College of Pharmacy Formula Bridge Funding**

Overview

Under current law, the Fisch College of Pharmacy at UT Tyler does not receive state formula funding, resulting in the need to charge much higher tuition rates than its public counterparts across the state. 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 if the institution was eligible for such funding.

Required Action

On the appropriate page of the UT Tyler bill pattern add the following appropriately numbered item and General Revenue funding under Goal C: Non-Formula Support, C.1. Objective: Instructional Support:

	2024	2025
C.1.3. Strategy: College of Pharmacy Support	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000

On the appropriate page of the UT Tyler bill pattern add the following appropriately numbered item:

College of Pharmacy Support. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3. College of Pharmacy Support is \$1,600,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,600,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 for support of the Fisch College of Pharmacy.

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By Paul Bellarosa

Texas A&M University at Galveston
Article III
Maritime Infrastructure Project Unexpended Balances

Overview

Texas A&M at Galveston requires unexpended balances authority into the 2024-25 biennium for the dock infrastructure project authorized in HB2, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 87th Legislature, Regular Session.

This project is subject to federal requirements from MARAD, which is the primary reason that the institution will not be able to expend or encumber the funds by the end of the biennium. Additionally, contracting requirements and possible supply chain delays could also have an impact. It is estimated that the unexpended balance at the end of this biennium could be up to \$43 million:

- Phase 1 of the project is currently approved by the Board of Regents and contracts are anticipated to be let by the end of the biennium. Amounts will be expended as services are received throughout the construction project and on into the next biennium. The unexpended balance for Phase I could be up to \$33 million.
- Phase 2 of the project (\$10 million) awaits final determination and funding of the scope of work by federal government before this phase can move forward. Discussions with the federal government are ongoing.

Required Action

On page III-105 of Texas A&M at Galveston's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

- ____. **Maritime Infrastructure Project Unexpended Balances.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2023, (estimated to be \$43 million) from the appropriations authorized by Chapter 995, (H.B. 2), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act) to Texas A&M University at Galveston for dock and other infrastructure improvements are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2023.

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By: Creighton/Miles

**Texas Southern
University, Article III
Proposed Funding and Rider
Academy for Aviation and
Advanced Technology.**

Overview

Texas Southern University (TSU) created a degree program in 1986 allowing students to achieve a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Science Management. This degree program is accredited by the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering. The program has grown since its inception to include programs offering professional pilots and unmanned aerial systems. This request is to allow TSU to expand its outreach by creating the Academy for Aviation and Advanced technology. The vision of the Academy is to provide training programs for the aerospace industry workforce

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$30,000,000 for the creation of the Academy for Aviation and Advanced Technology

Required Action

Add on page III-146 in the Texas Southern University bill pattern a new strategy and the following appropriately numbered rider as follows:

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31 <u>2024</u>	August 31 <u>2025</u>
E.1. Strategy: Academy for Aviation and Advanced Technology	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000

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E.1. Goal: Academy for Aviation and Advanced Technology		
E.1.1. Strategy: Salaries and Wages	211,500	211,500
E.1.2. Strategy: Faculty Salaries	1,407,000	1,407,000
E.1.3. Strategy: Capital Construction	9,705,000	9,705,000
E.1.4. Strategy: Other Operating	3,676,500	3,676,500
TOTAL:	15,000,000	15,000,000

- a) At the end of fiscal years 2024 and 2025, TSU, in coordination with the Houston Airport System, shall report to the Higher Education Coordinating Board the expenditure of the funds under this strategy.
- b) For expenditure purposes, any funds not expended in fiscal year 2024 may be expended in fiscal year 2025 for the same purposes.

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By: Perry

Angelo State University
Proposed Funding
Commercial Aviation Training Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/20/2023

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 Senate 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 Senate 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.

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By: Zaffirini

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Proposed Funding
School of Public and Population Health
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/01/2023

Overview

The following action provides \$11 million in the FY 2024-25 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 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.

Required Actions

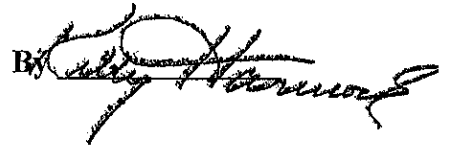
1. On page III-180 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
D.X.X. Strategy: SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND POPULATION HEALTH	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000

2. On page III-183 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston bill pattern, add the following rider:

School of Public and Population Health. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in Strategy D.X.X. School of Public and Population Health, \$5,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the School of Public and Population Health.

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UT Southwestern Medical Center, Article III

**Fund unmet UTSW Performance-Based Research Operations Formula state match for
FY2022-23**

Overview

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.

Required Actions

- 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 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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By: Zaffirini

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Proposed Funding
Institute for Drug Discovery
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/01/2023

Overview

The following action provides \$22.2 million in the FY 2024-25 biennium to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to support its Institute for Drug Discovery. State funding will support researchers, lab operations, supplies, and equipment requested 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.

Required Actions

1. On page III-180 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item goal and strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>D.X. Objective: RESEARCH</u>		
<u>D.X.X. Strategy: DRUG DISCOVERY</u>	\$11,100,000	\$11,100,000

2. On page III-183 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston bill pattern, add the following rider:

Institute for Drug Discovery. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in Strategy D.X.X. Drug Discovery, \$11,100,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$11,100,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Institute for Drug Discovery.

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- 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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By: Zaffirini

**The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Proposed Funding and Rider
School of Public Health San Antonio**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/02/2023

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 Senate 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.

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By Paul Bellercom

Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station
Article III
Hypersonic Wind Tunnel

Overview

The following action adds a rider totaling \$43,200,000 in General Revenue allocated in fiscal year 2024. It will establish a Ludweig tunnel that produces supersonic wind flow for hypersonic research and testing. This facility and wind tunnel will be located on the RELIS campus in College Station.

Because there are currently years-long wait times for companies to access wind tunnels to test their designs and no facilities for industry to use between Mach 3 to Mach 7, there is a significant national need for this facility amongst the private sector – including civilian space exploration companies.

This effort will fulfill a national need by helping further bridge the gap in U.S. research existing between lab-scale experiments and open-range testing. The availability of this wind tunnel will bring more of this capability to the U.S., and Texas will be able to offer “time in the tunnel” to hypersonic companies to test their designs. Ultimately, advancements in reusable and reliable hypersonic vehicles could include boost-glide crafts with advanced rocket systems and a shock-wave capturing airframe.

Required Actions

1. On page III-248 of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station bill pattern, add \$43,200,000 in fiscal year 2024 in General Revenue to Strategy A.1.1 Research Programs.
2. On page III-249 of Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station’s bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Hypersonic Wind Tunnel.** (a) Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1., Research Programs, is \$43,200,000 in fiscal year 2024 for a hypersonic wind tunnel and associated research capacity to advance hypersonic research. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose 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 the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station.

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By: Paul Bellercom A

**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.

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**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article III
Higher Education**

Not Adopted

March 27, 2023

Legislative Budget Board

By Hinojosa

Support for Military and Veterans Exemptions, Article III
Proposed Funding and Rider
State Support for Hazlewood Legacy

Overview

Hazlewood is the general reference to the Texas law exempting eligible Texas veterans from the payment of tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education. In 1923, the Texas Legislature passed H.B. 182 exempting soldiers and nurses who served in World War I from paying tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education in Texas. In 1943, the Legislature passed S.B. 81 by Senators Grady Hazlewood and George Moffett to expand the exemption to include veterans of World War II and the children of deceased veterans. In 2009, the Legislature passed the Hazlewood "Legacy Act," which authorizes a veteran to transfer this educational benefit to one of his or her children by assigning eligible unused semester credit hours to the child. The following action would add funding to the Hazlewood Legacy Exemption program in the Support for Military and Veterans Exemptions bill pattern with the intent to fully reimburse institutions for the annual exempted tuition and fees of Legacy students.

Required Action

On page III-79 of the Support for Military and Veterans Exemptions bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding by \$138,000,000 per year for a total of \$153,000,000 per year as follows:

	2024	2025
B.1.1. Strategy: Reimbursement for Hazlewood Exempts		
	\$ 153,000,00	\$ 153,000,000

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By: Creighton

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/02/2023

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 Senate 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</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>
<u>DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM</u>		

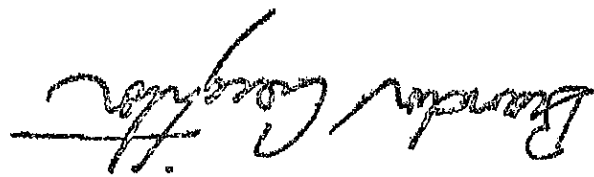
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2. On page III-73 of the Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

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.

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By _____

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB), Article III
Dental Education Loan Repayment Program (DELRP)**

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$4,500,000 in General Revenue per year of the 2024-25 biennium to the DELRP.

The DELRP is administered by the HECB and provides a dental school loan repayment incentive to dentists in return for their practice in underserved areas of the state. The legislature eliminated funding to this successful program in 2013. Up until that time, dentists participated and provided care to Texans in underserved areas of the state.

Reinstate DELRP funding for 100 dentists to earn up to \$180,000 over four years in loan repayment assistance.

Required Action

On page III-57 of Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Dental Education Loan Repayment Program.** In addition to funds appropriated above, \$4,500,000 in General Revenue is appropriated per year of the 2024-25 biennium to new strategy X.X.X. Dental Education Loan Repayment Program. Funding is for up to 100 dentist recipients to earn up to \$180,000 over four years in loan repayment assistance.

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By: Sen. Brandon Creighton

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Article III
Proposed Contingency Rider
Contingency for Programs Supporting Nursing Education Clinical Sites

Overview

This Contingency Rider would appropriate an additional \$153,800,000 over the 2024-25 biennium from General Revenue funds for the purpose of funding Programs Supporting Nursing Education Education Clinical Sites, if SB _____, or similar legislation relating to the programs's creation is enacted.

Required Action

1. On page III-58 of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, create Strategy D.1.8, Programs Supporting Nursing Education Education Clinical Sites, and appropriate \$153,800,000 from General Revenue for the 2024-25 biennium.
2. On page III-72 of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board bill pattern, add the following rider:

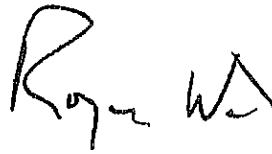
Contingency for Senate Bill _____. Contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature relating to the creation of programs supporting nursing education clinical sites, the Higher Education Coordinating Board is appropriated \$153,800,00 in General Revenue for the 2024-25 biennium 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.

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- 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. The THECB shall apply a weight of 1.5 for graduates in nursing educator programs identified with a Classification of Instructional Program code of 51.3808 and 51.3817.
- 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. For THECB expenditure purposes, any funds not expended in fiscal year 2024 may be expended in fiscal year 2025 for the same purposes. If an institution spends funds on non-qualifying expenditures or does not spend the funds within the designated timeframe, the institution shall return these funds to the THECB by the date specified by THECB rule. The THECB shall reallocate these funds to other qualified programs. All institutions receiving funds shall submit to the THECB a detailed accounting of funds received, obligated or expended.
- f. The THECB may not include nonresident students who are enrolled in online professional nursing programs while residing outside of the state in methodologies used to calculate program awards described in Paragraphs b, c, and d.
- ~~g. 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: West

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding
Joint Admission Medical Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue funding to existing strategy D.1.5, Joint Admission Medical Program, in the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern by \$6,073,966 in fiscal year 2024.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-58 of Senate 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	\$9,696,794	UB
Program	<u>\$15,770,760</u>	UB

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Roger West

By: West

Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Funding and Rider

Texas Leadership Scholars Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/25/2023

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

1. On page III-73 of Senate 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.

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By

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Article III
Rural Health Care Access Expansion**

Overview

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.

Required Actions

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

	<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
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, 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

3. 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.

By: Perry

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Article III
Proposed Rider
Informational Listing: Texas Tech University

Overview

Increase funding for the Rural Training Track Program at Texas Tech University Medical School.

Required Action

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

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By: Hinojosa

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Dental Education Loan Repayment Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2023

Overview

The following action appropriates \$4,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for the Dental Education Loan Repayment Program (DELRP).

The DELRP is administered by the HECB and provides a dental school loan repayment incentive to dentists in return for their practice in underserved areas of the state. The legislature eliminated funding to this program in 2013. Up until that time, dentist participated and provided care to Texans in underserved areas.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-58 of Senate 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>B.1.X. Strategy: Dental Education Loan Repayment Program</u>	<u>\$4,500,000</u>	<u>\$4,500,000</u>

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

Dental Education Loan Repayment Program. All unexpended balances for Strategy B.1.X, Dental Education Loan Repayment Program, at the end of fiscal year 2024 may be carried over to fiscal year 2025 and are appropriated for the same purpose.

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By: Hinojosa

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Contingency Funding and Rider
Programs Supporting Nursing Education Clinical Sites
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/1/2023

Overview

The following action appropriates \$76,900,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$76,900,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to support programs supporting nursing education clinical sites contingent on the enactment of legislation relating to the creation of programs supporting nursing education clinical sites.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-58 of Senate 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>D.1.X. Strategy: Programs Supporting Nursing Education Clinical Sites</u>	<u>\$76,900,000</u>	<u>\$76,900,000</u>

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

Contingency Funding for Programs Supporting Nursing Education Clinical Sites. Contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature relating to the creation of 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.

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By: Perry

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Nuclear Research and Innovation Project
Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/02/2023

Overview

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 Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

<u>G.I.X. Strategy: Nuclear Research and Innovation Project</u>	<u>2024</u> \$40,000,000	<u>2025</u> UB
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1. On page III-73 of Senate 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.I.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.

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Zaffirini

By: Zaffirini

University of Texas System
Proposed Funding and Rider
Multi-Institution Center Laredo
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue funding to an existing strategy B.1.1, Multi-Institution Center-Laredo, in The University of Texas System's Administration's bill pattern by \$2,126,882 in FY 2024 and \$2,126,882 in FY 2025.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-73 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas System Administration's bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
B.1.1. Multi-Institution Center	\$3,809,068	\$3,809,068
Laredo	<u>\$5,935,950</u>	<u>\$5,935,950</u>

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By: Perry / Flores

**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> \$50,911,905	<u>\$55,806,921</u> \$50,806,921

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>

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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.

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By: Perry/Sparks

University of Texas at Austin
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Seismic Monitoring and Research Program (TexNet)
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/1/2023

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:

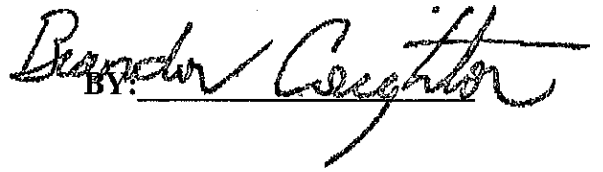
1. On page III-83 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	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 Senate 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.

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BY: 

The University of Texas at Austin
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Hub for Applied Cybersecurity

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs additional General Revenue funding to The University of Texas at Austin for the Texas Hub for Applied Cybersecurity.

American and foreign adversaries use digital technologies to secure both economic and military advantages and to achieve other strategic goals. There is a dearth of cybersecurity professionals in the market pipeline today to prevent and stop these threats and attacks. The shortage is expected to continue for years to come. To address these shortages, an increased and diversified pipeline of qualified talent will be needed.

Applied Learning Spaces

UT Austin will create cutting-edge world-class learning spaces equipped with a modern technology infrastructure.

Applied Training

The Hub will recruit and prepare highly trained cybersecurity professionals across many different majors, including a robust hands-on real-world apprenticeship with the UT Austin Information Security Office (ISO). Beyond UT Austin, ISO provides network and security services to approximately 400 state agencies, school districts, universities, college and municipalities throughout Texas.

Establish Statewide Regional Network

The Hub will leverage regional centers to expand cybersecurity training beyond the main campus and provide students with an opportunity for public service across the state to further hone their applied cybersecurity skills.

Required Action

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

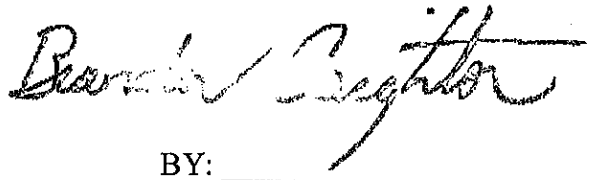
- On page III-83 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$18,656,250 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,100,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025;
- On page III-84 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, add the following new Strategy C.2.7, Texas Hub for Applied Cybersecurity, in The

University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern with \$18,656,250 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,100,000 in fiscal year 2025;

- On page III-83 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, increase FTEs to The University of Texas at Austin by 13.5 FTEs in fiscal year 2024 and 27.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2025; and
- On page III-87 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, in The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern insert the following rider.

_____. **Texas Hub for Applied Cybersecurity.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.2.7, Texas Hub for Applied Cybersecurity, \$18,656,250 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,100,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 is to be used by The University of Texas at Austin to establish the Texas Hub for Applied Cybersecurity to expand applied training to prepare cybersecurity professionals to protect national security and critical digital resources. The Hub shall recruit students across various academic disciplines, create minors and credentials for traditional and non-traditional students, and establish a robust and concentrated hands-on apprenticeship. 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.

Out of this appropriation, \$9,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 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 applied learning space for The University of Texas at Austin for the Texas Hub for Applied Cybersecurity and that such appropriation may be used for such facilities and improvements.



BY: _____

The University of Texas at Austin
Texas Advanced Computing Center Computer Science Pipeline Initiative

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs additional General Revenue funding to the existing department at The University of Texas at Austin, known as the Texas Advanced Computer Center (“TACC”), for the purpose of expanding computer science education in Texas through public private partnerships, retention initiatives, and workforce development.

Computer science is one of the fastest growing and highest paying career paths in the world. A statewide initiative to increase teacher capacity, student access, and student enrollment, particularly for students historically underrepresented in computer science courses such as rural students, students of color, and young women, would ensure Texas is no longer losing ground to other states who have recently made significant investments in computer science education. Successful models like the “WeTeach_CS” program that the state supported by leveraging federal funding in 2015-2018 temporarily bolstered Texas’ commitment to workforce development in the field of computer science. Since this funding was discontinued, certifications for computer science educators have dropped by 78% over three years.

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. This data dashboard will assist the state in tracking the impact of the Computer Science Pipeline initiative on Texas schools and students.

Required Action

Beginning on page III-XX of Senate 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 Senate Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025;
- On page III-XX of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, add a new Strategy C.1.2, TACC Computer Science Pipeline Initiative, in The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern with \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2025; and
- On page III-XX of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, in The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern insert the following rider.

. Texas Advanced Computing Center Computer Science Pipeline Initiative. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, 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.

Using appropriated funds, the Texas Advanced Computing Center shall design, develop and implement a system for connecting local education agencies and institution of higher education with evidence-based and accredited computer science professional development resources provided by institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, or other accredited providers. Special consideration shall be provided to campuses that lack a certified computer science educator as well as other underserved geographic locations and demographic communities. The intent of this program is to recruit new educators to the field of computer science education by providing continued professional development for existing and aspiring educators and certification stipends for newly certified educators. The funds may also be used to provide stipends to educators who gain new skills through professional development and/or successfully achieve an accredited or evidence-based computer science education certification.

Additionally, in addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, 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 to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

Roger West

By: West

University of Texas at Austin
Proposed Funding and Rider
Institute for Urban Research and Policy Analysis
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue funding to a new strategy C.X.X, Institute for Urban Research and Policy Analysis, in the University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern by \$3,000,000 in FY 2024 and \$3,000,000 in FY 2025.

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 non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Institute for Urban Research And Policy Analysis	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</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:

Institute for Urban Research and Policy Analysis. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.X.X Institute for Urban Research and Policy Analysis, \$3,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Institute for Urban Research and Policy Analysis. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2025.

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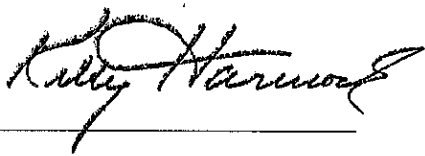

By WEST

University of Texas at Austin
Article III
Proposed Rider
Academic Summer Bridge Program

Prepared by LBB Staff; 03/02/2023

1. On page III-XX of the University of Texas at Austin's Bill Pattern, insert the following rider:

. **Summer Bridge Program.** Out of funds appropriated above the University shall conduct a Summer Bridge Program in Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025.

By: 

University of Texas at Austin
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas Gas Injection Initiative
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/22/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$20,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2025 for funding to The University of Texas at Austin for the Texas Gas Injection Initiative.

Oil and gas production are critical to the energy needs of and drive the economic engine of the state of Texas. The oil and gas industry creates skilled jobs and generates tax revenue to the benefit of the citizens of the Texas. Texas is the global leader in CO2 injection infrastructure and CO2 based enhanced oil recovery (CO2-EOR). The large storage capacity of hydrocarbon reservoirs and existing infrastructure for CO2 injection make Texas an ideal place to be the global leader in energy transition toward continued oil production while lowering carbon intensity.

The University of Texas at Austin's Hildebrand Petroleum Engineering Department in partnership with Dow and other leading Texas CO2-EOR operators (Occidental and Denbury Resources) will develop and implement field proven technologies that will catalyze acceleration and expansion of CO2-storage capacity while increasing oil recovery for the state's economy.

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.

- The initiative has potential to increase oil production by 15-50%, extending economic life of oil assets by decades, more than doubling CO2 storage capacity and develop a prototype of injecting CO2 captured from air, industrial and/or electrical power sources.
- Post initiative, the implementation and adoption of this technology will be self-funded by industry operators and return significant, long-term benefits to Texas in the form of skilled jobs, global technology leadership and sustainable economic low-carbon oil production.

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.X. Texas Gas Injection Initiative	<u>\$20,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</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 Gas Injection Initiative. 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.

By Kelly Harmon

**University of Texas at Austin, Article III
College of Fine Arts**

Overview

This rider increases funding to the College of Fine Arts through UT-Austin's Institutional Enhancement.

Required Action

On Page XXX of University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern, add the following appropriately numbered rider following the appropriations to the University of Texas at Austin:

_____. **College of Fine Arts.** 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.

Roger West

By: West

University of Texas at Dallas
Proposed Funding and Rider
Academic Bridge Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/25/2023

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’s bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in FY 2024 and \$1,000,000 in FY 2025.

This rider 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. This highly successful 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 Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Dallas’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2024	2025
C.2.1. Academic Bridge Program	\$663,415	\$663,415
	<u>\$1,663,415</u>	<u>\$1,663,415</u>

2. On page III-89 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Dallas’s bill pattern add the following rider:

Academic Bridge Program. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Dallas in Strategy C.2.1. Academic Bridge Program, \$1,663,415 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,663,415 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Academic Bridge Program.

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Angela Paxton

By: Paxton

University of Texas at Dallas
Proposed Funding and Rider
Center for Pain Therapeutic Discovery
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue funding to a new strategy C.X.X, Center for Pain Therapeutic Discovery, in The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern by \$5,000,000 in FY 2024 and \$5,000,000 in FY 2025.

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 create the non-opioid treatments needed to defeat the suffering created by the chronic pain and opioid epidemics. The Center will develop new pain therapeutics by leveraging the high impact science at UT Dallas to turn its basic discoveries into tomorrow's pain medicines. 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.

Required Actions:

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

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

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

_____. Center for Pain Therapeutic Discovery. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Dallas in Strategy C.X.X Center for Pain Therapeutic Discovery, \$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 Center for Pain Therapeutic Discovery.

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By: Perry/Sparks

The University of Texas Permian Basin
Proposed Funding and Rider
Health Workforce Initiatives
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/01/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new nonformula support Strategy to The University of Texas Permian Basin bill pattern and appropriates \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 for Health Workforce Initiatives.

To improve the health of West Texans, UT Permian Basin plans to expand and create educational programs to meet the shortage of mental health and other healthcare professionals in the Permian Basin. There are pressing service gaps in the region: in the treatment of adolescents and young adults, and those suffering from trauma and substance abuse disorders; in allied health fields; and in management of health organizations and health outcomes.

Funding would support programs and family services that have been identified as shortage areas in the Permian Basin. This funding would support accelerating graduates in existing programs in Clinical Psychology, Clinical Social Work, Nursing, and Clinical Counseling. In addition, the funding would provide for new program development in other healthcare workforce gap areas.

Required Actions

1. On page III-95 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Health Workforce Initiatives	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

2. On page III-96 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within The University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

Health Workforce Initiatives. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Permian Basin in Strategy C.X.X. Health Workforce Initiatives, \$3,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support Health Workforce Initiatives.

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By Senator Hughes

**The University of Texas at Tyler, Article III
Critical Care Nurse Training Program**

Overview

Hospitals across Texas face a need for highly trained critical care nurses. The UT Tyler School of Nursing seeks to address this need by establishing multiple pathways for the training of critical care nurses in East Texas. This item would fund the startup of a critical care nurse training program that would train nurses to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Acute Care Nurse Practitioners, and flight nurses. It also would offer specializations in ER, OR, and ICU nursing. UT Tyler is requesting that \$5 million be appropriated in fiscal year 2024 to cover initial startup needs, followed by \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2025 to fund ongoing operational needs.

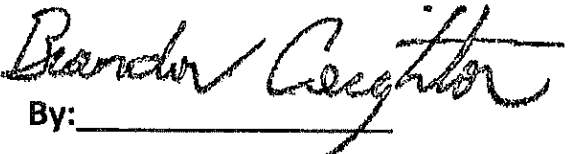
Required Action

On the appropriate page of the UT Tyler bill pattern add the following appropriately numbered item and General Revenue funding under Goal C: Non-Formula Support, C.1. Objective: Instructional Support:

	2024	2025
C.1.3. Strategy: Critical Care Nurse Training Program	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000

On the appropriate page of the UT Tyler bill pattern add the following appropriately numbered item:

Critical Care Nurse Training Program. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3. Critical Care Nurse Training Program is \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 for the establishment and support of critical care nurse training programs at UT Tyler.


By: _____

**Texas A&M University, Article III
Proposed Funding and Rider**

Institute for the Study of Elections and Democracy at Texas A&M University

Overview

Establishing a nonpartisan Institute for the Study of Elections and Democracy at Texas A&M University would be a significant step forward in promoting and safeguarding the cornerstone values of American democracy. The Institute would provide a dedicated platform for conducting research (including the electronic monitoring of the elections in Texas's 254 counties), education, and outreach activities aimed at enhancing the transparency, fairness, and accountability of election processes. The focus on elections and democracy would bring attention to the vital role of informed citizens, the importance of secure and transparent voting systems, and the need for impartial election administration. The Institute would offer opportunities for students, faculty, and other stakeholders to engage in meaningful conversations and activities that deepen their understanding of the democratic process and equip them with the knowledge and skills to participate in shaping its future. The establishment of the Institute would also contribute to a discourse on the importance of election integrity and democracy.

Required Action

1. On page III-102 of the Texas A&M bill pattern bill pattern, add the following new Strategy:

C.1.4. Strategy: ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRACY INSTITUTE, with \$625,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$625,000 in fiscal year 2025;

2. On page III-103 of the Texas A&M bill pattern, add the following rider:

____. **Institute for the Study of Elections and Democracy at Texas A&M University.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.4, Elections and Democracy Institute, is \$625,000 in General Revenue funds in each fiscal year of the 2023-2025 biennium to establish the Institute for the Study of Elections and Democracy within the Bush School of Government and Public Service. The purpose of the Institute for the Study of Elections and Democracy is to provide a dedicated platform for conducting research, including the electronic monitoring of the elections in Texas's 254 counties, education, and outreach activities aimed at enhancing the transparency, fairness, and accountability of election processes. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

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By Paul Bellermont

Texas A&M University

**Article III
Virtual Production Institute**

Overview

This following action adds general revenue and a new rider that directs \$50,000,000 to support instruction and operations for the Virtual Production Institute at Texas A&M University during Fiscal Years 2024-2025. It will be an interdisciplinary ecosystem where students learn the applied-use of technology platforms for augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR). This request will provide for state-of-the-art instrumentation required for a learning laboratory designed as a motion capture and sound design stage; funding will be used for equipment and faculty support at the main campus in College Station as well as at the Fort Worth campus.

This new initiative will meet industry needs for many economic sectors, such as: aerospace and space exploration; entertainment and media; healthcare; manufacturing; military defense. Currently, the moving image industry in Texas is approximately \$2 billion annually. The AR/VR and extended reality (XR) market reached \$28 billion globally in 2021. The mixed platforms of advanced sensors, display technology, and real-time 3D graphics are rapidly driving solutions for various industries.

This new Virtual Production Institute will be part of the recently established School of Performance, Visualization and Fine Arts at Texas A&M University. In partnership with private industry, students will be well prepared for jobs in Texas from a growing job market with highly demanded skills that can be achieved through this program --- which is currently a significant workforce gap.

Required Action

On page III-102 of Texas A&M University's bill pattern, take the following actions:

1. Add a new strategy: A.1.7. Virtual Production Institute.
2. Add general revenue in the amount of \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 for the aforementioned strategy.
3. Add the following new rider on page III-103:

____. **Virtual Production Institute.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.7. *Virtual Production Institute*, \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 shall be used for instruction and operations for the Virtual Production Institute at Texas A&M University. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025 are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal years 2026-2027.

L. W. Kelle

By: West

Roger West

Prairie View A&M University
Proposed Funding
PV Cooperative Ag Research and Extension
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy, C.2.2 PV Cooperative Ag Research and Extension, in the Prairie View A&M University bill pattern and appropriates \$18,545,118 million in General Revenue for the biennium to the university to fund the Prairie View Cooperative Ag Research and Extension programs. This funding would support the Extension programs as well as the Ag Research programs at the university and will be used to meet the federal matching requirements for PVAMU's federal land grand mission.

Required Actions

1. On page III-106 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Prairie View A&M University bill pattern, add the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
<u>C.2.2. PV CARE</u>	<u>\$9,272,559</u>	<u>\$9,272,559</u>

2. On page III-109 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Prairie View A&M University bill pattern, add the following new rider:

Prairie View Cooperative Ag Research and Extension (PV CARE). Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.2, PV CARE, \$9,272,559 in fiscal year 2024 and \$9,272,559 in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to support the Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Ag Research and Extension program (PV CARE).

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By Lawrence

Prairie View A&M University
Article III
PV Cooperative Ag Research and Extension Ag Match

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$18,545,118 for Prairie View Cooperative Ag Research and Extension (PV CARE) Agricultural Match. This request would fund Prairie View A&M University's Ag Extension program with its Ag Research programs to deliver practical, research-based knowledge to small farm producers, families, aspiring entrepreneurs and youth in its current Texas counties plus an additional 50. PV CARE will provide targeted programs in agricultural workforce development, livestock management, soil management, expand rural deployment and applications for broadband, accessible health care, food security and youth and community development in underserved areas.

These funds will be used to meet the federal matching requirements for Prairie View A&M's agricultural research and agricultural extension programs.

Required Action

1. On page III-106 of Prairie View A&M University's bill pattern, add General Revenue to Strategy C.2.1. Agricultural Match in the following amounts:
 - \$9,272,559 in fiscal year 2024
 - \$9,272,559 in fiscal year 2025

2. On page III-108 of Prairie View A&M University's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Cooperative Ag Research and Extension Agricultural Match.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Agricultural Match, \$9,272,559 in fiscal year 2024 and \$9,272,559 in fiscal year 2025 shall be used to support PV CARE Agricultural Match. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2025.

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**By Senator Hughes
For Senator Birdwell**

**Tarleton State University, Article III
Better Health for Rural North Texas**

Overview

Tarleton State University's Better Health for Rural North Texas initiative addresses critical health care and quality-of-life needs in the region. Thanks to state funding during the 87th session to expand the reach of Tarleton's College of Health Sciences, the university is well-positioned to build upon that momentum to further meet critical needs in this part of the state.

Funding of this item will allow for the following:

- Increase the number of graduates in pediatric nursing, certified registered nurse anesthetist, speech pathology, and adolescent psychology (licensed school psychologist). In addition, Tarleton will provide critical support structures for student success outcomes and form partnerships for clinical placements that lead to rural career residencies.
- Expand services of the Center for Child Well-Being to serve 25 additional rural school districts.
- Establish the Center for Rural Healthcare Outreach and Research.

This three-pronged approach will help ensure that systemic issues like the health care practitioner shortage, lack of quality pediatric care, and lack of contextualized outreach and research do not exacerbate health care disparities in our rural region.

Required Action

On page III-109 under the Tarleton State University bill pattern, add General Revenue in the amount of \$4,320,000 in FY 2024 and \$4,320,000 in FY 2025 in a newly created strategy entitled Strategy C. __. __. , Better Health for Rural North Texas.

By Peter P. Han
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Texas A&M University-Central Texas, Article III
East Williamson County Higher Education Center

Overview:

Texas A&M-Central Texas requests funding to support expansion of its relationship with Temple College and Texas State Technical College to deliver coordinated, non-duplicative instructional programming through the East Williamson County Higher Education Center site to meet the instructional needs of a rapidly growing area. TAMU-CT proposes to initially offer degrees in two high-demand fields: teacher preparation and cyber studies, including cybersecurity, with demand accelerating as a result of the Samsung project underway in Taylor.

TAMU-CT is actively engaged in discussions with local educational partners, including ISDs and economic development entities, to help assure that projected workforce needs can be met. TAMU-CT is also working with Fort Hood and with other Killeen area partners to expand and accelerate career services for Fort Hood soldiers transitioning out of the military into the regional workforce.

Required Action:

On page III-112 under the Texas A&M University-Central Texas bill pattern, add General Revenue in the amount of \$907,368 in FY 2024 and \$907,368 in FY 2025 in the existing strategy entitled Strategy C.1.2 East Williamson County Higher Education Center.

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By: Hinojosa

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
Proposed Funding and Rider
Multi-Purpose Community Events Center
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/02/2023

Overview

The following action adds \$55,000,000 in General Revenue to a new strategy, C.X.X. Multi-Purpose Community Events Center, in the Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi bill pattern for the construction of a multi-purpose community events center. This project is 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. Funding would be to construct a new 125,000 square foot, 3,500 seat, 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. The venue will be located on land provided by Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi.

Required Actions:

1. On page III-114 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new nonformula support strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Multi-Purpose Community Events Center	<u>\$55,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

2. On page III-115 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi bill pattern add the following rider:

Multi-Purpose Community Events Center. Included in amounts appropriate above in Strategy C.X.X., Multi-Purpose Community Events Center, is \$55,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2024 to support the construction of a multi-purpose community events center. In accordance with Special Provisions Relating Only to Institutions of Higher Education Section 6(8)(a) and (b), it is the intent of the legislature that this funding should be used for the Multi-Purpose Community Events Center.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Article 7, Section 17(j), Texas Constitution, the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for facilities at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi and that such appropriation may be used for such facility.

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Zaffirini

By: Zaffirini

Texas A&M International University
Proposed Funding
Clinical Laboratory Science and Occupational Therapy Programs
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/01/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective, and Strategy to the Texas A&M International University bill pattern and appropriates \$2.0 million each year of the biennium for the Clinical Laboratory Science and Occupational Therapy Programs. The funds would support faculty, equipment, and the creation of new programs in this field.

Required Actions

1. On page III-120 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M International University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Clinical Lab and OT Programs	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

2. On page III-121 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas A&M International University bill pattern, add the following rider:

Clinical Laboratory and Occupational Therapy Programs. Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M International University in Strategy C.X.X. Clinical Lab and OT Programs, \$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 Clinical Laboratory and Occupational Therapy Programs.

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By: Paxton

Angela Paxton

Texas A&M University - Commerce
Proposed Funding
Nursing Program Expansion
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/01/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy to the Texas A&M University - Commerce bill pattern and appropriates \$1.5 million in General Revenue funds each year of the 2024-2025 biennium for the Nursing Program Expansion. The funds would be to expand the number of nursing classes from two to three per year.

Required Actions

1. On page III-120 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M International University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Nursing Program Expansion	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

2. On page III-121 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas A&M University - Commerce bill pattern, add the following rider:

Nursing Program Expansion. Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Commerce in Strategy C.X.X. Nursing Program Expansion, \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the expansion of nursing programs.

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Angela Paxton

By: Paxton

Texas A&M University - Commerce
Proposed Funding
Competency-Based Education – Teacher Shortage
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/01/2023

Overview

The following action increases appropriations to the Texas A&M University - Commerce bill pattern in Strategy C.1.2, Competency-Based Education, by \$1.5 million in General Revenue funds each year of the 2024-2025 biennium. The funds would be to support a Competency-Based teacher preparation and certification program.

Required Actions

1. On page III-120 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M University - Commerce bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds in the following non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.1.2. Strategy: Competency-Based Education	\$433,288	\$433,288
	<u>\$1,933,288</u>	<u>\$1,933,288</u>

2. On page III-121 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Texas A&M University - Commerce bill pattern, add the following rider:

Competency-Based Education to Address Teacher Shortage. Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Commerce in Strategy C.1.2 Competency-Based Education, \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Competency-Based Teacher Preparation and Certification program.

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By Senator Hughes

**Texas A&M University Texarkana, Article III
Better East Texas—Phase Three**

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$4,650,000 for Better East Texas – Phase Three (BET 3). Under BET 3, four new degree programs and two new outreach programs will be established. Like the BET initiatives of the past four years, Phase Three will continue A&M-Texarkana’s efforts to address specific health, education, and economic deficits of the East Texas Region.

- The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) leads to advanced practice nursing professions such as nurse practitioner (including psychiatric mental health practitioners), nurse executive, and nursing education.
- The Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) supports executives in a variety of settings such as hospital systems, rehabilitation hospitals, and home health agencies.
- The Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering will be designed to educate students in the foundational principles of civil engineering. The proposed 4-year program is consistent with other fundamental civil engineering programs across Texas as well as programs from other nationally acclaimed institutions.
- The Master of Science in Engineering Management (MSEM) is an advanced degree for engineers that provides opportunity for expanding technical skills while adding managerial and leadership skills. The program will include three concentrations that are needed in the region: Manufacturing, Energy Systems, and Pulp Paper Packaging.

Required Action

1. On page III-126 of Texas A&M University – Texarkana’s bill pattern, add General Revenue in the amount of \$2,325,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,325,000 in fiscal year 2025 to Strategy C.2.1., Better East Texas Initiative.
2. On page III-128 of Texas A&M University – Texarkana’s bill pattern, amend rider 6 as follows:

6. Better East Texas Initiative. Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University – Texarkana in Strategy C.2.1, Better East Texas Initiative, ~~\$4,160,000~~ \$6,485,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and ~~\$4,160,000~~ \$6,485,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used for the Better East Texas Initiative.

By: Perry

University of Houston
Proposed Funding
Institutional Enhancement
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/21/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue appropriations in the University of Houston's bill pattern and appropriates \$12.0 million each year to the university for Institutional Enhancement.

Required Actions

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

	2024	2025
C.4.1. Strategy: Institutional Enhancement	\$7,735,993	\$7,735,993
	\$19,735,993	\$19,735,993

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By: Whitmire/Miles

**University of Houston-Downtown, Article III
Proposed Funding and Rider
Mental Health Action Center**

Overview

Among the nation's most diverse universities, UHD is designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, Minority-Serving Institution, and Military-Friendly School. The student population is largely Hispanic at 53% and African American at 20% with students from 64 countries, and a student median age of 28. Seventy percent of UHD freshmen are the first in their families to attend college, and 48% of the university's students receive Pell grants. UHD students juggle work, school, and caring for dependents, with many facing housing, transportation, food, mental and physical health care insecurities.

Providing for students' and the surrounding community's mental health alongside other basic needs is essential to ensuring success for our students and the community in which we operate and serve. This amendment would augment UHD's current Legislative Appropriations Request for an investment in more robust Mental Health Services for UHD students and would support staffing additional mental health programming and providing students in crisis with immediate quality mental health support.

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$50,000,000 for the creation of the Mental Health Action Center at the University of Houston-Downtown.

UHD is committed to generating knowledge that is socially impactful. This additional funding will allow UHD to renovate space in its One Main Building for the creation of a Mental Health Action Center (MHAC) with the goal of empowering the community to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention. The MHAC will

- Support the Community Ambassadors for Mental Wellness (CAM) program, a mental health "think tank" for the community to build capacity, understanding, and compassion around mental wellness;
- Provide the funding for community members to receive mini-grants to impact their neighborhoods and organizations; and
- Host annual symposiums to educate the UHD Campus Community and community on mental health issues, suicide prevention, and available resources.

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Required Actions:

Add on page III-135 in the University of Houston- Downtown bill pattern a new strategy and the following appropriately number rider as follows:

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31	August 31
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
D.2 Strategy: Mental Health Action Center		\$25,000,000
\$25,000,000		

____. Mental Health Action Center: Creation of UHD Mental Health Action Center Request \$50,000,000.

Included in the amounts appropriated, \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue for identification and outreach to address the mental health gaps and access disparities for indigent populations in the Houston area

- a) At the end of fiscal year 2024 and 2025, UHD shall report to the Higher Education Coordinating Board the expenditure of the funds under this strategy.
- b) For expenditure purposes, any funds not expended in fiscal year 2024 may be expended to fiscal year 2025 for the same purposes.

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By: Whitmire

**University of Houston - Downtown
Proposed Funding and Rider
Enhancing Student Success**

Overview

To achieve UHD's goal of becoming among the leading universities in the nation in providing social and economic mobility for its students, UHD must continue to enroll historically excluded, low-income, first-generation college students while at the same time increasing retention and graduation outcomes. Therefore, this request is centered on student success, specifically enhancing and expanding academic, career and mental health support services to ensure UHD students graduate with a degree of value and emerge as Texas' next generation of leaders.

Key student services UHD would like to address: Increase mental health counseling services support to reduce the student/counselor ratio and ensure students will be able to receive mental health services in a timely, as needed basis, without lengthy wait time frames for services. Expand financial literacy training and redesign first year courses to eliminate learning gaps. Expand academic advising support as it plays a critical role in connecting students with academic and non-academic resources to support their success. Increase academic tutoring and peer mentoring support, establish an English as a Second Language Institute (ESL) and create a Gator Success Institute for UHD's most vulnerable students designed as a comprehensive four-year program that incorporates leadership training, impactful learning opportunities, civic engagement and a culminating community impact project.

The below action would provide rider language and \$12,000,000 in General Revenue funding to enhance student success at UHD.

Required Action

On page III-135 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, within the bill pattern for University of Houston – Downtown, add the following:

_____. **Enhance Student Success.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, the University of Houston – Downtown is appropriated \$6,000,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$6,000,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to enhance student success.

By: Whitmire

**University of Houston - Downtown
Proposed Funding and Rider
Public Safety and Emergency Operations Command Center and Property Acquisition**

Overview

As an anchor institution for the residents of the ever-expanding Houston metropolitan area, UHD seeks to secure additional space adjacent to its existing campus to successfully serve its growing first-time-in-college student enrollment as well as the projected population growth for the region. UHD's Campus Master Plan includes additional instructional and laboratory space, additional parking, a Police Department and Emergency Management Command building and the expansion of campus life spaces. The upcoming North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) construction will have a significant impact on UHD's campus with TXDOT plans to utilize eminent domain to acquire a portion of UHD land. There are several small undeveloped or underdeveloped real estate tracts immediately adjacent to the downtown campus. The university is in the process of evaluating these parcels with the intention of acquiring the properties that would best support the evolving UHD Campus Master Plan and mitigate the impact of the NHHIP construction. UHD is requesting \$25,000,000 to purchase land for future growth of its campus.

Additionally, the University of Houston Police Department (UHD PD) is operating out of a space that does not meet its needs. An assessment performed by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) reported that the current facility was not built to house a fully functioning campus police department. In addition to the lack of adequate secure space, the flooding from Tropical Storm Allison (2001) and Hurricane Harvey (2017) rendered UHD PD offices located in the One Main Building inoperable. Relocating the UHD PD to a separate location, on higher ground, would help mitigate this issue and enhance the university's emergency response activities. Construction of a new UHD Public Safety and Emergency Operations Command Center that would serve as a fully equipped Police and Emergency Operating Command Center (PEOC). This separate building would enhance the university's response to severe weather events and man-made threats to the campus. It would also serve as a centrally located resource for the city of Houston and Harris County law enforcement agencies in a unified command center to address regional emergencies. UHD is requesting \$20,000,000 to construct a new Public Safety and Emergency Operations Center.

The below action would provide funding and rider language for a new UHD Public Safety and Emergency Operations Command Center and to acquire property adjacent to the downtown campus.

Required Action

On page III-135 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, within the bill pattern for University of Houston – Downtown, add the following:

_____ **Public Safety and Emergency Operations Command Center and Property Acquisition.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, the University of Houston – Downtown is appropriated \$45,000,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to provide for a new building to house the UHD Public Safety and Emergency Operations Command Center and to acquire property adjacent to the UHD campus.

By: Kolkhorst

University of Houston Victoria
Proposed Funding
University of Houston Victoria Academic Aviation Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective, and Strategy to the University of Houston Victoria bill pattern and appropriates \$1,275,000 million in General Revenue funds in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,805,000 in General Revenue funds in fiscal year 2025 to the university to establish a four-year academic degree in aviation.

Required Actions

1. On page III-136 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Houston Victoria bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Strategy: Academic Aviation Program	<u>\$1,275,000</u>	<u>\$1,805,000</u>

2. On page III-137 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within the University of Houston Victoria bill pattern, add the following rider:

Academic Aviation Program. Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston Victoria in Strategy C.X.X. Academic Aviation Program, \$1,275,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,805,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to establish and support the Academic Aviation Program.

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By: Perry

Midwestern State University
Proposed Funding and Rider
STEM Expansion and Center for Excellence
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/20/2023

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 Senate 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 Senate 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.

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By: Perry

Midwestern State University
Proposed Funding
Small Business Development Center
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/20/2023

Overview

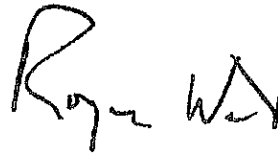
The following action increases General Revenue appropriations by \$56,014 each year in Strategy C.1.1, Small Business Development Center to the Midwestern State University pattern. The funds would support initiatives to assist small businesses in the 13-county area in Northwest Texas.

Required Actions

1. On page III-154 of Senate 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

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By: West

**University of North Texas at Dallas and
Texas Commission on Law Enforcement**

**Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for SB 530
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/02/2023**

Overview

Senate Bill 530 transfers responsibility for the peer support network for law enforcement officers from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to the Caruth Police Institute at the University of North Texas at Dallas.

The below actions decrease General Revenue and FTEs at the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and increases General Revenue and FTEs at the University of North Texas at Dallas by the same amount.

Required Actions:

1. On page IX-127 of Senate Bill 1 -- Introduced, within Article IX, Section 18, add the following rider:

Contingency for Senate Bill 530.

(a) Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 530, or similar legislation relating to the transfer of the peer support network for law enforcement officers from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to the Caruth Police Institute at the University of North Texas at Dallas, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, \$1,200,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the biennium ending August 31, 2025, and 1.0 FTEs are reduced from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

(b) Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 530, or similar relating to the transfer of the peer support network for law enforcement officers from the Texas Commission to the Caruth Police Institute at the University of North Texas at Dallas, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the University of North Texas at Dallas is appropriated \$1,200,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the biennium ending August 31, 2025, and 1.0 FTEs for the purpose of a peer support network for law enforcement officers.

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Roger West

By: West

University of North Texas at Dallas

Proposed Funding and Rider

Classroom to Career

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/25/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue funding to a new strategy C.X.X, Classroom to Career, in the University of North Texas at Dallas’s bill pattern by \$5,000,000 in FY 2024 and \$5,000,000 in FY 2025.

The Classroom to Career (C2C) Initiative will build on the success of existing programs focused on student retention and ensure our students have the academic skills and supports necessary to enroll in higher education, succeed in coursework, and graduate into the workforce to meet the needs of Texas employers. C2C reflects a comprehensive commitment to meeting our students where they are and ensuring they graduate with the education and skills needed to succeed in an increasingly demanding job market. C2C funding will be used to support initiatives including:

Required Actions:

1. On page III-141 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of North Texas at Dallas’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Classroom to Career	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

2. On page III-143 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of North Texas at Dallas’s bill pattern add the following rider:

Classroom to Career. Out of funds appropriated to the University of North Texas at Dallas in Strategy C.X.X Classroom to Career, \$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 Classroom to Career Initiative.

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Roger West

By: _____ West

University of North Texas at Dallas
Proposed Funding and Rider
Optometry Program
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/25/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue funding to a new strategy C.X.X, Optometry program, in the University of North Texas at Dallas's bill pattern by \$3,750,000 in FY 2024 and \$3,750,000 in FY 2025.

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics project the employment of optometrists to grow 10 percent this decade nationwide - twice the national projected growth of all occupations. However, there is currently only one public Doctor of Optometry degree program in Texas and no optometry programs in the North Texas region.

The addition of a Doctor of Optometry degree at the University of North Texas at Dallas would provide an additional high-value, high-demand credential of value that aligns with the state's higher education strategic plan goals of *Building a Talent Strong Texas* and support UNT Dallas' vision of offering innovative academic programs in health-related fields. The following action would provide funding to support the development of the Doctor of Optometry degree program at UNT Dallas and would be used to leverage and attract private and community investment in the optometry program

Required Actions:

1. On page III-141 of Senate Bill 1 - Introduced, within the University of North Texas at Dallas's bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.X.X. Optometry Program	\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000

2. On page III-143 of Senate Bill I - Introduced, within the University of North Texas at Dallas's bill pattern add the following rider:

_____. Optometry Program. Out of funds appropriated to the University of North Texas at Dallas in Strategy C.X.X Optometry Program, \$3,750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to support the Optometry Program.

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Roger West

By: _____ West

University of North Texas at Dallas
Proposed Funding and Rider
Convocation Center Planning and Construction
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/25/2023

Overview

The following action adds new Strategy, C.3.2., Convocation Center Construction, and rider that appropriates \$65,000,0000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024 for planning and construction of a Convocation Center.

The University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas) is committed to its mission to empower students, transform lives, and strengthen communities. As UNT Dallas continues to grow and mature, it requires additional facilities, such as a Convocation Center, in order to effectively fulfill its mission. The Convocation Center will be a multi-functional space that will provide solutions to a host of needs the campus currently faces. The facility will provide the much-needed space to support academic programs such as kinesiology, sports medicine and physical therapy. In addition, this facility will provide the growing demand for space for graduations and special events that currently happen off-site. Because of the location of UNT Dallas, this facility and the adjacent sports fields would bring community value and provide a much-needed resource and hub for the surrounding area. All of the activities in this building will help to support academics, student engagement, a sense of community and ultimately help to strengthen UNT Dallas' mission student success and economic mobility.

Required Actions

1. On page III-141 of the University of North Texas at Dallas bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
C.3.2. Convocation Center	\$65,000,000	UB

2. On page III-143 of the University of North Texas at Dallas bill pattern, add the following rider:

Convocation Center. Out of the amounts appropriated to University of North Texas at Dallas in Strategy C.3.2, Convocation Center, \$65,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 will be used for the construction of a convocation center at the University of North Texas at Dallas. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2025.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Article 7, Section 17(j), Texas Constitution, the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for convocation center facilities at the University of North Texas at Dallas and that such appropriation may be used for construction of such facilities.

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By: Perry

Texas Tech University
Proposed Funding
Institutional Enhancement
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/21/2023

Overview

The following action increases General Revenue appropriations in the Texas Tech University bill pattern and appropriates \$12.0 million each year to the university for Institutional Enhancement.

Required Actions

1. On page III-150 of Senate 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
	\$16,727,445	\$16,727,445

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By: Perry

Texas Tech University
Proposed Funding
Institute for One Health Innovation
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/21/2023

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 Senate 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 Senate 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.

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By: Perry

Angelo State University
Proposed Funding
Small Business Development Center
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/20/2023

Overview

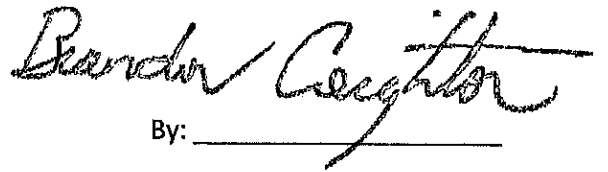
The following action increases General Revenue appropriations by \$75,000 each year in Strategy C.2.1, Small Business Development Center in to the Angelo State University pattern. The funds would support initiatives to assist small businesses in and around Tom Green County.

Required Actions

1. On page III-152 of Senate 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

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By: _____

**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 Senate 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 Senate 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.

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Brandon Cegitor

**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 Senate 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>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

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Brandon Coughton
By: _____

**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 Senate 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 Senate 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.

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Brandon Coe
By: _____

**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 Senate 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 Senate 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.

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By: Perry

Sam Houston State University
Proposed Funding and Rider
Law Enforcement Management Institute
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/14/2023

Overview

The following action increases appropriations in Strategy C.3.3, Law Enforcement Management Institute, by \$2,100,000 in General Revenue Funds in each fiscal year of the biennium. This funding would be transferred to General Revenue-Dedicated Account 581, Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, for the purpose of reimbursing the cost of police chiefs traveling to the program for training.

Required Actions

1. On page III-168 of Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within Sam Houston State University’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue appropriation to the following non-formula support item strategy:

	2024	2025
C.3.3 Strategy: Law Enforcement Management Institute	\$3,917,333	\$2,986,213
	\$6,017,333	\$5,086,213

2. On page III-170 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within Sam Houston State University’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. Included in amounts appropriated in Strategy C.3.3, Law Enforcement Management Institute, is \$2,100,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,100,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 for transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated Account No.581, Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, for the purpose of reimbursing the costs of police chiefs traveling to the program for training.

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By: Senator Kolkhorst

Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT)
Texas State University
Proposed Contingency Rider for SB 1477

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$500,000 for fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 for fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue for the purposes of implementing the provisions of SB 1477, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page III-171 of Texas State University bill pattern, increase General Revenue by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy C.1.2 ALERRT and increase general revenue by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy C.1.2 ALERRT.

On page III-171 of the bill pattern for Texas State University, add the following new rider:

_____. **Contingency for SB 1477** . Contingent on the passage of SB 1477, or similar legislation relating to requiring peace officers, as part of minimum curriculum requirements, to complete a training program of not less than 16 hours on responding to active shooter training as provided by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) center at Texas State University—San Marcos. ALERRT is appropriated \$500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 for fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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

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

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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.

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By Whitmire

**The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Art. III
Cord Blood and Cellular Therapy**

Overview

The following action restores \$610,449 in General Revenue funding each year of the biennium for Cord Blood and Cellular Therapy program to support the M.D. Anderson Cord Blood Bank and Good Manufacturing Laboratory with the development and management of critical research protocols for cord blood transplantation and other cellular therapies. Cord blood provides a source of stem cells for transplant for minority patients who often have no registered donors. M.D. Anderson serves an unmet need as 75% of the cord blood units in the bank are of Hispanic origin and the institution finds units for patients that otherwise would not have donors.

Cellular therapies are a novel approach to train the body's immune system to fight cancer, demonstrating lasting responses in patient outcomes and offering less toxic treatments for patients. These therapies take a more personalized approach and treat the tumor site more precisely, sparing healthy tissue and structures around the tumor.

Required Action

On page III-194__ of The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center's bill pattern, increase the amounts in Strategy D.1.1:

	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>
D.1.1. Strategy: CORD BLOOD AND CELLULAR THERAPY	\$ 1,389,551 <u>2,000,000</u>	\$ 1,389,550 <u>2,000,000</u>
Cord Blood and Cellular Therapy Research Program.		

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By Whitmire

**The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Art. III
Rare and Aggressive Breast Cancer Research Program**

Overview

The following action restores \$556,000 in General Revenue funding each year of the biennium for to support the Inflammatory Breast Cancer (IBC) Research Program and Clinic. IBC is a rare and often lethal type of breast cancer which represents 10% of breast cancer mortality. Through the legislature's investment, more patients with IBC are seen at MD Anderson than any other center in the world. State funding provided for: development of the world's largest bio-repository of tissue and serum samples from our IBC patients; partnerships with other centers around the world to expand the repository, accelerated development of new therapies, and ultimately improve the well-being of all women who suffer from this commonly misdiagnosed disease.

Required Action

On page III-194 of The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center's bill pattern, increase the amounts in Strategy D.1.2 and amend the corresponding rider:

	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>
D.1.2. Strategy: BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM	\$ 1,444,000 <u>2,000,000</u>	\$ 1,444,000 <u>2,000,000</u>

7. **Rare and Aggressive Breast Cancer Research Program.** Of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.2, Breast Cancer Research Program, ~~\$1,444,000~~\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and ~~\$1,444,000~~\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue is for the rare and aggressive breast cancer research program. Its efforts will contribute to improving the diagnostics in patients with breast cancer.

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By Senator Hughes

**The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, Article III
Women's and Children's Health Initiative**

Overview

East Texas faces shortages of physicians in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology and pediatrics. These shortages are projected to persist beyond 2032 unless targeted efforts are made to increase physician supply in the region. As a result, many women and children in East Texas face poorer health outcomes than their peers across the state and nation. The UT Health Science Center at Tyler is requesting an exceptional item totaling \$8.5 million per year in order to establish physician training programs in obstetrics and gynecology and pediatrics, with the goal of increasing physician supply and expanding health resources available to women and children in East Texas.

Required Action

On the appropriate page of the UT Health Science Center at Tyler bill pattern add the following item and General Revenue funding under Goal D: Non-Formula Support, and renumber the section as appropriate:

	2024	2025
<u>Objective: Women's and Children's Health</u>		
<u>Strategy: East Texas Women's and Children's Health Initiative</u>	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000

On the appropriate page of the UT Health Science Center at Tyler bill pattern add the following appropriately numbered item:

East Texas Women's and Children's Health Initiative. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy East Texas Women's and Children's Health Initiative is \$8,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$8,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 for the establishment and support of women's and children's healthcare and physician training programs at UT Health Science Center of Tyler.

By: Brandon Coe

**Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, Article III
Study on Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents**

Overview

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.2.1., Institutional Enhancement, \$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: Pete P. Lu

Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, Art. III
Rural Health Initiatives

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 of 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.

By: Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa

Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, Article III Study on Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents

Overview

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.2.1., Institutional Enhancement, \$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.

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By: L. W. Kellert

***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.

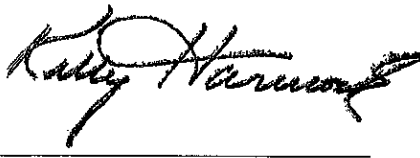
Required Action

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.

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By 

**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.



By _____

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

Overview

With the Great Resignation following the waves of COVID, there is a tremendous deficit in healthcare workers and providers within the Texas 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 addressing these problems through its Healthcare and Workforce Readiness Initiative. This initiative expands on existing UNTHSC programs to expand pipelines of critical, front-line health professions and deploy alternative micro-credentials to upskill and reskill existing health-related workforce.

This initiative will also support the establishment of the UNTHSC College of Nursing. Addressing the Texas nursing shortage is a critical piece in the healthcare workforce pipeline, as the supply of nurses has not kept pace with the rising demand for their services. In fact, Texas is ranked as one of the worst states with active Registered Nurse (RN) licenses per 100 residents (No. 49). A report by the Texas Department of State Health Services projects the growing shortage of nurses in Texas to exceed 57,000 RN FTEs by 2032. Despite these unmet needs, 126 existing nursing schools in Texas turned away more than 40 percent of their qualified applicants in 2021. UNTHSC College of Nursing will provide a unique solution to address these unmet needs, especially as the profession faces a wave of retirements over the next decade.

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>
<u>D.1.3. Healthcare & Workforce Readiness</u>	<u>\$10,750,000</u>	<u>\$10,750,000</u>

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

Healthcare and Workforce Readiness. Out of the amounts appropriated to University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth in Strategy D.1.3, Healthcare & Workforce Readiness, \$10,750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 will be used to address healthcare and workforce readiness.

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By: Perry

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Proposed Funding
Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/21/2023

Overview

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 Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences 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</u>	<u>\$6,750,000</u>	<u>\$6,750,000</u>
<u>Technology and Innovation</u>		

2. On page III-212 of Senate 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.

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By: Perry

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/24/2023

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 Senate 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 <u>\$4,080,314</u>	\$1,911,765 <u>\$4,080,314</u>
B.1.3. Developmental Supplement	<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.

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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.

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By: Perry

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Proposed Funding

Institute for One Health Innovation

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/21/2023

Overview

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 Senate Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences 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>	<u>\$818,400</u>	<u>\$1,661,600</u>

2. On page III-212 of Senate 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.

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By: Schwertner

**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.

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By: Paxton

Angela Paxton

Collin County Community College
Proposed Funding and Rider
Workforce Development Trade Bar Facility
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new Objective and Strategy to the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern and appropriates \$10.0 million in fiscal year 2024 and Unexpended Balance authority in fiscal year 2025 to construct workforce training labs and instructional space to provide educational programs for workforce development.

Required Actions

1. On page III-219 of Senate 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>M.2. Objective: Non-Formula Support</u>		
<u>M.2.1. Strategy: Workforce Development Facility</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

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

Collin County Community College – Workforce Development Trade Bar.
Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy M.2.1., Workforce Development Facility, \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 shall be used for the Workforce Development Trade Bar. Any unexpended balances on hand in this strategy at the end of fiscal year 2024 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in 2025.

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By Senator Hughes

**Angelina College, Article III
Texas Community College Consortium**

Overview

The Texas Community College Consortium (TC3) was established in 2014 by five community colleges in East Texas to cooperate in purchasing a system for financial and student information management. Since that time, TC3 has grown to include 8 community colleges in various parts of the state and is positioned to continue expanding. TC3 not only offers significant cost savings to member institutions in the areas of administrative software but intends to add shared services in the areas of financial aid processing, payroll, human resources and benefits, and institutional research. TC3 is exactly the kind of cost-saving collaboration that the state should be encouraging. This funding for TC3 will be an important complement to the broader community college reform bill being considered this session.

Required Action

1. On page III-XX of the Angelina College bill pattern, amend the Strategy D.2.1, Texas Community College Consortium, to add General Revenue to existing amounts in the amount of \$562,500 in fiscal year 2024 and \$562,500 in fiscal year 2025.

By: Zaffirini

Texas A&M AgriLife Research Proposed Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/10/2023

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 Actions

1. On page III-242 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M AgriLife Research, add \$120,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$120,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue to Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research.
2. On page III-243 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M AgriLife Research, add the following new rider:

. Weather Modification Study. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research, \$120,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$120,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue Funds shall be used to implement a study about the effectiveness of weather modification programs. Funds appropriated for this purpose may pay for salaries.

By: Schwertner

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/2/2023

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 Senate 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 <u>\$51,391,905</u>	2025 <u>\$50,911,905</u>	<u>\$51,286,921</u>	<u>\$50,806,921</u>
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2. On page III-243 of Senate 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.

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By: Perry

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2023

Overview

To direct funds appropriated to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to be used to develop resources identifying generally accepted agricultural practices, contingent on the enactment of related legislation.

Required Action

1. On page III-247 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, add the following new rider:

11. Contingency for Legislation Relating to Generally Accepted Agricultural Practices. Contingent on enactment of legislation requiring Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to develop resources identifying generally accepted agricultural practices, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall use funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Agriculture and Natural Resources, to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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By: Perry _____

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2023

Overview

To direct funds appropriated to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to be used to develop resources identifying generally accepted agricultural practices, contingent on the enactment of related legislation.

Required Action

1. On page III-247 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, add the following new rider:

11. Contingency for Legislation Relating to Generally Accepted Agricultural Practices. Contingent on enactment of legislation requiring Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to develop resources identifying generally accepted agricultural practices, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall use funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Agriculture and Natural Resources, to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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By: Perry

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/20/2023

Overview

To appropriate an additional \$403,860 for the biennium from General Revenue and 1.0 FTE for the purpose of supporting a specialist devoted to beekeeping, to serve as a resource for research-based apiary management practices specific to Texas. An apiculture specialist would work collaboratively with beekeepers, Texas A&M Extension Service county extension agents, the Texas A&M University honey bee research program, and others to develop and present educational programs and materials; develop best management practices; assist beekeepers virtually and on-site; collaborate with 4-H and FFA apiculture programs; oversee the Texas Master Beekeeper Program; and provide a fact-based beekeeping resource for elected officials, state and federal agencies, and private industries.

Required Action

1. On page III-244 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, add 1.0 FTE each fiscal year.
2. On page III-244 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, amend the following strategy:

B.1.1. Strategy: AGRICULTURE	2024	2025
AND NATURAL RESOURCES	\$35,728,973 \$35,529,473	\$35,733,833 \$35,529,473

3. On page III-247 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, add the following new rider:

11. Apiculture Specialist. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Agriculture and Natural Resources, \$199,500 in fiscal year 2024 and \$204,360 in fiscal year 2025 out of the General Revenue Fund and 1.0 FTE each fiscal year shall be used to support an apiculture specialist devoted to beekeeping, to serve as a statewide resource for research-based apiary management practices.

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By: Hinojosa

**Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station,
Article III Education (Higher Education)
Rio Grande Valley Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Hub
Proposed Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/1/2023

Overview

The following actions modify an existing rider and add \$5,000,000 in General Revenue to the second year of the biennium for the Rio Grande Valley Advanced Manufacturing Innovation (RAMI) Hub at the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station. 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 Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, amend the following strategy:

A.3.2. Strategy: RAMI HUB	2024	2025
	\$5,000,000	<u>\$5,000,000</u> UB

2. On page III-249 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, modify the following rider:

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.

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By: Perry

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/20/2023

Overview

To make a one-time appropriation of \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue to Texas A&M Forest Service for the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) grant program, and to provide carryforward authority for any unexpended balances to fiscal year 2025. Funding would help TIFMAS departments sustain and improve their capabilities to provide assistance to other communities across the state during catastrophic events. The program provides grants for fire trucks, protective gear, and training to municipal fire departments participating in TIFMAS.

Required Action

1. On page III-254 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M Forest Service, amend the following strategy:

B.1.3. Strategy: TWPP – TIFMAS GRANTS	2024	2025
	<u>\$9,000,000</u>	\$1,000,000

2. On page III-256 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M Forest Service, amend the following rider:

5. Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grants. Out of the funds appropriated above, \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue and \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund in each year of the biennium shall be used for Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System Grants. In accordance with Government Code Section 614.105, these funds shall be transferred to a separate account within the Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 and expended in accordance with the provisions contained in the same statute.

Any unexpended balances of funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.3, TWPP – TIFMAS Grants, remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

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By: Creighton

Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education

Proposed Rider

Performance Based Funding for At-Risk Students at Comprehensive Regional Universities

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/2/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new rider, Performance Based Funding for At-Risk Students at Comprehensive Regional Universities, in the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education page III-292, to provide the model by which outcomes-based funding would be allocated to eligible institutions. This funding would be for programs focused on student success and to incentivize institutions to improve performance gaps as it pertains to the graduation of at-risk students.

Required Actions

1. In each eligible institution’s bill pattern (see informational listing below), add a new objective, and strategy as follows:

	2024	2025
A.X.X. CRU Funding	\$XX	\$XX
Performance-Based funding for Comprehensive Regional Universities		

2. On page III-292 of Senate 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. Performance Based Funding for Comprehensive Regional Universities.

The Comprehensive Regional University Fund shall allocate funding among institutions designated as a doctoral, comprehensive, or master’s university under the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s accountability system based on the average number of degrees awarded to at-risk students by each institution in the three preceding fiscal years. Institutions shall receive a base amount of \$500,000 and \$1,000 out of the General Revenue Fund for each degree awarded to students identified as “at-risk” in Section 62.181(1) of the Texas Education Code. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024 are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

Amounts listed below are for information only.

<u>Institution</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>UT-Rio Grande Valley</u>	<u>\$2,298,500</u>	<u>\$2,298,500</u>
<u>UT-Permian Basin</u>	<u>\$530,167</u>	<u>\$530,167</u>

<u>UT-Tyler</u>	<u>\$834,333</u>	<u>\$834,333</u>
<u>TAMU-Galveston</u>	<u>\$328,333</u>	<u>\$328,333</u>
<u>Prairie View</u>	<u>\$845,333</u>	<u>\$845,333</u>
<u>Tarleton</u>	<u>\$1,170,167</u>	<u>\$1,170,167</u>
<u>TAMU-Central</u>	<u>\$456,167</u>	<u>\$456,167</u>
<u>TAMU-CC</u>	<u>\$913,167</u>	<u>\$913,167</u>
<u>TAMU-Kingsville</u>	<u>\$674,000</u>	<u>\$674,000</u>
<u>TAMU-San Antonio</u>	<u>\$754,833</u>	<u>\$754,833</u>
<u>TAMIU</u>	<u>\$803,500</u>	<u>\$803,500</u>
<u>WTAMU</u>	<u>\$801,667</u>	<u>\$801,667</u>
<u>TAMU-Commerce</u>	<u>\$859,000</u>	<u>\$859,000</u>
<u>TAMU-Texarkana</u>	<u>\$390,000</u>	<u>\$390,000</u>
<u>UH-Clear Lake</u>	<u>\$771,833</u>	<u>\$771,833</u>
<u>UH-Downtown</u>	<u>\$1,341,333</u>	<u>\$1,341,333</u>
<u>UH-Victoria</u>	<u>\$535,333</u>	<u>\$535,333</u>
<u>Midwestern</u>	<u>\$598,500</u>	<u>\$598,500</u>
<u>UNT-Dallas</u>	<u>\$564,833</u>	<u>\$564,833</u>
<u>SFA</u>	<u>\$1,050,833</u>	<u>\$1,050,833</u>
<u>TSU</u>	<u>\$629,833</u>	<u>\$629,833</u>
<u>Angelo</u>	<u>\$621,833</u>	<u>\$621,833</u>
<u>TWU</u>	<u>\$991,833</u>	<u>\$991,833</u>
<u>Lamar</u>	<u>\$816,833</u>	<u>\$816,833</u>
<u>Sam Houston</u>	<u>\$1,690,000</u>	<u>\$1,690,000</u>
<u>Sul Ross</u>	<u>\$327,833</u>	<u>\$327,833</u>
<u>Sul Ross-Rio Grande</u>	<u>\$326,000</u>	<u>\$326,000</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$21,926,000</u>	<u>\$21,926,000</u>

By _____

Article III Special Provisions

Contingency for the Creation of Stephen F. Austin State University,
a member of The University of Texas System

Overview

This rider is proposed to facilitate the dissolution of the independent Stephen F. Austin State University and the creation of Stephen F. Austin State University, a member of The University of Texas System.

Required Action

On the appropriate page of the bill pattern _____ add the following language:

Sec. __. Contingency for Senate Bill 1055. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 1055, or similar legislation relating to the creation of a new university in Nacogdoches, Texas, within The University of Texas System and abolishing Stephen F. Austin State University, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session:

- a) Upon abolishment, all appropriations made directly to or for the benefit of Stephen F. Austin State University are transferred to Stephen F. Austin State University, a member of The University of Texas System.
- b) Upon abolishment, all riders and the number of Full-time Equivalent Employees – Appropriated Funds in the Stephen F. Austin State University bill pattern shall apply to Stephen F. Austin State University, a member of The University of Texas System except for any provisions relating to the Stephen F. Austin State University governing board.
- c) Upon abolishment, funds appropriated in the Higher Education Group Insurance bill pattern to Stephen F. Austin State University are transferred to Stephen F. Austin State University, a member of The University of Texas System and shall be treated as if the funds were appropriated to a University of Texas System institution for purposes of all provisions within the bill pattern.
- d) Upon abolishment, all General Revenue and Local Funds appropriation balances and encumbered amounts, including from allocations of General Revenue Funds to Stephen F. Austin State University pursuant to Article VII, Section 17(a) of the Texas Constitution (Higher Education Funds), held by the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the benefit of Stephen F. Austin State University will be transferred to Stephen F. Austin State University, a member of The University of Texas System.
- e) For purposes of Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of

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Higher Education, Section 3, Paragraph 1, Stephen F. Austin State University, a member of The University of Texas System shall be included as a "general academic institution."

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By Li w Keller T

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.)

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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

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Additionally, General Revenue to the University of Houston is reduced by \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from Strategy C.1.1, College of Pharmacy. General Revenue to Texas Southern University is reduced by \$25,928 in fiscal year 2024 and \$25,928 in fiscal year 2025 from Strategy C.1.3, Accreditation Continuation – Pharmacy.

By: Whitmire

**Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education
Proposed Funding and Rider
Pharmacy Formula Support**

Overview

The State of Texas provides formula support to institutions of higher education that operate pharmacy programs differently throughout the General Appropriations Act. Pharmacy programs at certain institutions are supported through the health related institution formulas while formula support to The University of Texas at Austin, University of Houston, and Texas Southern University are allocated through the formulas for the general academic institutions. Accordingly, formula support provided to pharmacy programs at these three institutions producing identical degree outcomes are substantially below pharmacy programs operated at other institutions throughout Texas.

The below action would provide additional language to Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education to direct that formula support for pharmacy programs throughout the state are funded in a uniform manner.

Additionally, the below action would strike \$4.5 million per year in General Revenue non-formula support item funding to the University of Houston and \$25,928 per year in General Revenue non-formula support item funding to Texas Southern University for operation of their pharmacy programs. The University of Texas at Austin does not receive non-formula support item funding for its College of Pharmacy.

Required Action

Beginning on page III-292 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, within the bill pattern for Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, add the following:

_____. **Pharmacy Formula Support.** In addition to amounts appropriated in Article III, The University of Texas at Austin, University of Houston, and Texas Southern University are appropriated an amount estimated to be \$0 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and an amount estimated to be \$0 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to be distributed through formula funding as specified in Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Section 27, Health Related Institutions Funding to provide for formula support of the institutions' pharmacy programs.

By: Hall

Bob Hall

Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education

Proposed Rider

Prohibition on Gain of Function Research

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/3/2023

Overview

The following action adds a new rider, Prohibition on Gain of Function Research, 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 expending state and public funding if an institution of higher education conducts gain of function research involving potentially pandemic pathogens.

Required Actions

1. On page III-____ of Senate 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 Gain of Function Research.

- (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that no funds appropriated by this Act may be expended at an institution of higher education if the institution conducts gain of function research involving potentially pandemic pathogens.
- (b) In this section "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003 of Education Code.
- (c) In this section "Gain of function research" means research that may reasonably be anticipated to enhance the transmissibility or virulence of a potentially pandemic pathogen.
- (d) In this section "Potentially pandemic pathogen" means a virus, bacteria, fungus or eukaryotic parasite, or any strain or variant of a virus, bacteria, fungus or eukaryotic parasite, that is:
 - (1) likely, moderately, or highly transmissible and likely capable of wide and uncontrollable spread in human populations;
 - (2) likely, moderately, or highly virulent and likely to cause significant mortality and morbidity in human beings; or
 - (3) likely to pose a severe threat to public health and safety, the capacity of public health systems, or the security of this state if allowed to spread within the general population.

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