

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2026-27 General Appropriations Bill

Article III - Public Education Team

Conference Committee Issue Docket
Article III, Public Education
Conferees: Senator Creighton and Representative Kitzman

Decisions as of May 23, 2025 at 8:00 am

LBB Manager: Avery Saxe

Article III, Public Education SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Decisions	
	Senate		House		Adopted	
	2026-27 Biennial Total		2026-27 Biennial Total		2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Texas Education Agency (703)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ (9,722,001,033)	\$ 8,577,998,967	\$ (9,553,112,909)	\$ 12,746,887,091	\$ (19,771,805,413)	\$ 2,977,157,400
Permanent School Fund Corporation (706)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ 2,470,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,470,000
School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (771)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 6,215,703	\$ 6,215,703	\$ 4,731,000	\$ 4,731,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000
School for the Deaf (772)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 35,300,000	\$ -	\$ -
Special Provisions (S20)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Teacher Retirement System (323)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (450,000,000)	\$ (450,000,000)
Optional Retirement System (32C)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Education Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts (777)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000,000	\$ 1,000,000,000
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ (9,715,785,330)	\$ 8,586,684,670	\$ (9,513,081,909)	\$ 12,786,918,091	\$ (20,221,005,413)	\$ 2,530,427,400

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Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Texas Education Agency		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		1,333.0	1,333.0	1,325.0	1,325.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Complaints & Misconduct Investigations Senate provides 1.0 FTE and \$1.5 million in General Revenue Funds and capital budget authority to implement a new automated case management system for investigations. House and Senate provide 27.0 FTEs and \$16.2 million in General Revenue to expand the investigative team reviewing potential statutory violations in schools.	\$17,680,335	\$17,680,335	\$16,211,424	\$16,211,424	\$16,211,424	\$16,211,424	ADOPT SENATE \$1.5 million to HB 500 and 1.0 FTE to SB1
2.	Windham Schools	III-8, Rider 6 Rider Packet III-1		III-7, Rider 6 Rider Packet III-1				
a.	Senate provides \$1.6 million in General Revenue Funds to improve classroom bandwidth connectivity at Windham School Facilities.	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000					ADOPT SENATE to HB 500
b.	Senate prioritizes service based on people with the earliest parole eligibility dates and people seeking to enroll. House prioritizes service for people with the earliest projected release or parole eligibility dates.							HOUSE

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3.	SBOE Compensation Senate provides 5.0 FTE and \$0.8 million in General Revenue Funds to TEA to directly support SBOE policy requirements.	III-33, Rider 85 Rider Packet III-27						SENATE	
		\$800,000	\$800,000			\$800,000	\$800,000		
4.	Navigating Excellence Through Targeted Supports (NEXT): Senate provides 2.0 FTEs and \$6.0 million in General Revenue Funds to establish the NEXT grant program: Rider 86 Senate.	III-33, Rider 86 Rider Packet III-28						SENATE, as amended	
a.	Provides grant funds for low performing elementary schools.	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000			\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000		
b.	Program Administration, including 2.0 FTEs.	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000			\$500,000	\$500,000		
5.	College, Career, and Military Readiness Outcome Preparation Program Senate provides \$2.0 million in General Revenue Funds to enable schools to access advanced coursework.	III-34, Rider 87 Rider Packet III-29						HOUSE	
		\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000						
6.	Funding for Students with Disabilities							HOUSE	
a.	House includes technical correction to rider language to reflect correct method of finance (General Revenue) for Educational Outreach Program funding increase: Rider 13 Part (c) (7) Senate and Rider 13 Part (f) (9) House.	III-10, Rider 13 Rider Packet III-4		III-10, Rider 13 Rider Packet III-4					

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	b. Senate provides \$2.0 million in General Revenue Funds for the Best Buddies Program. House provides \$2.5 million in General Revenue Funds: Rider 13 Part (e).	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	HOUSE	
7.	Adult Education Start-Up Senate provides \$7.5 million in General Revenue Funds to provide grant funding to new adult education charter schools.	III-34, Rider 88 Rider Packet III-30						SENATE	
		\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000			\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000		
8	Texas Advanced Placement Initiative Senate provides \$42.5 million in General Revenue Funds for the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative. House provides \$18.5 million in General Revenue Funds.	III-19, Rider 34 Rider Packet III-10		III-19, Rider 34 Rider Packet III-10				HOUSE	
		\$42,500,000	\$42,500,000	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000		
9.	School Bus Safety Senate provides \$10.0 million in General Revenue Funds for a School Bus Safety Grant Program.	III-34, Rider 89 Rider Packet III-30						SENATE	
		\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000		
10.	Texas Academic Innovation and Mentoring (AIM) Senate provides \$10.0 million in General Revenue Funds for the Texas AIM program. House provides \$4.3 million in General Revenue Funds.	III-20, Rider 37		III-20, Rider 37				HOUSE	
		\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$4,275,000	\$4,275,000	\$4,275,000	\$4,275,000		

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		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
11.	Civics Training Programs							
	a. House provides inter-biennial UB authority.	III-28, Rider 64 Rider Packet III-19		III-27, Rider 63 Rider Packet III-19				SENATE
	b. Senate provides \$29.3 million in General Revenue Funds for the Civics Training Program. House provides \$43.9 million in General Revenue Funds.	\$ 29,250,000	\$ 29,250,000	\$ 43,875,000	\$ 43,875,000	\$ 29,250,000	\$ 29,250,000	
12.	Teach for America House provides \$13.5 million in General Revenue Funds for the Teach for America Program. House sets the number of teachers to be hired at 2,200 and tutors to be hired at 350. Senate provides \$11.0 million in General Revenue Funds. Senate sets the number of teachers to be hired at 2,100.	III-33, Rider 81 Rider Packet III-25		III-32, Rider 80 Rider Packet III-25				SENATE
		\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 13,500,000	\$ 13,500,000	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,000,000	
13.	Communities in Schools House provides \$71.0 million in General Revenue Funds for the Communities in Schools program. Senate provides \$61.0 million in General Revenue Funds.	III-13, Rider 16 Rider Packet III-8		III-13, Rider 16 Rider Packet III-8				SENATE
		\$ 61,043,632	\$ 61,043,632	\$ 71,043,632	\$ 71,043,632	\$ 61,043,632	\$ 61,043,632	
14.	Amachi Texas House provides \$14.0 million in General Revenue Funds for the Amachi program. Senate provides \$12.0 million in General Revenue Funds.	III-20, Rider 36 Rider Packet III-10		III-20, Rider 36 Rider Packet III-10				HOUSE

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		\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000		
15.	Child ID Program House provides \$2.0 million in General Revenue Funds to fund a Child ID Program.			III-33, Rider 84 Rider Packet III-27					SENATE
		\$-	\$-	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$-	\$-		
16.	Instructional Materials and Technology House allowable uses of funds include instructional materials, technology, and library materials. Senate allowable uses of funds include instructional materials and technology.		III-8, Rider 8 Rider Packet III-1		III-8, Rider 8 Rider Packet III-1				SENATE
17.	Student Testing Program House provides inter-biennial UB authority.		III-10, Rider 11 Rider Packet III-3		III-10, Rider 11 Rider Packet III-3				SENATE, as amended
18.	Appropriations Limited Revenue Collections House provides inter-biennial UB authority.		III-13, Rider 18 Rider Packet III-9		III-13, Rider 18 Rider Packet III-9				SENATE
19.	Texas Gateway and Online Resources House provides inter-biennial UB authority and \$3.9 million to reimburse districts for costs related to students taking OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses and fees associated with instructor training. Senate provides \$3.9 million to reimburse districts for costs related to students taking OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses.		III-20, Rider 39 Rider Packet III-11		III-20, Rider 39 Rider Packet III-11				HOUSE, as amended
20.	Open Education Resource Instruction Materials and High-Quality Instructional Materials Supports Senate includes rider directing expenditure of appropriations for open educational resource instructional materials.		III-21, Rider 41 Rider Packet III-12						SENATE, as amended
21.	Mathematics Achievement Academies House provides inter-biennial UB authority.		III-22, Rider 44 Rider Packet III-14		III-21, Rider 43 Rider Packet III-14				SENATE

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22.	Literacy Achievement Academies House provides inter-biennial UB authority.	III-23, Rider 45 Rider Packet III-14	III-22, Rider 44 Rider Packet III-14		SENATE
23.	FitnessGram Program House provides inter-biennial UB authority.	III-24, Rider 47 Rider Packet III-15	III-23, Rider 46 Rider Packet III-15		SENATE, as amended
24.	College and Career Readiness School Models House provides inter-biennial UB authority.	III-24, Rider 48 Rider Packet III-16	III-23, Rider 47 Rider Packet III-16		SENATE
25.	Public Education State Funding Transparency House includes additional fiscal years of data in report and additional district recapture reporting requirements in items (g), (h), and (i).	III-24, Rider 49 Rider Packet III-17	III-24, Rider 48 Rider Packet III-17		HOUSE, as amended
26.	Blended Learning Grant Program House provides inter-biennial UB authority.	III-26, Rider 55 Rider Packet III-18	III-25, Rider 54 Rider Packet III-18		SENATE
27.	Parent-Directed Special Education Services Program House provides inter-biennial UB authority.	III-27, Rider 58 Rider Packet III-18	III-26, Rider 57 Rider Packet III-18		SENATE
28.	Mental Health Services in Out of School Time House provides inter-biennial UB authority.	III-29, Rider 71 Rider Packet III-19	III-29, Rider 70 Rider Packet III-19		SENATE
29.	Interactive Online Learning Grant Program House provides inter-biennial UB authority.	III-30, Rider 72 Rider Packet III-20	III-29, Rider 71 Rider Packet III-20		SENATE
30.	Texas Strategic Leadership Support Senate includes technical correction to UB authority dates.	III-32, Rider 80 Rider Packet III-24	III-31, Rider 79 Rider Packet III-24		SENATE
31.	Transfer of Unexpended Balances Between Biennia House directs TEA to notify the LBB of intent to make an inter-biennial UB transfer.		III-32, Rider 83 Rider Packet III-25		HOUSE, as amended
32.	Required Notification of Grant Availability Senate includes intent rider that TEA notify all eligible local education agencies of non-Foundation School Program grant opportunities.	III-33, Rider 84 Rider Packet III-27			HOUSE

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		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds		
33.	Report on Loss of Federal Funds House includes rider requiring TEA to produce a report that details how funding, programs, and student achievement are impacted by any reduction of federal funds from the Department of Education.			III-33, Rider 88 Rider Packet III-30				HOUSE	
34.	Tax Relief/Property Tax Relief Language and funding differences between the riders are listed below.	III-31, Rider #76 Rider Packet page III-21		III-30, Rider #75 Rider Packet page III-21				SENATE, as amended	
a)	New Funding: Senate provides \$3.0 billion from the Property Tax Relief Fund contingent on enactment of legislation providing property tax relief through a \$40,000 increase to the residence homestead exemption by the Eighty-ninth Legislature. Senate includes intent language to provide \$0.5 billion for business tax relief and informational item subsection (b) identifying \$3.5 billion in appropriations to maintain property tax relief provided by the Eighty-eighth Legislature.	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,500,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,900,000,000		
	House provides \$3.5 billion from the Property Tax Relief Fund contingent on enactment of legislation providing property tax relief by the Eighty-ninth Legislature.								
c)	PTRF Transfer: Senate directs the CPA to transfer \$15.3 billion from General Revenue to the Property Tax Relief Fund.	\$ (15,300,000,000)	\$ -	\$(18,800,000,000)		\$ (18,800,000,000)			
	House directs the CPA to transfer \$18.8 billion from General Revenue to the Property Tax Relief Fund.								

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e)	Informational Items: The following informational subsections do not have any differences between the two bills.								
	- Senate subsection (c)/House subsection (b) regarding the \$1,988.1 million estimated from the Foundation School Fund No. 193 for compression of district property tax due to property value growth;							Revised estimate for this subsection: \$1,840.0 million. Cost reflected in FSP Data update.	
	- Senate subsection (d)/House subsection (c) regarding the \$1,035.7 million from the Foundation School Fund No. 193 to reduce the state compression percentage by 3.37 percentage points, due to state savings resulting from the limitation on district Maximum Compressed Rates (MCRs) during the prior biennium.							Revised estimate for this subsection: \$767.1 million and 3.31 cent SCP reduction in FY26. Cost reflected in FSP Data update.	
35.	Public Education Contingency Funding. Senate provides a total of \$5.4 billion in contingency funding for school safety, increased teacher compensation, early literacy and numeracy, and teacher preparation. House provides a total of \$8.7 billion in contingency funding for school safety, increased funding for public education, career and technology education programs, early literacy and numeracy, and virtual education.	\$ 5,364,625,000	\$ 5,364,625,000	\$ 9,060,982,035	\$ 9,060,982,035	\$ -	\$ -	ADOPT to Article IX	
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:									
1.	Audit of the Texas Education Agency Transfers House Article X, State Auditor's Office, Rider 6 to the Texas Education Agency bill pattern.							ADOPT	

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2.	Contingency for Education Savings Accounts. Transfers rider to new Education Programs - CPA bill pattern to appropriate ESA program funds directly to the Comptroller. New rider directs the transfer of a portion of administrative funding to TEA. Removes Rider 78, Contingency for Education Savings Account.					\$ (1,000,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000,000)	ADOPT
3.	Foundation School Program Data Update. Includes cost of incorporating updated district property values, student attendance projections, tax rates, and BRE estimates.					\$ (161,885,469)	\$ (112,922,656)	ADOPT
4.	Pathways Pilot Program. New rider appropriating \$1.0 million to TEA for the Pathways Pilot Program.					\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	ADOPT
5.	Kickstart Kids. New rider appropriating \$5.0 million to TEA for the Kickstart program.					\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	ADOPT
6.	Grant Program for Out of School Programs. New rider for facilities and out of school programs for students 12-18 years old in Comal County.					\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ (9,722,001,033)	\$ 8,577,998,967	\$ (9,553,112,909)	\$12,746,887,091	\$ (19,771,805,413)	\$ 2,977,157,400	
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Total, Full-time Equivalents						8.0	8.0	

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		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027				
		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:									
1. IT projects for cloud services, laptop replacement, cybersecurity, and modernization.				\$ -	\$ -			SENATE	
a. Cloud Services		\$ -	\$ 730,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 730,000		
b. PC/Laptop Replacement		\$ -	\$ 260,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260,000		
c. Cybersecurity		\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000		
d. IT Modernization		\$ -	\$ 480,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 480,000		
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ 2,470,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,470,000		
Total, Full-time Equivalents									

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Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, School for the Blind and Visually Impaired		\$ 79,082,649	\$ 79,082,649	\$ 77,597,946	\$ 77,597,946			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		FY 2026374.2	FY2027374.2	FY 2026379.2	FY 2027379.2			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Shift Differentials Senate provides \$1.6 million in General Revenue for shift differentials for residential, security, health center, and Weekends Home staff, with a 10 percent pay increase for working evenings or overnight, and a five percent increase for working weekends.	\$ 1,572,060	\$ 1,572,060	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
2.	Senate provides \$0.7 million in General Revenue for 4 percent salary increase each fiscal year for residential instructors.	\$ 716,656	\$ 716,656	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
3.	Senate provides \$0.2 million in General Revenue for 4 percent salary increase each fiscal year for health center staff.	\$ 151,011	\$ 151,011	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
4.	Senate provides \$0.4 million in General Revenue for 4 percent salary increase each fiscal year for teaching assistants and rehab teachers.	\$ 399,377	\$ 399,377	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
5.	Senate provides \$0.8 million in General Revenue for 4 percent salary increase each fiscal year for security administration.	\$ 825,599	\$ 825,599	\$ -	\$ -			HOUSE
6.	Grow Statewide Outreach & Technical Assistance House provides \$1.6 million in General Revenue for 5.0 FTEs for the Outreach department. Senate provides \$0.8 million in General Revenue for 3.0 FTEs.	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	SENATE

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7.	Grow Short Term Program & Online Instruction House provides \$0.6 million in General Revenue for 2.0 FTEs to support short-term programs and online instruction.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000			SENATE
8.	Early Childhood & Family Engagement House provides \$0.1 million in General Revenue for additional childfind efforts and early engagement opportunities for children who are blind, low vision, or deafblind.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000			SENATE
9.	Statewide STAAR Support House provides \$0.3 million in General Revenue for 1.0 additional FTE who would offer technical assistance on the STAAR test for blind, deafblind or low vision students statewide.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000			SENATE
10.	Technology/Information Resources Upgrade Senate provides \$1.4 million in General Revenue for Braille devices and assistive technology and replacement of computers, VOIP phones, and server and printer infrastructure.	\$ 1,351,000	\$ 1,351,000	\$ -	\$ -			ADOPT SENATE to HB 500
11.	Furniture Replacement & Project Completion House provides \$1.1 million in General Revenue for the replacement of appliances, power cords, and furniture across campus and minor construction projects in the dormitories and health center.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,066,000	\$ 1,066,000			SENATE
12.	Educational Professional Salary Increases House provides \$2,500 annual stipend for each contracted professional at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.			III-38, Rider 4 Rider Packet page III-33				SENATE
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 705,000	\$ 705,000			

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Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, School for the Deaf		\$ 84,863,038	\$ 84,863,038	\$ 120,163,038	\$ 120,163,038			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		445.1	445.1	447.1	447.1			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Campus Master Plan Phase 3B - House provides \$35.3 million in General Revenue for upgrades to the central utility plant to expand capacity of the chilled water and heating water systems, including replacement of the site distribution piping and the connected building pump systems.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 35,300,000			ADOPT to HB 500
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Information Technology and Cybersecurity Initiatives. Technical adjustment to add 1.0 FTE for project adopted in HB 500.							ADOPT \$1.0 million to HB 500; 1.0 FTE to SB 1
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 35,300,000	\$ -	\$ -	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						1.0	1.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article III, Public Education Special Provisions (S20) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Special Provisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	No issues.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article III, Public Education Teacher Retirement System (323) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Teacher Retirement System		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	No issues.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Outside Legal Counsel Remove Rider 21, Outside Legal Council, requiring TRS to confer with the LBB before approving any settlement sought by outside legal counsel for healthcare related claims and litigation.							ADOPT
2.	Pension Benefit Design Study Add new rider directing TRS to conduct a study comparing TRS' current defined benefit plan with alternative benefit plan designs.							ADOPT
3.	TRS-ActiveCare							
a.	Remove funding to offset active employee health insurance premium increases for fiscal year 2028.					\$ (80,775,426)	\$ (80,775,426)	ADOPT
b.	Transfer funding to offset premium increases for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to HB 500.					\$ (369,224,574)	\$ (369,224,574)	ADOPT \$369.2 million to HB 500

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article III, Public Education Teacher Retirement System (323) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
4.	Exempt Position Technical adjustment to executive director exempt position salary from \$558,500 to \$588,500 to reflect current salary.							ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (450,000,000)	\$ (450,000,000)	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article III, Public Education Optional Retirement System (32C) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Optional Retirement System		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	No issues.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article III, Public Education Education Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts (777) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Explanation
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Special Provisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:							
1. Education Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts Establish new bill pattern for Education Programs at the Comptroller of Public Accounts (EP-CPA) and appropriate \$1.0 billion for Education Savings Account program.					\$ 1,000,000,000	\$ 1,000,000,000	
2. New Rider, Education Savings Account (ESA) Transfers Add rider transferring \$1.0 billion from the General Revenue Fund to the ESA Fund and transferring \$3.8 million to TEA to implement the program.					ADOPT		
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000,000	\$ 1,000,000,000	
					<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents					28.0	28.0	

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Amendment to Student Testing Program Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/6/25

Overview

Proposed no-cost rider amendment related to setting a maximum appropriation for House Bill 1225 implementation activities instead of a set amount.

Required Action

On page III-10 of the TEA bill pattern, amend the following rider:

- 11. Student Testing Program.** The Commissioner shall use the Federal Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Assessment and Accountability System, to cover the cost of developing, administering, and scoring assessment instruments in the student testing program. Any remaining costs associated with developing, administering, or scoring the assessment instruments required under Texas Education Code, Chapter 39, Subchapter B shall be paid from amounts appropriated above from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.1.1, Assessment and Accountability System.
- Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1 in the 2026-27 biennium is \$70,000,000 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for the purposes of implementing House Bill 3906, 86th Legislature. Unless transferred in accordance with the limitations specified in Texas Education Agency Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, the Texas Education Agency shall not transfer any funds for the purposes of implementing House Bill 3906, 86th Legislature from Foundation School Fund 193 in the 2026-27 biennium.
- Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1 is not more than \$4,418,832 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for the purposes of implementing House Bill 1225, 88th Legislature, Regular Session.
- Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Amendment to Texas Gateway and Online Resources Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/6/25

Overview

Proposed no-cost rider amendment related to allowing additional reimbursement for certain fees.

Required Action

On page III-20 of the TEA bill pattern, amend the following rider:

39. Texas Gateway and Online Resources. Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall allocate \$7,302,500 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support online educator and student resources. From amounts referenced above, the Commissioner shall set aside funds for the following purposes:

- (a) \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the hosting, and maintenance of online educator and student educational resources and the secure provisioning of user accounts;
- (b) \$1,352,500 in each fiscal year the biennium for the Lesson Study Initiative which include teacher development of best-practice lessons and supporting tools;
- (c) \$1,950,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to reimburse districts for costs and fees related to students taking OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses and fees associated with instructor training related to OnRamps; and
- (d) \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to reimburse district costs related to professional development provided by UTeach and other providers, focused on improving blended-learning teacher preparation.

To ensure effective monitoring of programs funded by this rider and the efficient use of public resources, the Commissioner of Education may use funds appropriated above and allocated by this rider to develop tools necessary to collect, manage, and analyze performance data on the programs funded by this rider. The Texas Education Agency shall notify the Legislative Budget Board at least 30 calendar days prior to the date the agency expects to expend funds for such purposes.

The Commissioner shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor expenditure and performance data by October 1 of each fiscal year of the biennium. The information submitted must include:

- (a) Measures of program impact, including the number of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools served; the number of campuses served; the number of teachers served; and the number of students served by the program;
- (b) Measures of program effectiveness, including student achievement and teacher growth; and
- (c) Program expenditures delineated by activity.

~~Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.~~

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Amendment to Open Education Resource Instructional Materials and
High-Quality Instructional Materials Supports

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/14/25

Overview

Proposed no-cost rider amendment to facilitate making open education resource materials available to school districts.

Required Action

On page III-21 of the TEA bill pattern, amend the following rider:

41. Open Education Resource Instructional Materials and High-Quality Instructional Materials Supports.

- (a) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Technology and Instructional Materials, the commissioner shall set aside \$10,000,000 from the State Instructional Materials and Technology Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to ~~issue a request for proposals for state-developed open education resource instructional materials under~~ make open education resource material available for use by school districts in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 31.071. It is the intent of the Legislature that the ~~request~~ agency should prioritize the ~~preenactment~~ inclusion of:

- (1) full subject tier one instructional materials in English language arts and mathematics courses in kindergarten through grade eight;
- (2) prekindergarten, in subject areas related to English language arts and mathematics; and
- (3) all foundation curriculum courses in kindergarten through grade five in a manner that permits the instruction of the content to be provided in an integrated manner; and for approximately 240 minutes of instructional time per day, including time needed each day for accelerated instruction under Texas Education Code, Section 28.0211.

The commissioner shall collaborate with the commissioner of higher education to ensure that the rigor level of any ~~state-developed~~ open education resource instructional materials for dual credit courses is reflective of collegiate expectations.

- (b) From General Revenue Fund appropriations above in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, the commissioner shall set aside \$13,797,168 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support Open Education Resources (OER) Educator and Parent Advisory Boards and OER continuous improvement review and development.
- (c) From General Revenue Fund appropriations above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the commissioner shall allocate \$98,876,780 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide funding and resources to support school systems in the use of high-quality instructional materials, including OER. From this amount, the commissioner shall set-aside and/or allocate funds for the following purposes:
 - (1) \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide school districts assistance in evaluating, adopting, or using instructional materials as required by Texas Education Code, Section 31.0251.
 - (2) \$12,050,499 in each fiscal year of the biennium for campus classroom and district-wide reviews of instructional materials as required by Texas Education Code, Section 31.0252 (e).

- (3) ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support educator preparation programs to meet the requirements of Texas Education Code, Section 21.044 (a-1) (4) and Section 31.0753 relating to required training on OER instructional materials.
- (4) ~~\$70,826,281~~ \$75,826,281 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support school districts in the implementation and professional development of the OER instructional materials products as required by Texas Education Code, Section 31.0752.
- (d) The commissioner shall require that any external entity developing open education resource instructional materials funded by this rider provide any data deemed necessary to assess the progress and success in developing such materials. The commissioner shall annually submit a report by September 1 to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Legislative Budget Board, and the presiding officers of the standing committees of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over public education. The report shall include information on the number and type of open education resource instructional materials developed, use of those materials by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, and plans for assessing the effectiveness of those materials.
- (e) Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, for items (a) - (c) above are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Amendment to FitnessGram Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/12/25

Overview

Proposed no-cost rider amendment for student physical activity and fitness assessments.

Required Action

On page III-23 of the TEA bill pattern, amend the following rider:

46. FitnessGram Program Student Physical Activity Requirements and Fitness Assessment.
From funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, the Commissioner of Education shall allocate \$1,900,000 in the 2026-27 biennium in appropriations from the General Revenue Fund for the purposes of ~~physical fitness assessments and related analysis~~ physical activity requirements, fitness assessments requirements and related analyses. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no amount of this funding may be expended for any other purpose except as described in this rider.

Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, out of amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider, the Texas Education Agency ~~shall~~ may transfer an amount not to exceed \$300,000 in the 2026-27 biennium to Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, to use in managing and analyzing ~~physical fitness assessment data~~ physical activity requirements and fitness assessment data provided by school districts, as required by Texas Education Code, Section 38.104.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the agency enter into an agreement with a Physical Activity and Physical Assessment Instrument provider that complies with the activities under subchapter C, Chapter 38, Education Code to provide such services.

All other funding directed by this rider shall be used to provide grants to school districts to support the administration of physical fitness assessments and related activities required by Texas Education Code, Section 38.101 and Section 38.103.

~~Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.~~

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Amendment to Public Education State Funding Transparency Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/1/25

Overview

Proposed no-cost rider amendment related to recapture revenue reporting.

Required Action

On page III-24 of the TEA bill pattern, amend the following rider:

48. Public Education State Funding Transparency. Out of funds appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency, the agency shall evaluate, for the existing and prior fifteen biennia, state aid provided through the Foundation School Program for school districts per student in average daily attendance and per student in weighted average daily attendance. In its evaluation, the agency shall compare state aid with the rate of inflation and other factors impacting school district costs. The agency shall report its findings to the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the appropriate legislative education standing committees by January 1, 2026.

No later than January 1, 2027, the Texas Education Agency shall report on its external website the following information related to the Foundation School Program for fiscal years 1994 through 2026:

- (a) the average daily attendance for charter holders;
- (b) the average daily attendance for school districts;
- (c) local revenue for public education;
- (d) state aid for public education;
- (e) the amount of state aid provided per student in average daily attendance for school districts, represented in constant dollars;
- (f) the amount of state aid provided per student in average daily attendance for charter holders, represented in constant dollars;
- (g) the amount of recapture revenue, ~~the amount collected from each school district; and a breakdown of how the money was spent, the total amount collected from recapture each fiscal year that the agency has not disbursed,~~ represented in constant dollars and disaggregated by school district;
- ~~(h) the total funding provided to school districts, represented in constant dollars;~~
- ~~(i) the amount of recapture revenue collected but not disbursed, represented in constant dollars; and~~
- (jh) the total amount of funding provided to school districts, represented in constant dollars.

Constant dollars should consider the rate of inflation and other factors impacting school district costs.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Amendment to Transfer of Unexpended Balances Between Biennia Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/6/25

Overview

Proposed no-cost rider amendment related to UB transfer authority for certain TEA programs between FY25 and FY26.

Required Action

On page III-32 of the TEA bill pattern, amend the following rider:

83. Transfer of Unexpended Balances Between Biennia. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall provide written notice to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of intent to carry forward unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026 for the following programs at least 15 calendar days prior to the execution of such transfers. The notice shall include an explanation of why the balances were unexpended during fiscal year 2025 and shall describe TEA's plans to fully encumber and/or expend during the 2026-27 biennium both the transferred balances and funding appropriated for the 2026-27 biennium by this Act for the same programs.

- (a) ~~Rider 11, Student Testing Program,~~
- ~~(b) Rider 18, Appropriation-Limited Revenue Collections~~
- ~~(c) Rider 39, Texas Gateway and Online Resources~~
- ~~(d) Rider 44, Mathematics Achievement Academies~~
- ~~(e) Rider 45, Literacy Achievement Academies~~
- ~~(f) Rider 47, FitnessGram Program~~
- ~~(g) Rider 48, College and Career Readiness School Model~~
- ~~(h) Rider 55, Blended Learning Grant Program~~
- ~~(i) Rider 58, Parent Directed Special Education Services Program~~
- ~~(j) Rider 63,~~
- Rider 62, Interagency Cybersecurity Initiative for Public Schools
- ~~(k) Rider 64, Civics Training Programs~~
- ~~(l) Rider 71, Mental Health Services in Out of School Time~~
- ~~(m) Rider 72, Interactive Online Learning Grant Program~~
- ~~(n) Rider 80,~~
- (b) Rider 81, Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Acquisition of Information Resource Technology
- ~~(o) Rider 81,~~
- (c) Rider 82, Unexpended Balances of Earned Federal Funds

It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended balances carried forward into fiscal year 2026 authorized by the riders listed above not be included in the 2028-29 biennium baseline budget request.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Conference Amendment to Tax Relief Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/16/25

Overview

Proposed conference amendment to TEA, Rider 76, Property Tax Relief, to reflect updated data, CPA growth rate projections, and conference revisions to contingency appropriations.

Required Action

On page III-31 of the TEA bill pattern, amend the following rider:

76. Property Tax Relief.

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is an estimated \$51.0 billion for the 2026-27 biennium to provide new tax relief and to maintain tax relief provided by the legislature following the enactment of House Bill 3, Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session.
- (b) Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and in Subsection (a) is an estimated \$3.5 billion for the 2026-27 biennium to maintain property tax relief provided by the Eighty-eighth Legislature following the enactment of House Bill 3, Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, and the enactment of Senate Bill 2 and HJR2, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Second Called Session, and subsequent voter approval of the associated constitutional amendment.
- (c) Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in Strategy A.1.1, is an estimated ~~\$1,988.1~~ 1,840.0 million for the 2026-27 biennium from Foundation School Fund No. 193 for compression of district property tax rates due to district property value growth, pursuant to Texas Education Code, Sections 48.2551 and 48.2552 (a) and (b).
- (d) Included in amounts appropriated above to TEA in Strategy A.1.1 and in addition to amounts in Subsection (c), is an estimated ~~\$1,035.7~~ 767.1 million for the 2026-27 biennium from Foundation School Fund No. 193 to reduce the state compression percentage by ~~3.37~~ 3.31 percentage points, due to state savings resulting from the limitation on district Maximum Compressed Rates (MCRs) during the prior biennium, pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.2552(c).
- (e) Included in amounts appropriated above and in Subsection (a) is \$3,900,000,000 for the 2026-27 biennium to provide property tax relief, contingent on the enactment of SB 4 and SJR 2; SB 23 and SJR 85; HB 9 and HJR 1; or similar legislation relating to providing property tax relief through the public school finance system by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, and subsequent voter approval of the associated constitutional amendment proposed by the legislation to exempt a portion of the market value of business personal property from ad valorem taxation by a school district and to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district.
- (f) Should any of the legislation in Subsection (e) of this rider fail to become law, the appropriations made by this rider are subject to the prior approval before expenditure authority of the LBB as provided by Texas Constitution, Article 16, Section 69, and the LBB may request that the comptroller reduce the

appropriations identified by this rider to facilitate the exercise of that constitutional authority.

~~—and contingent on enactment of legislation relating to providing property tax relief through a \$40,000 increase to the residence homestead exemption and proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the amount of an exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, and subsequent voter approval of the associated constitutional amendment proposed by the legislation, is an estimated \$3,000,000,000 from the Property Tax Relief Fund for the 2026-27 biennium to implement the provisions of the legislation.~~

~~(f) It is the intent of the legislature that in addition to amounts appropriated above, \$500,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used in the 2026-27 biennium to provide tax relief to businesses.~~

(g) On September 1, 2025, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund into the Property Tax Relief Fund ~~\$7,659,400~~,000,000. On September 1, 2026, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund into the Property Tax Relief Fund ~~\$7,659,400~~,000,000.

(h) In calculating district MCRs pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.2551(d), it is the intent of the legislature that TEA confer with the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller of Public Accounts prior to publication of final district MCRs. It is the intent of the legislature that any property tax relief directed by Subsections (e) ~~and (f)~~ be included in the calculation of district MCRs for fiscal year 2026.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed New Rider
Audit of the Texas Education Agency

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/12/25

Overview

Proposed new rider directing the State Auditor’s Office to conduct an audit of the Texas Education Agency.

Required Action

On page III-35 of the TEA bill pattern, add the following rider:

90. Audit of the Texas Education Agency. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 321, the State Auditor’s Office (SAO) shall conduct a comprehensive forensic audit of all institutional functions, programs, and operations of contracts, grants, and administration of the Texas Education Agency, including its administration and oversight of open-enrollment charter schools.

The audit shall identify all unallowable expenses, including payments, purchases, administrative and executive compensation, salary transactions, and contracted services and shall identify improvements to administration and oversight functions. The SAO shall provide an audit report, including all related findings, by September 1, 2026. The report should be provided to the Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Delivery of Government Efficiency Committee.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Contingency for Education Savings Accounts

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/9/25

Overview

Proposed contingency rider for Senate Bill 2, Education Savings Accounts.

Required Action

On page III-32 of the TEA bill pattern, replace Rider 78, Contingency for Education Savings Account, with the following:

78. Contingency for Education Savings Accounts.

- (a) Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitation on Transfer and Use of Funds, from amounts transferred from the Educational Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts for administrative activities related to the Education Savings Account program, the agency shall allocate up to \$3,847,499 in fiscal year 2026 in strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems – Technology, to implement the provisions of ESA legislation.
- (b) Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

By: _____

**Article III, Texas Education Agency
Proposed Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/18/25

Overview

The proposed rider would direct \$1.0 million in General Revenue to be used for the Pathways Pilot Program at the Texas Education Agency.

Required Action

On page III-33 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, insert the following appropriately numbered rider:

XX. Pathways Pilot Program. Included in funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to be used to implement the Pathways Pilot Program.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

By: _____

**Article III, Texas Education Agency
Proposed Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/18/25

Overview

The proposed rider would direct \$5 million in General Revenue to be used for the Kickstart Kids Program at the Texas Education Agency.

Required Action

On page III-33 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, insert the following appropriately numbered rider:

XX. Kickstart Kids Program. Included in funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to be used to implement the Kickstart Kids Program. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider
New Braunfels Youth Collaborative
Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/17/25

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Grant Program for Out of School Programs. Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency, is \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue fund in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Education Programs, to provide a grant for facilities and out of school programs for students 12-18 years old in Comal County. It is the intent of the Legislature that the grantee be a non-profit organization, such as the New Braunfels Youth Collaborative.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

By: _____

Teacher Retirement System, Article III
Proposed Rider
Pension Plan Design Study

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/12/25

Overview

Add TRS pension plan design study rider.

Required Action

On page III-48 of the TRS bill pattern, strike rider 21 and replace with the following rider:

- 21. Pension Plan Design Study.** Out of funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act, the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) shall produce a report that compares TRS’ current defined benefit plan with alternative benefit plan designs. The report shall consider workforce and demographic trends among TRS members and retirees and the actuarial and fiscal impacts of the alternative plan designs. The report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than September 1, 2026.

By: _____

Education Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Education Savings Account Transfers

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/15/25

Overview

Proposed rider for Senate Bill 2, Education Savings Account.

Required Action

On page III-XX of the Education Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts bill pattern, add the following rider:

XX. Education Savings Account Transfers.

- (a) On September 1, 2025, the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund into the Education Savings Account Fund \$1,000,000,000.
- (b) Included in amounts appropriated above to the Education Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts, in Strategy A.1.1, Education Savings Account Program, and contingent on enactment of legislation relating to the establishment of an education savings account (ESA) program by Senate Bill 2, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, is \$1,000,000,000 from the Education Savings Account Fund for fiscal year 2026 and 28.0 FTEs for each fiscal year of the biennium to implement the provisions of the legislation.
- (c) From amounts appropriated in Subsection (b), Education Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts (EP- CPA) shall transfer \$3,847,499 in fiscal year 2026 to the Texas Education Agency to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 2, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session.
- (d) Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, EP – CPA may submit a request for capital budget authority for a new project to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 2, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session. EP – CPA shall provide to the LBB information about the request and how it serves to implement the provisions of the legislation. A request by EP – CPA to transfer funds under this subsection of this rider shall be considered to be approved unless the LBB issues a written disapproval within 15 business days after the date the LBB staff concludes its review of the request and forwards the review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any requests for additional information made by the LBB interrupt the counting of the 15 business days.
- (e) Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.