

Senate Finance Committee Decision Document
 Senator Creighton, Workgroup Chair on Article 3 - Public Education
 Members: Senators Campbell and West

Decisions as of March 12th @ 9:00 am

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Article III, Public Education Total, Article III, Public Education Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
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Texas Education Agency (703)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 23,264,325	\$ 23,264,326	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,264,317	\$ 123,264,318	\$ 845,000,000	\$ 845,000,000
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	34.0	34.0	0.0	0.0	28.0	28.0	0.0	0.0
Permanent School Fund Corporation (706)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ 16,969,469	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,969,469	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	14.0	24.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	24.0	0.0	0.0
School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (771)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 11,186,703	\$ 11,186,703	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,215,703	\$ 6,215,703	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
School for the Deaf (772)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 35,300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(2.0)	(2.0)	0.0	0.0
Special Provisions (S20)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Teacher Retirement System (323)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Optional Retirement Program (32C)								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 69,751,028	\$ 86,720,498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,480,020	\$ 146,449,490	\$ 845,750,000	\$ 845,750,000
Total, NO COST ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total GR & GR-D Adopted Items less Cost-out Adjustments	\$ 69,751,028	\$ 86,720,498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,480,020	\$ 146,449,490	\$ 845,750,000	\$ 845,750,000
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalentents / Tentative Decisions	56.0	66.0	0.0	0.0	43.0	53.0	0.0	0.0

Article III, Public Education Texas Education Agency (703) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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Technical Adjustments:								
1. New Rider, Teach for America. Adds rider directing the use of existing appropriations for the Teach for America program and specifying reporting requirements for TEA. \$11,000,000 included in SB1 as Introduced. No cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
Agency Requests:								
1. Complaints & Misconduct Investigations:								
a. Replace declining certification revenue that provided resources for district level staff and educator investigations and increase of 27.0 FTEs to provide new investigative activities regarding general complaints about compliance with other education laws.	\$ 16,211,424	\$ 16,211,424			\$ 16,211,424	\$ 16,211,424		
b. New automated case management system for investigations, including 1.0 FTE.	\$ 1,468,911	\$ 1,468,911			\$ 1,468,911	\$ 1,468,911		
2. Strong Foundations: Increase grant funding to districts to support high-quality instructional materials adoption and implementation; acquire publishing equipment, warehouse and distribution facilities to supply printed instructional materials for Bluebonnet Learning products; offset the increase in freight and materials costs for the new materials; and allow the agency to hire 6 additional FTEs to support program monitoring.	\$ 2	\$ 2						
3. Special Education: Funding to support state financial commitment recommendations of the Texas Commission on Special Education Funding.	\$ 2	\$ 2					\$700,000,000	\$700,000,000
4. Educator Preparation: Support structural changes and funding for the high-quality teacher preparation pathways and mentoring recommendations of the Teacher Vacancy Task Force.	\$ 2	\$ 2						

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5. Strategic Educator Compensation: Support increases in the overall and strategic compensation practices for educators as recommended by the Teacher Vacancy Task Force. \$4.1 billion for compensation of public school educators and \$750.0 million for changes to the Teacher Incentive Allotment included in SB 1 as Introduced.	\$ 2	\$ 2			\$ (500,528,110)	\$ (500,528,110)		
					Consolidate with New Rider, Contingency for Public Education			
6. Amend Rider 2, Capital Budget. Request to add clarifying language to allow agency to transfer out funds to cover payroll of in-house support personnel in item d, Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS). No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
7. Amend Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding. Request to allow transfer of funding for open educational resource instructional material allotments between strategies to implement the requirements of HB 1605, 88(R). No cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
8. Amend Rider 6, Windham Schools. Increase transfer from TEA by \$2,761,991 in each year of the biennium to support additional classroom bandwidth and IT support for Career and Technical Education students and educators.					Adopt as amended			
a. 26.0 additional information technology staff and contracted hourly support.	\$ 3,923,982	\$ 3,923,982			\$ 3,923,982	\$ 3,923,982		
b. Classroom bandwidth connectivity.	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,001			\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,001		
9. Amend Rider 11, Student Testing Program. Provides UB authority between and within biennia and removes the specific amount that can be transferred from Strategy B.1.1. for implementation of HB 1225, 88R. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -						

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10.	Amend Rider 12, Summer School for Children with Limited English Proficiency. Updates language to meet current terminology ("LEP" to "Emergent Bilingual"). No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -				Adopt		
11.	Amend Rider 16, Communities In Schools. Increases agency administrative transfer from \$100,000 to \$150,000. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -				Adopt		
12.	Amend Rider 18, Appropriation Limited Revenue Collections. Grant agency UB authority between biennia. No Cost.								
13.	Amend Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds. Increases transfer authority from \$8.0 million to \$10.0 million. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -				Adopt		
14.	Amend Rider 28, Capital Budget Expenditures from Federal and Other Funding Sources. Adds additional flexibility and allows for a broader range of unanticipated capital expenditures related to new federal programs. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -				Adopt		
15.	Amend Rider 29, Educator Quality and Leadership. Changes distribution of set aside funds and uses for specific programs. Increases funding required for part (a), educator quality standards and other innovative educator leadership and staffing supports, from \$5.0 million to \$7.0 million; and part (c), innovative programs, from \$14.5 million to \$19.5 million. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -				Adopt		
16.	Amend Rider 35, Financial Aid for Swift Transfer. Amends due date of report based on timing of data availability. (Additional rider changes requested by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, with conforming changes to this rider.) No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -				Adopt		
17.	Amend Rider 39, Texas Gateway and Online Resources. Grant agency UB authority between biennia. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -						

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18.	Amend Rider 41, Open Education Resource Instructional Materials and High-Quality Instructional Materials Supports. Allocation adjustment increases support for educator preparation programs and decreases support at districts. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
19.	Amend Rider 44, Mathematics Achievement Academies. Grant agency UB authority between biennia. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -						
20.	Amend Rider 45, Literacy Achievement Academies. Grant agency UB authority between biennia. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -						
21.	Amend Rider 47, FitnessGram Program. Grant agency UB authority between biennia. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -						
22.	Amend Rider 48, College and Career Readiness School Model. Grant agency UB authority between biennia. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -						
23.	Amend Rider 51, Interstate Education Compacts. Increases amount in Fiscal Year 2027 by \$60,000 for expected dues increase.	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000			\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000		
24.	Amend Rider 54, Mobile STEM Laboratory Grant Program. Clarifies language to allow agency to collect data for report. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
25.	Amend Rider 55, Blended Learning Grant Program. Request allows agency to provide other supports in addition to grants to school districts and grants UB authority between biennia. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt as amended			
26.	Amend Rider 56, Local Designation Systems and Teacher Incentives. Revises the process to transfer fee revenue to administrative strategies to administer the program. The agency anticipates a larger than expected number of districts starting in FY26 instead of FY27. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
27.	Amend Rider 58, Parent-Directed Special Education Services Program. Grant agency UB authority between biennia. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -						

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28.	Amend Rider 61, Strong Foundation Grant Program. Provides authority to collect and analyze program data from funds allocated to the rider. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
29.	Amend Rider 63, Interagency Cybersecurity Initiative for Public Schools. Grants agency UB authority between biennia to prevent \$25M lapse. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
30.	Amend Rider 64, Civics Training Programs. Grants agency UB authority between biennia. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt as amended			
						\$ (14,625,000)	\$ (14,625,000)		
31.	Amend Rider 66, Space Planning and Utilization. Grants agency UB authority between biennia. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -						
32.	Amend Rider 71, Mental Health Services in Out of School Time. Grants agency UB authority between biennia. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -						
33.	Amend Rider 72, Interactive Online Learning Grant Program. Increases agency administrative transfer by \$300,000 and grants UB authority between biennia. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt as amended			
34.	New Rider. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Acquisition of Information Resource Technology. Provides unexpended balance authority from Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2026 for certain capital projects. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
35.	New Rider. Unexpended Balances of Earned Federal Funds: Provides unexpended balance authority from Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2026. No Cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			

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Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. New Rider. Contingency for SB ___ relating to regulation of cell phone use in public schools.							\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000
2. New Rider. Contingency for SB ___ relating to facilities funding for high-performing charter schools.							\$120,000,000	\$120,000,000
3. New Rider. Contingency for Public Education Funding, for legislation relating to teacher compensation increases, teacher preparation, and measures to support early literacy and numeracy skills for public school students.					\$ 515,153,110	\$ 515,153,110		
4. Amend Rider 77. Contingency for SB 260. Increases contingency funding for SB 260, relating to the school safety allotment, to \$500.0 million. \$400.0 million for this purpose included in SB 1 as Introduced.					\$ 100,000,000	\$ 100,000,000		
5. New Rider. Required Notice of Grant Availability. Requires TEA to provide email notification to districts regarding all non-FSP grant opportunities provided in the General Appropriations Act, and directs TEA to require district to reply to the email notification confirming receipt.					Adopt			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 23,264,325	\$ 23,264,326	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,264,317	\$ 123,264,318	\$845,000,000	\$845,000,000
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	34.0	34.0	0.0	0.0	28.0	28.0	0.0	0.0

Article III, Public Education Permanent School Fund Corporation (706) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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Agency Requests:								
1. Optimize asset allocation: Staffing for investment and support teams. Includes 14.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and 24.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027.	\$ -	\$ 14,499,469			\$ -	\$ 14,499,469		
2. IT projects for cloud services, laptop replacement, cybersecurity, and modernization.								
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		
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ 16,969,469	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,969,469	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	14.0	24.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	24.0	0.0	0.0

Article III, Public Education School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (771) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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Agency Requests:								
1. Shift Differentials - Funding to provide 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			\$ 1,572,060	\$ 1,572,060		
2. Funding for 4 percent salary increase each fiscal year for residential instructors.	\$ 716,656	\$ 716,656			\$ 716,656	\$ 716,656		
3. Funding for 4 percent salary increase each fiscal year for health center staff.	\$ 151,011	\$ 151,011			\$ 151,011	\$ 151,011		
4. Funding for 4 percent salary increase each fiscal year for teaching assistants and rehab teachers.	\$ 399,377	\$ 399,377			\$ 399,377	\$ 399,377		
5. Funding for 4 percent salary increase each fiscal year for security administration.	\$ 825,599	\$ 825,599			\$ 825,599	\$ 825,599		
6. Grow Statewide Outreach & Technical Assistance - Funding for 5.0 FTEs for the Outreach department.	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000			\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000		
7. Grow Short Term Program & Online Instruction - Funding for 2.0 FTEs to support short-term programs and online instruction.	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000						
8. Early Childhood & Family Engagement - Funding for additional childfind efforts and early engagement opportunities for children who are blind, low vision, or deafblind.	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000						
9. University Funding Increase - Increases funding for specialized teacher preparation programs and certifications at Texas Tech University and Stephen F. Austin University.	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000			\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000		
10. Statewide STAAR Support - Provides 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						
11. Blind Soccer Field - Provides funding for a Paralympic Blind Soccer Field for student health and well-being.	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000					\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000

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12. Technology/Information Resources Upgrade - Braille devices and assistive technology and replacement of computers, VOIP phones, and server and printer infrastructure.	\$ 1,351,000	\$ 1,351,000			\$ 1,351,000	\$ 1,351,000		
13. Furniture Replacement & Project Completion - 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						
14. Vehicle Replacement - Replacement of one bus, four golf carts, and 10 vans.	\$ 690,000	\$ 690,000						
15. Amend Rider 4, Educational Professional Salary Increases, \$2,500 annual stipend for each contracted professional at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.	\$ 705,000	\$ 705,000						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
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Technical Adjustments:								
1. Removes 2.0 FTEs associated with IT request not included in Senate Bill 1 as introduced or in the supplemental bill.					Adopt			
Agency Requests:								
1. Campus Master Plan Phase 3B - Provides 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						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 35,300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(2.0)	(2.0)	0.0	0.0

Article III, Public Education Special Provisions (S20) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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Technical Adjustments:								
1. Revise Rider 10, Cash Flow Contingency, to specify that estimated Other Funds revenue total \$6,008,000, rather than \$4,303,000, in both FY26 and FY27 for TSBVI.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
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Article III, Public Education Teacher Retirement System (323) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider
Teach for America

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/17/2025

Overview

This rider would allocate \$5.5 million each fiscal year from existing appropriations from the General Revenue Fund for Teach for America.

Required Action

1. On page III-39 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____ **Teach for America.**

From funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, the Commissioner shall expend \$5,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to support the Teach for America program in Texas.

It is the intent of the Legislature that by the end of fiscal year 2027 at least 2,100 Teach for America public school employees be employed in Texas schools that serve a proportion of economically disadvantaged students above the state average.

Funding shall be allocated in such a manner as to prioritize employment of Teach for America teachers in the field of mathematics to the extent practicable.

The Commissioner shall require Teach for America to provide any expenditures and performance data deemed necessary to assess the success of Teach for America in meeting the requirements identified in this rider. The Commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, produce and post to the agency's website by November 1, 2026, a report on implementation of the teacher retention plan, success of the Teach for America program, and requested data.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency
Proposed Contingency Rider
Contingency for SB 568

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2025

Overview

New contingency rider to appropriate funding to TEA for special education.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.1.1, FSP – Equalized Operations, by \$350,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
- 2) On page III-40 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Contingency for SB 568.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP -Equalized Operations, and contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 568, or similar legislation relating to special education, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated \$350,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III Proposed Rider Amendment

Rider 2
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This amendment to Rider 2, Capital Budget, would allow TEA to transfer funds from the capital budget item for Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPSS) to the non-capital budget for related personnel costs.

Required Action

1. On page III-4 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:
 2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes; with the exception that funds appropriated below for Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPSS) may be transferred between the agency's capital budget and non-capital budget items as necessary to be expended for personnel costs related to CAPPSS implementation. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purposes of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

In order to maximize the use of federal matching, maintenance of effort and grant funds, the Texas Education Agency may adjust amounts within the method of financing below, not to exceed the total Capital Budget method of financing except as provided elsewhere in this Act. General revenue and other state fund appropriations made herein may be offset with federal funds and fees collected.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Hardware/Software Infrastructure	\$ 1,317,429	\$ 1,317,429
(2) Data Privacy Initiative for K-12 School Systems	35,505,974	0
(3) Instructional Materials Internet Website	2,692,303	2,692,303
(4) Repository of Open Education Resource Instructional Material	4,170,949	4,200,504
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 43,686,655	\$ 8,210,236
b. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Open Education Resource Instructional Material	\$ 7,459,668	\$ 5,730,523
c. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 16,806,657	\$ 16,261,398
d. Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPSS)		
(1) CAPPSS Enterprise Resource Planning System (Financials HUB)	\$ 1,002,594	\$ 1,002,594
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 68,955,574	\$ 31,204,751

Method of Financing (Capital Budget):

General Revenue Fund

<u>General Revenue Fund</u>	\$	60,255,049	\$	22,751,773
<u>Technology and Instructional Materials Fund No. 003</u>		400,705		389,255
<u>Certification and Assessment Fees (General Revenue Fund)</u>		1,248,559		1,213,116
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$	61,904,313	\$	24,354,144
<u>Federal Funds</u>				
<u>Federal Education Fund</u>	\$	6,986,775	\$	6,787,756
<u>Federal Funds</u>		58,965		57,330
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$	7,045,740	\$	6,845,086
<u>Interagency Contracts</u>	\$	5,521	\$	5,521
Total, Method of Financing	\$	68,955,574	\$	31,204,751

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding
 Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider would amend Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding, to allow TEA to transfer FSP allotments for open education resource instructional materials to Strategy B.2.1, Technology/Instructional Materials.

Required Action

1. On page III-6 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

3. Foundation School Program Funding. In addition to funds appropriated above, the Foundation School Program is funded with local school district tax revenue. Local school district tax rates are adopted by locally elected school board trustees. Local school property tax rates are not set by the Legislature.

Out of the funds appropriated above, and any other funds appropriated for the Foundation School Program during the 2026-27 biennium, a total of \$35,904,799,232 in fiscal year 2026 and \$35,423,570,275 in fiscal year 2027 shall represent the sum-certain appropriation to the Foundation School Program. The total appropriation may not exceed the sum-certain amount. This appropriation includes allocations under Texas Education Code, Chapters 46, 48 and 49. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes.

Formula Funding: The Commissioner shall make allocations to local school districts under Chapters 46, 48 and 49 based on:

- (a) estimates of average daily attendance provided by the Texas Education Agency in March 2025;
- (b) local district tax rates as determined by the Legislative Budget Board;
- (c) final tax year 2024 property values; and
- (d) assumed increases in property values, and the estimates of local tax collections on which they are based, as estimated by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, of 5.50 percent for tax year 2025 and by 4.94 percent for tax year 2026.

The estimates identified in subsections (a) - (d) are projections provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Education Agency and used solely to determine initial state aid payments to school districts, and do not factor into the calculations of local tax base changes. Actual property value changes are determined by local appraisal districts.

Not later than October 1, 2026, and pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.269, the TEA shall submit to the LBB estimates of student attendance and projections for allotments under Texas Education Code Sections 48.107, 48.110, 48.112, 48.114, 48.151, 48.153, 48.155, 48.156, 48.307, and 48.308.

Not later than October 1, 2026, and pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.269, the CPA shall submit to the LBB estimated statewide taxable property value for tax years 2025 and 2026, including estimated growth of taxable property from tax year 2025 to tax year 2026, and projected statewide taxable property value for tax years 2027 and 2028.

To the extent that estimates provided for in subsections (a) - (d) above differ from a school district's actual average daily attendance, tax rates, property values, or local tax collections, the Commissioner shall settle-up with local school districts pursuant to Rider 7, Appropriation of Audit Adjustments, Settle-Up Funds and Attendance Credit Revenues and applicable provisions in Texas Education Code, Chapters 46, 48, and 49.

For purposes of distributing the Foundation School Program basic tier state aid appropriated above and in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 48.051, the Basic Allotment is established at \$6,160 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,160 fiscal year 2027.

For purposes of distributing the Foundation School Program enrichment tier state aid appropriated above and in accordance with Section 48.202(a-1)(1), the Guaranteed Yield is \$132.40 in fiscal year 2026 and \$140.02 in fiscal year 2027, and in accordance with Section 48.202(a-1)(2), the Guaranteed Yield is \$49.28 in fiscal year 2026 and \$49.28 in fiscal year 20272025.

Included in amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider to the Foundation School Program, \$100,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium out of the Foundation School Fund No. 193 is for the New Instructional Facilities Allotment under Texas Education Code, Section 48.152.

Included in amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider to the Foundation School Program, and pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.115, the School Safety Allotment is set at \$10 per student in average daily attendance, plus \$1 per student in average daily attendance for every \$50 by which the district's maximum basic allotment under Section 48.051 exceeds \$6,160, and \$15,000 per campus, estimated to be \$185,000,000 in each fiscal year.

Included in amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider to the Foundation School Program, and pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.307, Additional State Aid for State-Approved Instructional Materials is set at \$40 per enrolled student in each fiscal year for procuring instructional materials that have been approved by the SBOE. Included in amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider to the Foundation School Program, and pursuant to Section 48.308, Additional State Aid For Open Education Resource Instructional Material, is an amount not to exceed \$20 for each student for printing and shipping of open education resource instructional materials. Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, TEA may transfer amounts from the Foundation School Program under Sections 48.307 and 48.308, estimated to be \$254,899,920 in fiscal year 2026 and \$266,969,717 in fiscal year 2027, to Strategy B.2.1, Technology/Instructional Materials, to implement the provisions of HB1605, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session.

Included in amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider to the Foundation School Program, \$100,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium out of the Foundation School Fund No. 193 is for the Gifted and Talented Student Allotment under Texas Education Code, Section 48.109.

From the amount appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency for Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, in each year of the 2026-27 biennium, the Commissioner may not spend more than the amount that, together with all other amounts appropriated from the Foundation School Fund or another source of the Foundation School Program or for paying the costs of school property tax relief, is necessary to achieve a tax rate compression percentage, as defined by Texas Education Code, Sections 48.255, 48.2551, and 48.2552, and fully fund the school funding formulas under Texas Education Code, Chapters 48 and 49, without the prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

Pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.2552(c), in fiscal year 2026, the state compression percentage as calculated in Texas Education Code, Section 48.255, shall be reduced by 3.37 percentage points.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Texas Education Agency may:

- (a) make transfers as appropriate between Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, and Strategy A.1.2, FSP - Equalized Facilities; and
- (b) transfer Foundation School Program funds from fiscal year 2027 to 2026 to the extent necessary to avoid reductions in state aid as authorized by Texas Education Code, Section 48.266(f).

The Texas Education Agency shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of any such transfers at least 15 business days prior to the transfer.

The Texas Education Agency shall submit reports on the prior month's expenditures on programs described by this rider no later than the 20th day of each month to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office in a format determined by the Legislative Budget Board in cooperation with the agency.

Contingent on the Commissioner of Education identifying a budget surplus of Foundation School Program funds appropriated above in either fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, the Commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor in writing no later than 30 calendar days before taking any action pursuant to the Texas Education Code, Sections 7.062, 48.258, 48.259, 48.260, 48.261, or 48.265.

Appropriations provided above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP-Equalized Operations, fully fund an estimated \$1,714,700,000 in to reflect changes in student population projections.

By: Sen. Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III

**Proposed Rider Amendment
Windham Schools**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/072025

Overview

This amendment would require Windham School District to prioritize inmates with the earliest parole eligibility dates and those seeking to enroll in courses to achieve the goals of reducing recidivism and increasing employment on reentry and increase funding by \$5.5 million.

Required Action

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.2.4, Windham School District, by \$2,761,991 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium.
2. On Page III-8 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

6. Windham Schools.

The funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.4, Windham School District, are to be expended to support academic and career and technical education (CTE) programs approved by the Texas Education Agency. The Commissioner of Education shall allocate ~~\$74,033,964~~ \$76,795,955 in each fiscal year of the biennium to the Windham School District based on contact hours for the best 180 of 210 school days in each year of the biennium. The contact hour rates for the 2026-27 biennium are estimated to be: \$4.69807 for academic education, \$3.87648 for CTE.

The Windham School District shall use funds appropriated above to serve those students whose participation will help achieve the goals of reduced recidivism and the increased success of former students in obtaining and maintaining employment. To achieve these goals, ~~younger people with the lowest educational levels and the earliest projected release or parole eligibility dates~~ people with the earliest parole eligibility dates and people seeking to enroll should receive high priority. This policy shall not preclude the Windham School District from serving other populations according to needs and resources. For students who successfully complete the district's program during the 2024-25 biennium, the Windham School District shall report to the Ninetieth Legislature on the following: recidivism rates, employment rates, and attainment of GEDs, high school diplomas, professional certifications, and adult education literacy levels.

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III

Proposed Rider Amendment

Rider 12

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This amendment would change references to “limited English proficiency” to “emergent bilingual” in Rider 12.

Required Action

1. On page III-11 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

12. Summer School for Children who are Emergent Bilingual, ~~with Limited English~~

~~**Proficiency.**~~ Out of Federal Funds appropriated for Strategy A.2.2, Achievement of Students at Risk, \$3,800,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium is allocated for summer school programs for students who are emergent bilingual with limited English proficiency as authorized under Texas Education Code, Section 29.060.

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

By: Senator Hinojosa

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Communities In Schools
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

This rider would increase the allowed annual transfer for administration of the Communities in Schools Program by \$50,000 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year.

Required Action

1. On page III-15 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

16. Communities in Schools.

Out of funds appropriated above for Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, \$30,521,816 in General Revenue Fund appropriations and \$4,035,622 in TANF funds in each fiscal year of the biennium is allocated for the Communities In Schools Program. In addition to funds identified elsewhere in this rider, \$870,490 in TANF funds is allocated to Strategies B.3.2 - B.3.5 for administrative purposes of the program each fiscal year of the biennium.

Notwithstanding any other limitation imposed elsewhere in this Act, the Texas Education Agency may transfer General Revenue Fund appropriations identified above and appropriated for the purpose of providing grants under the Communities In Schools program to Strategies B.3.2 - B.3.5 for the purpose of providing administrative support for the program. Transfers made under the authority of this rider may not exceed ~~\$150,000~~ for the 2026-27 biennium. TANF funds may be expended for administrative purposes in accordance with the applicable limitations of the TANF state plan.

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

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III

Proposed Rider Amendment

Rider 19

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider would amend Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, to increase the commissioner's authority for a Foundation School Program (FSP) transfer to a non-FSP program from \$8.0 million to \$10.0 million.

Required Action

1. On page III-16 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

19. Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds. The restrictions of this rider, rather than those of the General Provisions of this Act, apply to the Texas Education Agency's transfer of appropriations between strategies. For the purposes of this rider, the Texas Education Agency's non-administrative strategies include all strategies in Goal A, Provide Education System Leadership, Guidance, and Resources, and Strategies B.1.1-B.3.1 in Goal B, Provide System Oversight and Support; administrative strategies include Strategies B.3.2-B.3.6. For the purposes of this rider, non-Foundation School Program strategies include Strategies A.2.1-A.2.4 in Goal A, Provide Education System Leadership, Guidance, and Resources, and Strategies B.1.1-B.3.1 in Goal B, Provide System Oversight and Support. For purposes of this rider, funds appropriated for the purpose of funding the Foundation School Program consist of the sum certain appropriation contained in Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding.

Funds appropriated to the Texas Education Agency in non-administrative strategies may not be spent for administrative purposes unless they are first transferred to an administrative strategy in accordance with this rider. The agency shall not transfer out of a non-Foundation School Program strategy. As a specific exception to this requirement, if the Department of Information Resources requires the Texas Education Agency to utilize the data center services contract to obtain information technology goods or services needed for the implementation of a program in a non-Foundation School Program strategy, the agency may transfer an amount not to exceed the cost of the specific goods or services from the non-Foundation School Program strategy to the agency's Data Center Consolidation item of its capital budget. Any such transfer required by the Department of Information Resources is excluded from limitations on budgetary transfers described in Article IX, Part 14, of this Act. The Texas Education Agency shall notify the Legislative Budget Board of any such transfers not less than 15 calendar days prior to the transfer.

Funds appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of funding the Foundation School Program may not be transferred to a non-Foundation School Program item of appropriation or expended for a non-Foundation School Program purpose unless the Commissioner of Education provides written notice to the Legislative Budget Board and to the Governor of intent to transfer such funds at least 45 calendar days prior to the execution of the transfer. Such transfers from the Foundation School Program appropriation to other items of appropriation shall not exceed ~~\$8,000,000~~ \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium.

The Commissioner of Education will provide written notice to the Legislative Budget Board and to the Governor of intent to transfer federal funds awarded to the Texas Education Agency through the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Part B funds, which are set aside and reserved for state-level activities and allowed to be used for IDEA administrative purposes, and appropriated above from non-administrative strategies to IDEA administrative programs 45 calendar days prior to the execution of the transfer. Transferred funding shall support the agency's administration of federal IDEA, Part B programs as allowable by federal regulations. This transfer may not exceed \$10,000,000 per biennium and is excluded from the ~~\$8,000,000~~ \$10,000,000 transfer limit referenced above.

From amounts included within the ~~\$8,000,000~~ \$10,000,000 transfer allowance from the Foundation School Program, the Commissioner may annually transfer up to \$1,000,000 of appropriated funds to an administrative strategy upon notification and approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall cooperate as necessary to assist the completion of a transfer and spending made under this section.

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III

Proposed Rider Amendment

Rider 28

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider would amend Rider 28, Capital Budget Expenditures from Federal and Other Funding Sources, to provide TEA flexibility to meet unanticipated needs related to new federal programs.

Required Action

1. On page III-19 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

28. Capital Budget Expenditures from Federal and Other Funding Sources. The Texas

Education Agency is exempted from the capital budget rider provisions contained in Article IX of this Act when gifts, grants, inter-local funds, and federal funds are received in excess of the amounts identified in the agency's capital budget rider and such funds are designated by the donor, grantor, or federal agency for the purchase of specific capital items.

Amounts expended from these funding sources shall not count against the limitation imposed by capital budget provisions elsewhere in this Act. For projects related to revision of major state data systems, TEA shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor upon receipt of such funds of the amount received and the planned expenditures. It is the intent of the Legislature that projects funded in any part under the authority of this rider not be exempt from any requirements of the Quality Assurance Team.

The Texas Education Agency may transfer from a non-capital budget item to an existing capital budget item or a new capital budget item not present in the agency's bill pattern to ~~purchase furniture or office supplies for staff, provided that these staff support the~~ implementation of a federal program ~~and are~~ completely paid for with federal funds appropriated above. Such a purchase is contingent upon:

- (a) implementation of a new, unanticipated project that is 100 percent federally funded; or
- (b) the unanticipated expansion of an existing project that is 100 percent federally funded; and
- (c) notification to the State Auditor's Office and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and approval from the Legislative Budget Board and Governor.

The request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issue a written disapproval within 15 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the proposal to expend the funds 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 Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 15 business days.

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III

Proposed Rider Amendment

Rider 29

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider would amend Rider 29, Educator Quality and Leadership, to specify the use of all appropriated funds.

Required Action

1. On page III-20 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

29. Educator Quality and Leadership. Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, the Commissioner shall expend \$14,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for initiatives that will systematically transform educator quality and effectiveness statewide through improved teacher and principal hiring and recruitment, mentoring, preparation including standards related to educator preparation and program quality, induction, evaluation, professional development, including micro-credential certification programs, career pathways, and retention. The Commissioner shall ensure that funds directed by this rider are allocated in a manner that maximizes receipt of federal grant funding for similar purposes.

From amounts referenced in the paragraph above, the Commissioner shall set aside funds for the following purposes:

- (a) ~~\$5,000,000~~ \$7,000,000 for the 2026-27 biennium to implement standards on educator quality, including standards related to educator preparation and principal quality, and other innovative educator leadership and staffing supports;
- (b) \$2,000,000 for the 2026-27 biennium for Humanities Texas to support the Teacher Institute program targeting teachers in their first or second year of service in geographic areas with low student achievement on state assessments; and
- (c) ~~\$14,500,000~~ \$19,500,000 for the 2026-27 biennium to support Innovative Programs that support educator development or increase achievement outcomes based on a proven and demonstrable track record of improving student, campus, and district achievement, such as Math Innovation Zones, Systems of Great Schools, and other innovative campus or district system improvements. The Commissioner shall require any entity with which the Texas Education Agency contracts for purposes of administering Innovative Programs to provide any expenditure and performance data deemed necessary to assess the success of the program; and,
- (d) \$500,000 for the 2026-27 biennium for the development and implementation of a Digital Teaching Micro-Credential to recognize educator readiness and skill in delivering virtual education with excellence and geared toward student success.

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

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Rider 35 Financial Aid for Swift Transfer
 Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider would amend Rider 35, Financial Aid for Swift Transfer, to amend the due date of the report and clarify language related to the settle-up process with the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Required Action

1. On page III-23 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:
 35. **Financial Aid for Swift Transfer.** Notwithstanding the restrictions contained in Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, of the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) bill pattern, and pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.308(c), out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, the Commissioner of Education shall transfer to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) from the Foundation School Program in each fiscal year an amount sufficient to enable certain students to enroll at no cost to the student in dual credit courses offered by certain public institutions of higher education (estimated to be \$78,650,000 in fiscal year 2026 for school year 2025-26 and \$86,515,000 in fiscal year 2027 for school year 2026-27, and any amounts transferred under the TEA Rider 92, General Appropriations Act, Eighty-eighth Legislature, 2023, during fiscal year 2026).

To the extent that estimates provided above for each school year differ from actual amounts required to enable certain students to enroll at no cost to the student in dual credit courses as a result of House Bill 8, Eighty-eighth Legislature, 2023, Regular Session, the TEA shall transfer to the THECB the additional amounts necessary to distribute the required amounts to participating institutions in a timely manner. ~~The~~ THECB shall settle up with the TEA in the subsequent fiscal year, so that TEA may recover from or transfer to the THECB any amounts necessary to reflect the correct amounts. The TEA may recover from or transfer to the THECB the additional amounts necessary to the THECB to reflect the correct amounts. ~~By October~~ December 1 of each fiscal year the THECB shall report to the TEA and the Legislative Budget Board the final amounts required for each school year and the total amounts transferred during each fiscal year.

Texas Education Agency, Article III

Proposed Rider Amendment

Rider 41

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider would amend Rider 41, Open Education Resource Instructional Materials and High-Quality Instructional Materials Supports, to increase funding by \$10.0 million to support educator preparation programs and decrease funding by \$10.0 million for school district implementation.

Required Action

1. On page III-25 of the Texas Education Agency 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 Texas Education Code, Section 31.071. It is the intent of the Legislature that the request should prioritize the procurement 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) ~~\$5,000,000~~ \$10,000,000 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) ~~\$75,826,281~~ \$70,826,281 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: Senator Creighton

**Texas Education Agency
Proposed Rider Amendment
Rider 51**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

Amend Rider 51, Interstate Education Compacts, and increase appropriations by \$60,000 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.3.4, Central Administration, in fiscal year 2027 for Interstate Education Compact fees.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.3.4, Central Administration, by \$60,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund.
- 2) On page III-30 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

51. Interstate Education Compacts. Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund appropriated above in Strategy B.3.4, Central Administration, the Commissioner shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$439,000 ~~in each fiscal year of the biennium~~ in fiscal year 2026 and \$499,000 in fiscal year 2027 for interstate education compact fees as authorized under Texas Education Code, Sections 160.02, 161.01, and 162.02.

By: Senator Creighton

**Texas Education Agency
Proposed Rider Amendment
Rider 54**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

Amend Rider 54, Mobile STEM Laboratory Grant Program, to allow TEA to collect data necessary for reporting purposes.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

54. Mobile STEM Laboratory Grant Program. Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall allocate \$3,250,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide grants for eight mobile science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) laboratories.

The commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, produce and post to the agency's website by January 1, 2026, a report describing the operational activities grantees used to expand the STEM lab program, summarize new educational opportunities available to schools and students, and any educational outcomes identified as a result of the funding for new laboratories in the 2024-25 General Appropriations Act, Article III, TEA Rider 65. Prior to October 1, 2025, grantees responsible for the Mobile STEM labs shall provide all information needed for this report to the agency.

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

By: Senator Creighton

**Texas Education Agency
Proposed Rider Amendment
Rider 55**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

Amend Rider 55, Blended Learning Grant Program, to allow TEA to provide additional supports to grantees.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

55. Blended Learning Grant Program. Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium is appropriated for the purpose of providing grants and other supports to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to assist in developing and implementing effective blended learning models.

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

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III

Proposed Rider Amendment

Rider 56, Local Designation Systems and Teacher Incentives

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider would amend Rider 56, Local Designation Systems and Teacher Incentives to revise the process to transfer fee revenue to administrative strategies to administer the program.

Required Action

1. On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

56. Local Designation Systems and Teacher Incentives. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, are all fees generated by the operation of local designation systems and teacher incentives as authorized under Texas Education Code, Sections 21.3521 and 48.112 (estimated to be \$7,333,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,923,000 in fiscal year 2027). Fee revenue collections appropriated under this rider are to be used exclusively for the purpose of administering the programs under Texas Education Code, Sections 21.3521 and 48.112.

Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, and notwithstanding the transfer provisions of Article IX, Part 14, out of funds appropriated above and allocated by this rider, the Texas Education Agency may transfer fee revenue collections that are in excess of the ~~Biennial Revenue Estimate~~ amount needed to comply with TEC Section 21.3521(d)(2) to Strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems - Technology, to use in administrative and technical support for ~~enig~~ the program.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

In addition, out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP-Equalized Operations, \$640,121,854 in fiscal year 2026 and \$856,613,864 in fiscal year 20252027 is allocated for the local designation systems and teacher incentives under Texas Education Code, Sections 21.3521 and 48.112. The estimated number of designations for fiscal year 2026 include 8,842 master, 26,526 exemplary, and 22,989 recognized teachers. The estimated number of designations for fiscal year 2027 include 11,269 master, 33,807 exemplary, and 29,299 recognized teachers.

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III

Proposed Rider Amendment

Rider 61

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider would amend Rider 61, Strong Foundations Grant Program, to allow TEA to ensure data collection and analysis to monitor program.

Required Action

1. On page III-33 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

61. Strong Foundations Grant Program

Included in appropriations above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$150,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for the Strong Foundations Grant Program. Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitations on the Transfer and Use of Funds, and notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Part 14, the Texas Education Agency may transfer funds appropriated by this rider between programmatic strategies as necessary to implement Texas Education Code, Section 29.0881. The agency may transfer appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in an amount not to exceed 0.5 percent of the amount appropriated for the program during the 2026-27 biennium to Strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems - Technology, for the purpose of providing administrative support.

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

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027, for the same purpose.

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Rider 63
 Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider would amend Rider 63, Interagency Cybersecurity Initiative for Public Schools, to allow TEA to transfer any unexpended balance at the end of fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026.

Required Action

1. On page III-33 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

63. Interagency Cybersecurity Initiative for Public Schools.

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.3.5, Information Systems - Technology, is \$41,633,027 in fiscal year 2026 and \$366,973 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to provide cybersecurity services to public school districts and placement and oversight of cybersecurity practitioners to assist Local Education Agencies (LEAs). It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Education Agency enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to provide cybersecurity services for LEAs in accordance with DIR Strategy C.1.2, Security Services. Cybersecurity services to be provided by DIR may include, but are not limited to, cybersecurity assessments, end point detection response, and network detection response. To the greatest extent possible, the agency and DIR shall coordinate such services with Education Service Centers as well as Regional Security Operation Centers. In addition, the agencies shall prioritize the use of existing statewide contracts to procure such services and may prioritize funding to high-need districts.

Notwithstanding any restrictions on transfers contained in this Act, the Texas Education Agency may transfer funds appropriated by this rider between the agency's capital budget and the agency's non-capital budget as necessary to carry out the program. Such a transfer is contingent upon approval from the Legislative Budget Board. The request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 15 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the proposed transfer 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 Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 15 business days.

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: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Rider 64
 Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/3/2025

Overview

This rider would amend Rider 64, Civics Training Programs, to reduce funding by \$14.6 million.

Required Action

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, decrease funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, by \$14,625,000 in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page III-34 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

64. Civics Training Programs. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is ~~\$43,875,000~~ ~~\$29,250,000~~ from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for the purposes of developing, administering, and making available civics training programs for teachers and administrators at grade levels to be determined by the Commissioner of Education in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 21.4555. Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, and notwithstanding the transfer provisions of Article IX, Part 14, out of funds appropriated above and allocated by this rider, the Texas Education Agency may transfer an amount not to exceed \$300,000 during the 2026-27 biennium to be allocated among Strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems - Technology, to use in administering the program.

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

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III

Proposed Rider Amendment

Rider 72

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider would amend Rider 72, Interactive Online Learning Grant Program, to allow TEA to transfer funds to strategies for administrative and technical support.

Required Action

1. On page III-36 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

72. Interactive Online Learning Grant Program.

From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner of Education shall allocate \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to provide grants to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to assist in implementing effective, interactive online learning models in middle school and high school for instruction in United States History, Texas History, and English Language Arts that:

- (a) align with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills standards for United States History, Texas History, and English Language Arts, as applicable;
- (b) include tools to monitor the progress of each individual student;
- (c) include quarterly benchmark assessments that are automatically scored;
- (d) include both audio narration and video components; and
- (e) are offered for use in both English and Spanish.

Notwithstanding Rider 24, Limitations on the Transfer and Use of Funds, and notwithstanding the transfer provisions of Article IX, Part 14, out of funds appropriated above by this rider, the agency may transfer an amount not to exceed \$300,000 during the 2026-27 biennium to be allocated among Strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems – Technology, to provide administrative and technical support for the program.

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

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III

Proposed New Rider

Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Acquisition of Information Resource Technology

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider creates an Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Acquisition of Information Resource Technology rider, to allow TEA, for identified projects, to transfer any unexpended capital project funds from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026.

Required Action

1. On page III-40 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Acquisition of Information Resource

Technology. Any unobligated and unexpended balances of capital budget remaining as of August 31, 2025, that were appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for the 2024-25 biennium for information technology projects 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 in section b. of Rider 2, Capital Budget, are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed New Rider
Unexpended Balances of Earned Federal Funds
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

This rider creates an Unexpended Balances of Earned Federal Funds rider, to allow TEA to transfer any unexpended earned federal funds from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026.

Required Action

1. On page III-40 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Unexpended Balances of Earned Federal Funds.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 13.10, in addition to amounts appropriated above, any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining from Earned Federal Funds as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of administration of agency programs.

By: Senator Creighton

**Texas Education Agency
Proposed Contingency Rider
Contingency for SB _____**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

New contingency rider to appropriate funding to TEA to implement legislation relating to the use of cell phones in schools.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, by \$12,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
- 2) On page III-40 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:
 - _____. **Contingency for SB _____**. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill _____, or similar legislation relating to the use of cell phones in schools, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated \$12,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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

By: Senator Creighton

**Texas Education Agency
Proposed Contingency Rider
Contingency for SB _____**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

New contingency rider to appropriate funding to TEA for facilities for high-performing charter schools.

Required Action

1) On page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.1.2, FSP – Equalized Facilities, by \$60,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.

2) On page III-40 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Contingency for SB _____**. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, FSP -Equalized Facilities, and contingent on enactment of Senate Bill _____, or similar legislation relating to facilities funding for high-performing charter schools, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated \$60,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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

ContingencyBy: _____

Texas Education Agency
Proposed Contingency Rider
Public Education Funding
 Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/10/2025

Overview

New contingency rider to appropriate funding for Public Education Funding.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern reduce funds appropriated in Strategy A.1.1, FSP – Equalized Operations, by \$500,528,110 from the General Revenue Fund.
- 2) On page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, by \$515,153,110 for the 2026-27 biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
- 3) On page III-39 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:
 - _____ . **Contingency for Public Education Funding.**
 - (a) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP – Equalized Operations, and contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 26, or similar legislation relating to increased teacher compensation under the Foundation School Program, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, is \$4,349,471,890 for the 2026-27 biennium from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation. Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding, and appropriations to TEA in Strategy A.1.1. from Recapture Payments – Attendance Credits shall be amended accordingly.
 - (b) Out of amounts appropriated above, \$55,064,858 shall be transferred to the Teacher Retirement System to implement the provisions of the legislation.
 - (b) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, and contingent on enactment of legislation relating to the teacher preparation system and/or measures to support early literacy and numeracy skills for public school students, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, is \$515,153,110 for the 2026-27 biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
 - (c) For both (a) and (b) above, any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027, for the same purposes.

By: _____

**Texas Education Agency
Proposed Contingency Rider
Contingency for SB 260**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2025

Overview

Amends contingency rider for SB260 to increase appropriation for increases to the school safety allotment.

Required Action

1) On page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.1.1, FSP – Equalized Operations, by \$50,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.

2) On page III-38 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

77. Contingency for SB 260. Included in amounts appropriated above and contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 260, or similar legislation relating to the school safety allotment under the Foundation School Program, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, is ~~\$200,000,000~~ \$250,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and ~~\$250,000,000~~~~\$200,000,000~~ in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the bill. Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding, shall be amended accordingly.

By: Senator Creighton

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed New Rider
Required Notification of Grant Availability
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

Overview

This rider requires TEA to notify districts of available non-FSP grant opportunities via email and directs TEA to instruct districts to respond confirming receipt of the notification.

Required Action

1. On page III-40 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Required Notification of Grant Availability.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) notify all eligible local education agencies (LEAs) of opportunities to receive non-Foundation School Program grant funding from appropriations made in this Act via email; and that TEA instruct all LEAs to reply to each email notification confirming receipt of the notification.

TEA shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and post to its website by August 31st of each fiscal year of the biennium a report certifying that the required notification emails were sent for each grant opportunity and providing information regarding district compliance with the agency's instruction to confirm receipt of the notification emails.

Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation, III
Proposed Rider
Confirming Capital Budget Rider for Information Technology

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/25

2. Capital Budget. None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) PC/Laptop Replacement	\$ 125,000	\$ 135,000
(2) Information Technology Modernization	<u>240,000</u>	<u>240,000</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 365,000	\$ 375,000
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Cloud Services	\$ 365,000	\$ 365,000
c. Cybersecurity		
(1) Cybersecurity	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 1,230,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,240,000</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
Permanent School Fund No. 044	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 1,230,000
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 1,230,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,240,000</u>

By: Senator Creighton

School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Article III

Rider Amendment

Teacher Preparation Consortium

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

Overview

Amends Rider 3, Teacher Preparation Consortium, to increase by \$200,000 the amount appropriated each year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.1.2, Professional Education in Visual Impairment, used to support professional preparation for teachers of students with visual impairments.

Required Action

1. On page III-44 of the bill pattern for the School for Blind and Visually Impaired, increase the funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.2, Professional Education in Visual Impairment, by \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-46 of the bill pattern for the School for Blind and Visually Impaired, amend the following rider:
 3. **Teacher Preparation Consortium.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Professional Education in Visual Impairment, \$900,000 in each year of the biennium is Federal CFDA 84.027, Special Education Grants, and ~~\$719,553~~^{\$719,553} in each year of the biennium is from the General Revenue Fund. These funds shall be used to support professional preparation for teachers of students with visual impairments. The funds shall be expended under the provisions of a memorandum of understanding executed by Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Texas Tech University, and Stephen F. Austin University.

Special Provisions for the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the School for the Deaf, Article III

Proposed Rider Cash Flow Contingency

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/17/2025

Overview

Revise Rider 10, Cash Flow Contingency, to specify that estimated Other Funds revenue total \$6,008,000, rather than \$4,303,000, in both FY26 and FY27 for TSBVI.

Required Action

On page III-51 of the Special Provisions bill pattern, amend the following rider:

10. **Cash Flow Contingency.** Out of the funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act, estimated Other Funds revenue total ~~\$6,008,000~~~~4,303,000~~ in fiscal year 2026 and ~~\$6,008,000~~~~4,303,000~~ in fiscal year 2027 for TSBVI; and \$13,370,626 in fiscal year 2026 and \$13,360,119 in fiscal year 2027 for TSD. Contingent on approval by the Legislative Budget Board and Governor, notwithstanding other transfer limitations of this Act and more specifically notwithstanding Texas Education Agency Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, in the event that Other Fund revenues amounts are anticipated to be less than the amounts estimated by this rider, for each fiscal year the Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall transfer to each school from the Foundation School Program funds appropriated to TEA, an amount equal to the difference between the estimated Other Funds revenue amount listed in this rider and the Other Funds revenue amount. The transfer approved by the Legislative Budget Board and Governor for each school may not exceed \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year. For the purposes of this rider, Other Funds revenue amount includes projected actual revenues to be collected during each year of the 2026-27 biennium and any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31 of the previous fiscal year. A proposal for a transfer made by TSBVI or TSD under this rider may be made no earlier than March 1 and no later than July 15 of the year in which the contingent appropriation is to be approved.

To propose that a transfer be made as provided by this rider, the superintendent or the superintendent's representative of each school shall provide a written request for a transfer to the Legislative Budget Board and to the Governor that includes a computation of the difference between the Other Funds revenue available and the amounts listed in this rider, and an explanation of why revenues are lower than anticipated. The proposed transfer shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issues a written disapproval within 30 calendar days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the proposal to transfer the funds 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 Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 30 calendar days.