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**Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education – Senate (Page III-232)
Rider Highlights**

Sec. 2. Local Funds Appropriated.

Recommendations include adding clarifying language to this provision stating that patient income is not included in the local funds that are appropriated to institutions of higher education. Education Code Sections 51.009(a) and (c) define “local funds” as educational and general funds, which consist of net tuition, special course fees, lab fees, student teaching fees, organized activity fees, proceeds from the sale of educational and general equipment, and hospital and clinic fees received (patient income) by a state-owned clinical care facility that is operated using general revenue fund appropriations for patient care. The 2014-15 General Appropriations Act does not appropriate patient income, but instead reflects it in informational riders at the relevant health related institutions.

Sec. 3. Definition of Terms.

Recommendations include revising the listing of the general academic institutions to remove The University of Texas Pan American and The University of Texas at Brownsville and adding The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Recommendations also include adding a listing of the institutions that are designated “health related institutions” in the 2016-17 General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 6. Expenditure Provisions.

- 5. Investment Reports.** Recommendations include modifying language to state that institutions must maintain quarterly investment reports on its website for at least two years.

Sec. 15. Medical School Enrollment.

Recommendations include deleting this provision due to the opening of new medical schools during the 2016-17 biennium that may not be able to meet the requirements of the rider.

Sec. 27. General Academic Funding.

- 1. Instruction and Operations Formula.** Rider has been revised to reflect updated matrix for the 2016-17 biennium.

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Sec. 28. Health Related Institutions Funding.

- 1. Instruction and Operations Formula.** Recommendations include revising provision to state that only programs at remote locations are eligible for the supplement.
- 6. Supplemental Non-Formula Items.** Recommendations include revising language to clarify that patient income is no longer appropriated to the health related institutions.
- 8. Mission Specific Support.** Recommendations include adding a limitation to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler’s Chest Disease Operations formula that states the growth of that formula’s total funding from one biennium to the next may not exceed the average growth in the Health Related Institutions Instruction and Operations formula. Rider language has also been revised to reflect updated rates for the two formulas.

Sec. 32. Funding for Physical Education Courses.

Recommendations include deleting the portion of the provision that requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board to be in a position to make a recommendation to the Eighty-fourth Legislature regarding a funding methodology.

Sec. 51. Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas Awards for 2014.

Recommendations include revising this informational provision to reflect fiscal year 2014 awards made by the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas to public and private institutions of higher education.

(old) Sec. 52. Hold Harmless.

Recommendations include deleting this provision due to the fact that hold harmless funding was not included in the 2016-17 recommendations for the General Academic Institutions’ Instruction and Operations and Infrastructure.

(new)Sec. 52. Appropriations for the Research Development Fund.

Recommendations include updating this informational provision to reflect recommended amounts for the 2016-17 biennium.

Sec. 54. Appropriations for the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund.

Recommendations include updating this informational provision to reflect recommended amounts for the 2016-17 biennium.

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Sec. 57. Informational Listing-Designated Tuition.

Recommendations include revising this informational provision to reflect recommended estimated amounts for the 2016-17 biennium.

Sec. 61. Network Access Improvement Program Annual Report.

Recommendations include adding this new provision that would require an annual report to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board from those entities receiving funding through the Network Access Improvement Program.

Sec. 62. Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships.

Recommendations include adding this provision that provides appropriation authority to institutions of higher education for which the receipts of Texas collegiate license plate revenue are credited and provides an informational list of estimated revenue amounts for the 2016-17 biennium.

Sec. 63. Requests for Information on Appropriations Expenditures.

Recommendations include adding this provision that requires any public or private institution of higher education receiving state appropriations shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board any information requested for the purpose of providing oversight on the expenditure of the appropriated funds by that institution.

Sec. 64. Graduate Medical Education.

Recommendations include adding this provision that appropriates to the Higher Education Coordinating Board \$60 million in General Revenue to be used to increase the number of first year residency positions for every Texas medical school graduate.