

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

**Adopted**

**March 12, 2025**

**Legislative Budget Board**

By: Senator Perry

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed New Rider**  
**State Board of Education Compensation**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/25

**Overview**

This rider would increase General Revenue Fund appropriations by \$800,000 for the purpose of providing compensation and certain reimbursements for Texas Education Agency staff supporting the State Board of Education.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.3.4, Central Administration, by \$400,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-1 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, increase full-time equivalent (FTE) positions by 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027.
3. On page III-39 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **State Board of Education Compensation.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in Strategy B.3.4, Central Administration, from the General Revenue Fund is \$400,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide for compensation and reimbursements for 5.0 FTEs to support the State Board of Education (SBOE).

This funding shall be used for salary, benefits, and reimbursements for travel expenses, meals, and incidentals for 5.0 FTEs supporting the SBOE. Salaries are to be determined in consultation with the Comptroller and in accordance with state salary scales.



By: Senator Creighton

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed New Rider**  
**Navigating Excellence Through Targeted Supports Initiative**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/20/2025

**Overview**

This rider would increase appropriation by \$6.0 million from the General Revenue fund in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, for the Navigating Excellence Through Targeted Supports Initiative.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support, by \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund and in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, by \$500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On Page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase the number of FTEs by 2.0 in each fiscal year of the biennium.
3. On page III-39 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. Navigating Excellence Through Targeted Supports Initiative.

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support, from the General Revenue Fund is \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to establish a Navigating Excellence Through Targeted Supports Initiative grant.

It is the intent of the legislature that the Navigating Excellence Through Targeted Supports Initiative grant support low performing elementary school campuses at school districts and open-enrollment charters. Grantees should prioritize personalized intervention supports focused on high quality math and/or reading language arts curriculum and instructions supports, aligned targeted tutoring, and include community and parent engagement efforts. The agency may utilize outcomes-based metrics in the selection of grantees to incentivize academic growth.

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, from the General Revenue Fund is \$500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support the planning, data collection, and administration necessary for implementing the initiative.

The commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Governor and the presiding officers of the standing committees of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over public education; produce and post to the agency's website by August 31, 2026 and August 31, 2027, a report that includes information on grantees, the number and type of supports provided by each grantee, student performance data, and other information on the effectiveness of the initiative.

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 Funding for Students with Disabilities**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/11/2025

#### **Overview**

This rider would increase the current \$3.0 million biennial appropriation by \$1.0 million from the General Revenue fund in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, to increase funding for conducting an educational outreach program to provide instructional materials in accessible formats to individuals with print disabilities affording reading accommodation and providing instruction and training in the use of accessible instructional materials and related assistive technology.

#### **Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, by \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium.
2. On page III-11 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:
  13. Funding for Students with Disabilities.
    - (a) This rider identifies dedicated funding for students with disabilities to provide clarity and transparency of funding from Strategies A.2.3, Students with Disabilities; and A.2.4, School Improvement and Supports.
    - (b) In this Act all discretionary grants of state or federal funds by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf shall be considered independent school districts for purposes of eligibility determination, unless the Commissioner of Education and the school's superintendents mutually agree to an alternate consideration.
    - (c) From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, the following amounts shall be set aside and/or allocated from federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B, discretionary funds for the activities described below:
      - (1) An amount not to exceed \$13,500,000 in the biennium for the purchase of accessibility remediation of instructional materials, captioning of video and multimedia instructional materials, braille, large print, and related materials for students with disabilities.
      - (2) A set-aside of 10.5 percent during the biennium, to fund:

- (A) capacity building projects, including professional development and support, for school districts to provide access to the general curriculum in the least restrictive environment for students with disabilities; and
- (B) multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) processes for struggling learners in general education settings.

Regarding (c)2, before August 31, 2027, TEA shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and post on the agency's website a report that includes the following information: the total amount awarded to the Texas Education Agency through IDEA, Part B; the amount of IDEA, Part B funds set aside and reserved for state-level activities; and the amount of funds set aside to fund capacity building projects, including professional development and support, for school districts to provide access to the general curriculum in the least restrictive environment for students with disabilities and MTSS processes for struggling learners in general education settings, as required by this rider.

- (3) \$1,297,281 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, to support classroom instruction.
- (4) \$457,679 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Texas School for the Deaf, to support classroom instruction.
- (5) \$150,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide technical assistance to dyslexia specialists employed at the Regional Education Service Centers pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 8.061. The Regional Education Service Centers shall ensure that resources are used efficiently to provide a specialist to any school district or charter school that needs a specialist.
- (6) An amount not to exceed \$200,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to continue a program of providing state adopted instructional materials using digital audio technology for students with visual impairment and other print disabilities as appropriate in prekindergarten through 12th grade.
- (7) An amount not to exceed ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the purpose of conducting an educational outreach program to provide instructional materials in accessible formats to individuals with print disabilities affording reading accommodation and providing instruction and training in the use of accessible instructional materials and related assistive technology.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, for items 1-7 above are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- (d) The commissioner shall implement the provisions of IDEA, pertaining to a local educational agency risk pool. The Commissioner shall allocate allowable amounts under IDEA for each fiscal year of the biennium to establish a Texas high-cost fund to assist districts and charter schools with high need students with disabilities. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds be used by school districts and charter schools in a manner that does not violate the least restrictive environment requirements of IDEA, relating to placement and state funding systems that distribute funds based on type of setting.
- (e) From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, the

Commissioner shall allocate \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support the Best Buddies Program. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- (f) From General Revenue Fund appropriations above in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, the following amounts shall be set-aside and/or allocated for the following activities:
- (1) \$5,655,268 in each fiscal year of the biennium for statewide services for students with visual impairments as authorized under Texas Education Code, Section 30.002.
  - (2) \$987,300 in each fiscal year of the biennium for non-educational community-based support services for certain students with disabilities as authorized under Texas Education Code, Section 29.013.
  - (3) \$125,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide technical assistance to dyslexia specialists employed at the Regional Education Service Centers pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 8.061. The Regional Education Service Centers shall ensure that resources are used efficiently to provide a specialist to any school district or charter school that needs one.
  - (4) \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide grants to organizations that provide statewide, Unified Sports, comprehensive early child development to adult transition programs with data-based health, social, leadership, transition and athletic programs for students with intellectual disabilities.
  - (5) \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide competitive grants for innovative services for students with autism. The grants must prioritize meaningful inclusion of students with autism across all school settings.
  - (6) Up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to focus on state level professional development for school personnel and parents of student with autism including a focus on identification of such students.
  - (7) \$33,133,200 in each fiscal year of the biennium for funding for Regional Day School Programs for the Deaf, to be allocated on a weighted full-time equivalent basis. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, if the allocations total more than \$33,133,200 in each fiscal year, the Commissioner shall transfer sufficient amounts from other available funds to provide the full allocation.
  - (8) A set-aside of \$16,498,102 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the Special Education allotment for transfer to the Health and Human Services Commission to support Early Childhood Intervention eligibility determinations and comprehensive transition services. TEA shall enter into an Interagency Contract (IAC) with the Health and Human Services Commission for the purpose of providing funds to Early Childhood Intervention contractors for eligibility determination and comprehensive transition services. The IAC shall include a listing of the specific services that the funding will support and other provisions the agencies deem necessary. TEA shall provide a signed copy of the IAC to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, no later than October 1, 2026.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, for items (f) 1-8 above are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.



By: Senator Creighton

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**College, Career, and Military Readiness Outcome**  
**Preparation Program**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/19/2025

**Overview**

This Rider would appropriate an additional \$2.0 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Education Agency to support a program that will enable districts to implement advanced coursework for economically disadvantaged students and outline specific metrics to evaluate College, Career, and Military Readiness.

**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 \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-39 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **College, Career, and Military Readiness Outcome Preparation Program.**

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to implement a program that will enable school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to access advanced coursework for economically disadvantaged students and evaluate student progress and College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR).

It is the intent of the Legislature that the CCMR Outcome Preparation Program increase the number of students meeting CCMR milestones, thereby enhancing the ability to earn outcomes-based bonuses. Grantees should partner with non-profit organizations with a record of improving access to advanced coursework for economically disadvantaged students.

Utilizing currently available student performance data and grantee reporting, the commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, produce and post to the agency's website by August 31, 2026 and August 31, 2027, a report describing program effectiveness, grantee implementation activities, and student and district outcomes towards meeting or exceeding CCMR benchmarks.

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



By: Senator Creighton

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

**Adult Education Program Start-Up Funds**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/25

**Overview**

This rider would increase General Revenue Fund appropriations to the Texas Education Agency by \$7,500,000 for the purpose of providing a grant to eligible entities for costs associated with implementing an adult education program.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Education Programs, by \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-39 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, add the following rider:

**\_\_\_\_\_ . Adult Education Program Start-Up Funds.** Included in amounts appropriated above from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Education Programs, is \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 to provide grant funding under Texas Education Code, Section 12.264 (b), to an eligible entity granted a charter under Education Code, Subchapter G, Chapter 12, or adding an additional campus under a charter granted under that subchapter, for costs associated with implementing an adult education program operated under the charter. A grant awarded under this section must be in an amount equal to at least \$750,000 for each new campus being developed by the grantee.

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**  
**Texas Advanced Placement Initiative**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/14/2025

**Overview**

This rider would increase the current \$18.5 million biennial appropriation by \$24.0 million from the General Revenue fund in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, for the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative.

**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 \$12,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium.
2. On page III-23 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

**34. Texas Advanced Placement Initiative.**

Out of the appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall spend ~~\$9,250,000~~ \$21,250,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to fund the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative.

In the administration of the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative, funding shall be allocated for both the pre-Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate activities and for the Advanced Placement Incentive Program. In the allocation of funding for the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative, the Texas Education Agency shall award funds for examination fee subsidies for students and for teacher training.

It shall be the goal of the Texas Education Agency that Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate courses are available at as many public school campuses as possible, without regard to the rural/urban status of the campus and the socioeconomic characteristics of its students.

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



By: Sen. Schwertner

**Texas Education Agency, Article III  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
School Bus Safety Grant Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/18/2025

**Overview**

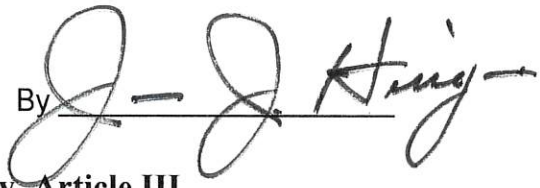
This Rider would appropriate an additional \$10.0 million in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of awarding grants to school districts to implement the School Bus Safety Grant Program.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-39 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

**\_\_\_\_\_ School Bus Safety Grant Program.**

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, is \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to support the School Bus Safety Grant Program (SBSGP).
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the SBSGP:
  - (1) requires that installed seat belts comply with the safety standards established by the Department of Public Safety in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 34.002, Texas Administrative Code, Title 37, Chapter 14, and any other applicable law;
  - (2) may not award more than \$6,000 per school bus to install three-point seat belts;
  - (3) grantees be eligible for the transportation allotment, under Texas Education Code, Section 48.151; and
  - (4) is optional for school district participation.
- (c) No later than August 31, 2027, the Texas Education Agency shall notify the Legislative Budget Board that it has posted to the agency's website a report summarizing the program's expenditure and performance data.
- (d) Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

By 

**Texas Education Agency, Article III  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Increasing At-Risk Students' Access to Academic Remediation**

**Overview**

Pandemic learning loss continues to impact Texas public school students. In 2024, students in grades 3, 5 and 8 experienced a decrease in reading language arts proficiency and in the same year, mathematics and science performance across all tested grade levels fell. Students considered at-risk due to social and economic factors have suffered greater learning loss than their peers. The requested increase will expand learning loss recovery programs to additional students with particular emphasis on virtual learning through evidence-based programs. This will allow not only access to these remediation programs for students in urban areas but will allow for students in rural areas to access these programs.

**Required Action**

On page III-, increase Texas Education Agency Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, by \$2,862,500 in General Revenue in each fiscal year.

1. On page III-, amend rider ( ) to reflect the increase of \$2,862,500 in General Revenue in each fiscal year to Texas Education Agency Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs and amend the following language to rider ( ) as follows:

**Texas Academic Innovation and Mentoring.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall allocate \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to the Texas Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs for statewide operation of the Texas Academic Innovation and Mentoring Program (Texas AIM). The Commissioner may require the Texas Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs to provide any expenditure and performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.

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

By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo

**Texas Education Agency, Article III  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Amachi Texas**

**Overview**

This rider would add \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for a total appropriation of \$12,000,000 for the 2026-2027 biennium for Amachi Texas.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-\_\_ of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to Strategy A.2.2., Achievement of Students at Risk.
2. Amend the following rider:
  36. **Amachi Texas.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, Achievement of Students at Risk, the Commissioner shall allocate ~~\$5,000,000~~ \$6,000,000 ~~in~~ from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to the Amachi Texas program for mentoring children of incarcerated parents and other at-risk identified students. To the extent possible, in the administration of the Amachi Texas program, Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star shall coordinate with other community-based entities providing training for mentors and mentoring services and shall seek additional funding from other private and public sources in order to expand services to more eligible children. The Commissioner may require Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star to provide any expenditure and performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.

Any unexpended balances available as of August 31, ~~2024~~ 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year ~~2025~~ 2027 for the same purpose.

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

**Article XI**

**March 12, 2025**

**Legislative Budget Board**

By: Senator Parker



**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed New Rider**  
**1836 Project Administrative Support**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

**Overview**

This rider provides funding for administrative support for the 1836 Project.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, by \$18,000 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:

**1836 Project Administrative Support.**

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, from the General Revenue Fund is \$18,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide for administrative support for the 1836 Project.

It is the intent of the legislature that this funding be used to reimburse expenses of the 1836 Project Advisory Committee members, pursuant to Government Code, Section 2110.004, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members, and the travel of TEA staff supporting the project.

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

By: Senator Perry

## **Texas Education Agency, Article III**

### **Proposed Funding and Rider Teaching and Learning Conditions Survey**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/13/2025

#### **Overview**

This rider would appropriate an additional \$450,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of administering the teaching and learning conditions survey under Education Code Section 7.065.

#### **Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, by \$450,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-39 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Teaching and Learning Conditions Survey.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, \$450,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to administer the survey under Texas Education Code, Section 7.065.

The commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, produce and post to the agency's website by August 31, 2027, a report of the survey's results.

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

By: Perry

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**Texas Education Agency**  
Proposed Contingency Rider  
Contingency for SB 1213

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/13/2025

Overview

New contingency rider to appropriate funding for the establishment of a career and technical education reporting grant program by the Texas Education Agency.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, by \$1,900,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
- 2) On page III-\_\_\_\_ of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:  
  
\_\_\_\_. Contingency for SB 1213. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, contingent on enactment of SB 1213, or similar legislation relating to the establishment of a career and technical education reporting grant program by the Texas Education Agency, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated \$1,900,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation.





By: Senator Creighton

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed New Rider**  
**Student Workforce Readiness Pilot Grant Program**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/20/2025

**Overview**

This rider would increase appropriation by \$2.0 million from the General Revenue fund in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, for a Student Workforce Readiness Pilot Grant Program.

**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 \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-39 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Student Workforce Readiness Pilot Grant Program.

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, from the General Revenue Fund is \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to establish a Student Workforce Readiness Pilot Grant Program.

It is the intent of the legislature that grant funds should be utilized by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools for a program that prepares students for the workforce of the future by:

- (a) Focusing on real-world projects and partnerships with regional and national businesses, ensuring alignment between skills taught and industry needs;
- (b) concentrating on critical in-demand jobs for both now and in the future;
- (c) fostering innovations that drive economic development; and
- (d) following a program of structured progression from process thinkers to strategic thinkers.

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, 2027, a report including disaggregated data by campus, grade and economically disadvantaged status of students served, student performance outcomes; programmatic achievements and challenges; and plans for potential program expansion and improvement.

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 New Rider**  
**Pilot Program for School Security Common Communications**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/18/2025

**Overview**

This rider would increase appropriation by \$4,230,000 from the General Revenue fund in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, for a Pilot Program for School Security Common Communications.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, by \$4,230,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026.
2. On page III-39 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. Pilot Program for School Security Common Communications.

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, from the General Revenue Fund is \$4,230,000 in fiscal year 2026 to establish a Pilot Program for School Security Common Communications as a part of the Texas Education Agency's coordination of school safety activities under Texas Education Code, Section 37.1083.

It is the intent of the legislature that the pilot program focus on bolstering seamless and fully functional real-time emergency communications for local education agencies in agreement with a regional education service center and an Urban Area Security Initiative; assess the impact of a common communications platform on emergency preparedness and responsiveness; and assess the overall community resilience to safety threats.

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

By: Senator Parker



**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed New Rider**  
**Telling the Story of Texas Video Project**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

**Overview**

This rider would increase TEA appropriation by \$4.0 million for the Telling the Story of Texas video project.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, by \$2,000,000 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:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Telling the Story of Texas Video Project.**

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, from the General Revenue Fund is \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for a video production that would encompass the mission of the 1836 Project.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the project support the teaching of Texas history in grades 4 and 7.

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

By: Senator Parker



**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed New Rider**  
**1836 Project Director**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

**Overview**

This rider would add 1.0 FTE to TEA for a director of the 1836 Project.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, by \$103,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-1 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, increase full-time equivalent (FTE) positions by 1.0 FTE in fiscal year 2026 and 1.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027.
3. On page III-40 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **1836 Project Director.**

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, from the General Revenue Fund is \$103,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide for compensation and reimbursements for 1.0 FTE to act as the Director of the 1836 Project.

This funding shall be used for salary and benefits for 1.0 FTE supporting the 1836 Project. Salary is to be determined in consultation with the Comptroller and in accordance with state salary scales.

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

By: Senator Parker 

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed New Rider**  
**Design, Printing, Publication, and Distribution of the**  
**1836 Project Pamphlet**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

**Overview**

This rider would increase TEA appropriation by \$140,000 for the design, printing, publication, and distribution of the 1836 Project Pamphlet.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, by \$70,000 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:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Design, Printing, Publication, and Distribution of the 1836 Project Pamphlet.**

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, from the General Revenue Fund is \$70,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for purposes of the design, printing, publication, and distribution of the 1836 Project Pamphlet, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 451.

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

By: Senator Campbell

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**Texas Education Agency**  
Proposed Contingency Rider Contingency  
for SB 1743  
Education Inspector General

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2025

Overview

New contingency rider to appropriate funding to TEA for an Office of Education Inspector General.

Required Action

- 1) On page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, contingent on enactment of SB 1743, or similar legislation relating to the Texas Education Agency Office of Education Inspector General, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, increase the number of FTEs by \_\_\_\_\_ in fiscal year 2026 and by \_\_\_\_\_ in fiscal year 2027.
- 2) On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, contingent on enactment of SB 1743, or similar legislation relating to the Texas Education Agency Office of Education Inspector General, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.3.4, Central Administration, by \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in fiscal year 2026 and by \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in fiscal year 2027.
- 3) On page III-\_\_\_\_ of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_. Contingency for SB 1743. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.3.4, Central Administration, contingent on enactment of SB 1743, or similar legislation relating to the Office of Education Inspector General, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ FTEs in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Senator Schwertner



**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Contingency Rider**  
**Contingency for SB \_\_\_\_\_**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/25

**Overview**

New contingency rider to appropriate \$2,000,000 from General Revenue for the purpose of implementing the provisions of SB \_\_\_\_\_, or other similar legislation relating to pediatric eye correction.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.2.2, Health & Safety, by \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-40 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for SB \_\_\_\_\_**. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, contingent on enactment of SB \_\_\_\_\_, or other similar legislation relating to pediatric eye correction by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the bill.

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds be used to establish a grant to match donated funds that would provide glasses to students who failed their school-issued vision screening and who meet certain requirements relating to insurance and economic criteria.



By: Senator Schwertner

**Texas Education Agency  
Proposed New Rider  
Tucker's Law**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/25

**Overview**

New rider to create a program for the development, procurement, and statewide distribution of fentanyl education curriculum materials for students in grades 6-12 in school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, by \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189.
2. On page III-40 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Tucker's Law.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is appropriated \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 to assist school districts in meeting the requirements of Texas Education Code, Section 38.040, Fentanyl Abuse Prevention and Drug Poisoning Awareness Education.

It is the intent of the legislature that the TEA utilize the above funds to provide a grant to nonprofit organizations that specialize in fentanyl drug prevention education and utilize outreach and community involvement of families affected by the fentanyl crisis. Grantees would collaborate with TEA in the development, procurement, and statewide distribution of fentanyl education curriculum materials and provide professional development and training for educators and school staff to effectively deliver fentanyl awareness instruction to increase the program's impact.

The commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, the presiding officers of the standing committees with primary jurisdiction over public education, and the Office of the Governor, and post to the agency's website by September 1, 2026, a report outlining the implementation of the program, expenditures, and the impact of the fentanyl education initiatives on student awareness and prevention. Prior to August 1, 2025, grantees responsible for program implementation shall create and provide such a report to the agency.



By: Senator Schwertner



**Texas Education Agency  
Proposed Contingency Rider  
Contingency for SB \_\_\_\_\_**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/25

**Overview**

New contingency rider to implement a program relating to career and technology education programs, the Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership program, and a high school advising program.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, contingent on the enactment of SB \_\_\_\_\_, or similar legislation relating to career and technology education programs, the Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership program, and a high school advising program, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Resources, by \$80,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.

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

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for SB \_\_\_\_\_**. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, contingent upon enactment of SB \_\_\_\_\_, or other similar legislation relating to career and technology education programs, the Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership program, and a high school advising program, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated \$80,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the bill.

By: Senator Parker



**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed New Rider**  
**Telling the Story of Texas Collaborative**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

**Overview**

This rider would increase TEA appropriation by \$10,000 each fiscal year for the Telling the Texas Story Collaborative.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, by \$10,000 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:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Telling the Story of Texas Collaborative.**

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, from the General Revenue Fund is \$10,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the creation and support of a Telling the Story of Texas Collaborative.

It is the intent of the legislature that the Collaborative establish an annual conference.

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

By: Senator Schwertner



**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Contingency Rider**  
**Contingency for SB \_\_\_\_\_**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/25

**Overview**

New contingency rider to appropriate \$9,000,000 from General Revenue for the purpose of implementing the provisions of SB \_\_\_\_\_, or other similar legislation relating to pediatric eye correction.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.2.2, Health & Safety, by \$4,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-40 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for SB \_\_\_\_\_.**

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, contingent on enactment of SB \_\_\_\_\_, or other similar legislation relating to pediatric eye correction by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated \$4,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the bill.

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds be used to offset costs associated with purchasing new vision screening equipment and data sharing technologies.

By: 

**Texas Education Agency – Art. III**  
***Adult Charter High School Program - Funding Model Correction***

**Overview**

In 2021, [Senate Bill 1615 \(87R\)](#) established a new funding model for Subchapter G Adult Charter High Schools ([TEC Sec. 12.263](#)) that was based on enrollment and outcomes-based measures, rather than an attendance-based model. This was done in recognition that adult learners require flexibility in their academic schedules to accommodate for adult responsibilities such as a family and jobs. The bill was passed in 2021 and implemented in the 2023 school year. However, an error has been identified in the new adult high school funding system: one of the funding tiers was erroneously left out of the bill, leading to a cascading funding shortfall for adult high schools. Under the current structure, students enrolled 50-74% of the time receive only 50% funding, instead of the intended 75% funding level.

Since the implementation of SB 1615 (87R), two new adult high school charters have been authorized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), in addition to an existing charter holder. Requested funding is based on 2023-2024 enrollment numbers for the original charter holder and multiplied by three in an effort to best reflect projections for the three Subchapter G charters authorized prior to March 1, 2025.

This contingency rider corrects the error by adjusting appropriations for Strategy A.1.1, Foundation School Program - Equalized Operations, ensuring that funding levels accurately reflect legislative intent. The correction is contingent upon the passage of [Senate Bill 1490](#) or [House Bill 3099 \(89R\)](#), which formally updates the statutory funding formula. Without this correction, adult high schools will continue to face a cascading funding shortfall, limiting the program's ability to serve adult learners across Texas.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-XX of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase Strategy A.1.1, Foundation School Program - Equalized Operations, by \$10,090,080 in General Revenue for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to fund adjustments to the Subchapter G Adult High School funding formula, contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 1490 or House Bill 3099.
2. On page III-XX of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following new rider:

**\_\_\_\_\_ Contingency for Senate Bill 1490 or House Bill 3099 – Adult High School Charter School Funding Model Correction.** Contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1490 or House Bill 3099, or similar legislation relating to the funding model for Subchapter G Adult High Schools (Texas Education Code, Section 12.263), by the Eighty-Ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the amount of \$5,045,040 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,045,040 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the Foundation School Program - Equalized Operations (Strategy A.1.1) to the Texas Education Agency to implement the provisions of the legislation.

- (a) These funds shall be used to correct the omission in the adult high school funding structure by providing a 75% Average Daily Attendance (ADA) funding level for students enrolled between 50% and 74% of the time, as intended in SB 1615 (87R).
- (b) If neither Senate Bill 1490 nor House Bill 3099, nor any similar legislation, becomes law, the appropriation provided by this section shall not be expended and shall lapse to the Foundation School Program.
- (c) The Texas Education Agency shall certify to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office, Budget and Policy Division, that the provisions of the enacted legislation have been implemented prior to the expenditure of funds under this section.



By: Senator Alvarado

**Texas Education Agency  
Proposed Contingency Rider  
Contingency for SB865**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/23/2025

**Overview**

New contingency rider to appropriate funding to TEA for a grant program to provide CPR Training.

**Required Action**

- 1) On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, contingent on enactment of SB 865, or similar legislation relating to a grant program to provide CPR training to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, by \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
- 2) On page III-\_\_\_\_ of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:  
  
\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for SB 865.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, contingent on enactment of SB 865, or similar legislation relating to a grant program to provide CPR training to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated \$2,500,000 in each year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation.



By: Senator Miles and Alvarado

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Amended Funding and Rider**  
**Student Success Initiative/Community Partnerships**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/04/2024

**Overview**

This Rider would increase appropriations by \$4.755 million in fiscal year 2026 and \$4.755 million in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Education Agency for the Student Success Initiative/Community Partnership program.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-\_\_ of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, by \$4,755,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
  
2. On page III-\_\_ of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

**31. Student Success Initiative/Community Partnerships.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall expend ~~\$10,000,000~~ ~~\$5,245,000~~ from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Student Success Initiative/Community Partnerships. The Commissioner shall award grants to schools with high percentages of students who do not perform satisfactorily on relevant state assessments, and that serve the most struggling neighborhoods, as determined by the Commissioner, to implement a comprehensive support program that increases the number of students performing on grade level by leveraging academic, community, and governmental supports. The Commissioner shall prioritize issuing awards based on applications that demonstrate a commitment to improved outcomes on clear performance measures.

The Commissioner may require any entity with which the Texas Education Agency contracts for purposes of administering the programs under this rider to provide any expenditure and performance data deemed necessary to assess the success of the program.

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

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By: Paxton \_\_\_\_\_

**Education/Article III**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Contingency for Senate Bill 1750**

**Overview**

The following rider appropriates \$XX in fiscal year 2026 and \$XX in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 1750, contingent upon its enactment.

**Required Action**

On page III-XX of the bill pattern for Education funding, add the following new rider:

: Contingency for Senate Bill 1750. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 1750, or similar legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature related to instructional facilities funding for certain open-enrollment charter schools, the XX is appropriated \$XX out of General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$XX out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to implement provisions of the bill. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.





By: Senator Paxton

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Cardiac Emergency Response Planning**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025

**Overview**

This Rider would appropriate an additional \$21,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of providing funds for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to assist in implementation of cardiac emergency response plans.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, by \$10,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,500,00 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-40 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Cardiac Emergency Response Planning.**

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, is \$10,500,000 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 implementation of cardiac emergency response plans, as required under Texas Education Code, Section 38.018.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Commissioner ensure that funds directed by this rider are expended in a manner that prioritizes high need and rural schools.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026 for the same purpose.

By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Restore Teach for America**

**Overview**

This rider would restore \$5,500,000 in each fiscal year for a total appropriation of \$11,000,000 for the 2026-2027 biennium for Teach for America.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-\_\_ 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 educators and tutors 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 the implementation of the teacher retention plan, success of the Teach for America program, and requested data by November 1, 2026.

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

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

**Not Adopted**

**March 12, 2025**

**Legislative Budget Board**



By: Senator Creighton

## **Texas Education Agency, Article III**

### **Proposed Funding and Rider Education Performance Reporting**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/19/2025

#### **Overview**

This Rider would appropriate an additional \$700,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of providing Education Performance Reporting briefing books for each of the Texas House and Senate districts and the 20 Regional Education Service Center areas.

#### **Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, by \$350,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$350,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-39 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

#### **\_\_\_\_\_ . Education Performance Reporting.**

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, is \$350,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to provide Education Performance Reporting briefing books for each of the Texas House and Senate districts and the 20 Regional Education Service Center areas.

It is the intent of the Legislature that briefing books include:

- (a) state performance trends,
- (b) performance reports for each specific district or area,
- (c) top performing districts,
- (d) performance models, and
- (e) a data collection and reporting methodology.

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



By: Senator Creighton

## **Texas Education Agency, Article III**

### **Proposed New Rider**

#### **Child I.D. Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/20/2025

#### **Overview**

This rider would increase appropriation by \$5.4 million from the General Revenue fund in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, for a Child I.D. Program.

#### **Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, by \$2,700,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.


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

\_\_\_\_\_. Child I.D. Program.

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, from the General Revenue Fund is \$2,700,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to collaborate with local education agencies to supply families with fingerprint kits for children. It is the intent of the Legislature that this would be a voluntary program to aid in the identification of lost or missing children. The agency shall prioritize providing families who have children in Kindergarten through sixth grade with fingerprint kits. Subsequently, the agency shall prioritize providing families with children in Kindergarten thru second grade with fingerprint kits.

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

*Zaffirini*

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Youth Mentoring and Enrichment Program**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/24/2025

**Overview**

This Rider would appropriate an additional \$4.0 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of establishing a demonstration program offering group mentoring, STEM enrichment, industry certification programs, and summer camps for youth in underserved parts of Travis County.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.2, Achievement of Students at Risk, by \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund.
2. On page III-39 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Youth Mentoring and Enrichment Program.**

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy A.2.2, Achievement of Students at Risk, is \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to provide for a Youth Mentoring and Enrichment (YME) program.

It is the intent of the legislature that the commissioner establish a YME demonstration program for disadvantaged youth in Travis County. The program should offer year-round group mentoring, STEM enrichment, and industry certification programs; and summer camps focused on financial literacy, outdoor engagement, equine therapy, college/career readiness, early childhood education, literacy, and digital literacy.

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



By Miles and Alvarado

***Texas Education Agency, Article III***  
**Community Services Construction Grant**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs of \$5,000,000 for new funding not listed in amounts appropriated above, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is appropriated \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds to provide funding assistance for restore and enhance services after a fire related to a non-profit organization operating as a 501(c)(3) that provides community after school programs, meal services, homework assistance, mentor services, homeless services, and community services in a county over 4,000,000 in population. Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027.

**Required Action**

On page VII-\_\_\_\_\_ of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Community Services Construction Grant.** In new funding, Texas Education Agency shall direct \$5,000,000 for the Community Construction Grant in counties with a population above 4,000,000.



By: Senator Cook

/Alvarado

**Texas Education Agency  
Proposed Contingency Rider  
LOHE Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2025

**Overview**

New rider to appropriate additional funding to school districts with a Local Option Homestead Exemption (LOHE).

**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 \$361,594,080 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
- 2) On page III-6 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding, accordingly.
- 3) On page III-40 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Local Option Homestead Exemption Supplement.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, the Commissioner shall use \$361,594,080 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide funding under Texas Education Code, Chapters 48 and 46 based on a school district's taxable value of property computed in accordance with Government Code, Section 403.302(d)(2) pursuant to Education Code, Section 48.259(a)(1).



By: Senator Cook

**Texas Education Agency**  
**Proposed Contingency Rider**  
**LOHE Rider**



Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2025

**Overview**

New rider to appropriate additional funding to school districts with a Local Option Homestead Exemption (LOHE).

**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 \$361,594,080 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund.
- 2) On page III-6 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding, accordingly.
- 3) On page III-40 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Local Option Homestead Exemption Supplement.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, the Commissioner shall use \$361,594,080 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide funding under Texas Education Code, Chapters 48 and 46 based on a school district's taxable value of property computed in accordance with Government Code, Section 403.302(d)(2) pursuant to Education Code, Section 48.259(a)(1).