

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

**The University of Texas at Austin, Article III**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs General Revenue funding to The University of Texas at Austin Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

The University of Texas at Austin Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is the State Botanic Garden and Arboretum. The Wildflower Center promotes its mission to inspire the conservation of native plants through its internationally recognized native plant gardens, education and outreach programs, and research projects. The Wildflower Center is working to protect the plant heritage of Texas, educate people about Texas plants, animals and ecosystems, and improve landscapes across the state to support wildlife and conserve resources.

The Wildflower Center provides programs covering:

- Gardens, Arboretum and Natural Areas;
- Plant Conservation;
- Water Conservation;
- Landscape Restoration and Management;
- Education and Training; and
- Outreach and Information

The below motion would provide \$750,000 in General Revenue support in each year of the 2026-27 biennium to directly support operations at the Wildflower Center.

**Required Action**

Beginning on page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following:

- On page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027;
- On page III-94 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, add the following new Strategy C.2.9, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern with \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027; and
- On page III-98 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern insert the following rider.

\_\_\_\_\_. **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.2.9, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Any unexpended

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

**The University of Texas at Austin**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Bureau of Economic Geology-Project STARR**

**Overview**

The following action appropriates \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 to the Bureau of Economic Geology-Project STARR at The University of Texas at Austin for the State of Texas Advanced Resource Recovery Program.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-94 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>C.2.6. Strategy: BEG: Project</u>	<u>\$4,751,921</u>	<u>\$4,751,921</u>
<u>STARR</u>	<u>\$5,501,921</u>	<u>\$5,501,921</u>

2. On page III-98 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern add the following rider:

**Texas Advanced Resource Recovery Program.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.2.6, BEG: Project STARR, \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 is to be used by The University of Texas at Austin to support the State of Texas Advanced Resource Recovery Program for the Texas Imperative Resource Studies on water systems and drought.

**The University of Texas at Austin  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Marine Science Institute**

**Overview**

The following action amends the existing rider for The University of Texas at Austin’s Marine Science Institute (MSI) to provide state support for the following.

Provides nearly \$0.7 million in Infrastructure Support formula funding for ship and marine space in the same manner the state provides formula support for ship and marine space at Texas A&M University at Galveston. The current funding formulas do not provide support for UT Austin’s ship and marine space.

State support of \$3 million would allow renovation of existing garage space to establish a state-of-the-art instructional facility for a marine machine shop. The instructional space would allow MSI to educate students on the technological and engineering aspects of marine science instrumentation. It will provide students with hands-on experience in designing, building, testing, and analyzing scientific instruments. By fostering innovation and technological development, the marine machine shop will equip students with critical skills, enabling them to drive advancements in marine science and contribute to cutting-edge research.

General Revenue of \$3 million will also allow MSI to develop a new filtration system to handle the seawater outflow from the Center for Coastal Ocean Science. The system will enable researchers to rigorously test the effects of toxins on marine organisms in a controlled and safe environment. Marine organisms are important food sources for coastal communities and those throughout Texas. The advanced filtration system will have the capability to handle EPA-regulated toxins and seawater systems. Positioning Texas to conduct critical marine research to develop strategies to protect marine life and the region’s economic vitality.

Funding of \$5 million would also provide renovations to MSI’s Campus Café. MSI’s existing cafeteria was recently decommissioned due to age and usability. As the oldest building at MSI, a 1950-era converted office, the space is no longer viable. The proposed renovation would accommodate a food vendor to serve students, staff, faculty, and visitors. Space could also serve as a lounge for students gathering and studying. The facility would also be located adjacent to the campus visitor center to accommodate visiting K-12 school groups and the public.

**Required Action**

Beginning on page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following:

- On page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$10,330,735 in fiscal year 2026 and \$330,735 in fiscal year 2027;
- On page III-94 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue amounts in Strategy B.1.1, E&G Space Support, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern by an amount estimated to be \$330,735 in fiscal year 2026 and by an amount estimated to be \$330,735 in fiscal year 2027;
- On page III-94 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue in Strategy C.2.1, Marine Science Institute, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern by an additional \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027; and
- On page III-97 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern amend the following rider.

\_\_\_\_\_. **Marine Science Institute.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.2.1, Marine Science Institute, \$9,429,247 in General Revenue in each fiscal year shall be used for the Marine Science Institute for basic and applied research to support a healthy ecosystem and economy in and along the Texas Gulf Coast and ~~Gulf of Mexico~~ beyond, including fish physiology and ecology, ecosystem



dynamics and biochemistry. Special considerations shall be given to multidisciplinary applied research opportunities leveraging partnerships and resources across UT Austin in areas such as: robotics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science, marine geosciences, policy, and business to solve scientific, technological, policy and economic challenges facing the region to preserve thriving Texas coastal communities. Using appropriated funds, the Marine Science Institute shall solicit feedback from the local community, including the City of Port Aransas, when establishing pertinent applied research themes and outreach activities. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

Also, included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, E&G Space Support, is General Revenue in amount estimated to be \$330,735 in fiscal year 2026 and an amount estimated to be \$330,735 in fiscal year 2027 for ship and marine space. It is the intent of the legislature that state support for ship and marine space at The University of Texas at Austin's Marine Science Institute be supported in the same manner the state provides formula support for ship and marine space at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Additionally, out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Marine Science Institute, \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 is to be used for facility renovations and technology upgrades at The University of Texas at Austin's Marine Science Institute. Any unexpended balances remaining as August 31, 2026, are appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose. In accordance with Article 7, Section 17(j), Texas Constitution, the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for such facilities and that such appropriation may be used for this purpose.

**RIDER REQUEST**

**Member Name:** Rep. Eddie Morales, Jr.

**Affected Agency:** ART. III – The University of Texas at Austin.

**Purpose:**

The following action adds a new rider that directs additional funding to The University of Texas at Austin for the McDonald Observatory.

McDonald Observatory is one of the world’s leading centers for astronomical research, teaching, and public education and outreach. The observatory draws scientists and tourists from around the world who support a vibrant tourism and hospitality sector in the Fort Davis/Alpine/Marfa region. The Frank N. Bash Visitors Center at McDonald Observatory attracts 75,000 visitors annually for star parties, exhibits, and teacher programs.

McDonald Observatory needs one-time funds to refresh, modernize and expand exhibits, facilities, and equipment at the Observatory to provide a world-class experience for all visitors to advance the understanding of astronomy.

**Amount Requested (if applicable):** \$10,000,000

**Method of Finance (if applicable):** Click here to enter text.

**Rider Language:**

Beginning on page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following:

- On page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and by \$0 in fiscal year 2027;
- On page III-94 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in Strategy C.2.4, McDonald Observatory, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern increase strategy allocations by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and by \$0 in fiscal year 2027; and
- On page III-98 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern insert the following rider.

\_\_\_\_\_. **McDonald Observatory and Visitor Center.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.4, McDonald Observatory, is \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 to be used to enhance visitor experiences, facilities, and equipment at the McDonald Observatory. Using appropriated funds, the observatory shall install new exhibits and renovate existing exhibits, leverage technology to create first-class experiences, design in-person and virtual engagements for all ages with special consideration given to students and educators, and update and expand the visitor facilities to improve and enhance visitor experience. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Article 7, Section 18(i), Texas Constitution, the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for renovations to the Frank N. Bash Visitors Center at the McDonald Observatory at The University of Texas at Austin, and that such appropriation may be used for such improvements.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091

The University of Texas at Austin, Article III  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
UTeach Fine Arts  
March 5, 2025

Overview

The following action amends an existing rider and directs additional funding to The University of Texas at Austin. Since the 2012-13 biennium the state has appropriated funds to UT Austin for the partnership between its College of Fine Arts and the Texas Cultural Trust to support curriculum development, training, and grants for teachers in arts education for K-12 schools across the State of Texas.

This partnership has seen increased costs due to inflation, and it has absorbed reductions in state support when across the board cuts have been made to non-formula support item funding. The below motion would provide additional General Revenue for the program and amend the existing rider within UT Austin’s bill pattern.

Additional state support would benefit student teachers and fine arts programming across Texas. It will allow for the doubling of program certified fine arts graduates, additional stipends for students, and increased fine arts programming in K-12 public schools. Additionally, it will provide for research and reporting on the statewide impact of the arts on the economy of Texas.

Required Action

Beginning on page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following:

- 1. On page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$522,809 in fiscal year 2026 and by \$522,809 in fiscal year 2027;
- 2. On page III-94 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in Strategy C.4.2, College of Fine Arts, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern increase strategy allocations by \$522,809 in fiscal year 2026 and by \$522,809 in fiscal year 2027; and
- 3. On page III-97 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern amend the following rider.

\_\_\_\_\_. ~~College of Fine Arts~~ UTeach Fine Arts. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.4.2, ~~College of Fine Arts~~ UTeach Fine Arts, ~~\$477,191~~\$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and ~~\$477,191~~\$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 is for a program to increase arts access and to modernize curriculum and teaching effectiveness in the Fine Arts, especially for schools and communities underperforming in arts education, through the UTeach Fine Arts Initiative, including the initiatives developed by the College of Fine Arts at ~~the~~The University of Texas at Austin in partnership with the Texas Cultural Trust. The program shall include training and placement of well-prepared and well-supported Fine Arts instructors into underserved or low-performing schools, promoting arts integration methods into core subject matter for classroom teachers, and encouragement of college and career preparedness. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

**The University of Texas at Austin**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Bureau of Economic Geology**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/03/2025

**Overview**

The following action would increase funding by \$1,250,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 at The University of Texas at Austin to establish a Seismic-Resistant Infrastructure Pilot Program at the Bureau of Economic Geology.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-94 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.X.X. Seismic Resistant Infrastructure Pgm</u>	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000

2. On page III-98 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Seismic-Resistant Infrastructure Pilot Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X, Seismic Resistant Infrastructure Program, \$1,250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to establish a Seismic-Resistant Infrastructure Pilot Program at the Bureau of Economic Geology. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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**The University of Texas at Austin**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Bureau of Economic Geology**  
**Texas Lithium Resources**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/04/2025

**Overview**

The following action would increase funding by \$1,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2027 and increase the Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) cap by 5.8 FTEs at The University of Texas at Austin for the Bureau of Economic Geology to evaluate lithium resources within the state, focusing on the Smackover region of East Texas.

Lithium resources are viewed as an essential chemical element for new energy storage developments, because of its fundamental function in Lithium-ion batteries. Demand for these resources is expected to increase significantly in the near future supporting projects that rely on electric storage capacity and provide sustainable energy solutions. Research on the geochemistry of Texas subsurface brines shows that there are significant lithium resources and opportunities for resource development for this critical element. The Smackover formation in Arkansas has had a long history of bromine extraction from brines and abundant exploration and analytical data, more recently targeting lithium. Lithium in Texas is relatively underexplored with limited analytical data. The Smackover formation has become a major target for lithium resource exploration and development, where acreage acquisition and drilling has already begun, showing some of the highest lithium concentrations to date

State support will allow the Bureau of Economic Geology to conduct a comprehensive study of lithium resources in the Smackover region of East Texas. The Bureau would use appropriated funds to lead an integrated geologic characterization and build two-dimensional maps and three-dimensional models of the Smackover, and other key formations of interest in the East Texas area. Its evaluation of lithium resources would include: 1) resource estimation; 2) commercial viability of different business models; and 3) policy framework options.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-94 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.X.X. Texas Lithium Resources</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

2. Add the following Full-Time Equivalents within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern on page III-94 of House Bill 1 – Introduced

	2026	2027
Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	<u>5.8</u>	<u>5.8</u>

3. On page III-98 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Texas Lithium Resources.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X., Texas Lithium Resources, \$1,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used by the Bureau of Economic Geology to evaluate lithium resources in Texas. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**The University of Texas at Austin, Article III**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Texas PharmCare**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs additional funding to The University of Texas at Austin for Texas PharmCare.

**Required Action**

Beginning on page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following:

- On page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027;
- On page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, add the following new Strategy C.3.5, Texas PharmCare, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern with \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027; and
- On page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern insert the following rider.

\_\_\_\_\_. **Texas PharmCare.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.5, Texas PharmCare, \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 is to be used for the Texas PharmCare Program. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

**The University of Texas at Austin, Article III**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Pharmacy Program Funding**

**Overview**

The State of Texas provides formula support to institutions of higher education that operate pharmacy programs differently throughout the General Appropriations Act. Pharmacy programs at certain institutions are supported through the health related institution formulas while formula support to other institutions is allocated through the formulas for the general academic institutions. The pharmacy program at The University of Texas at Austin is one of the top ranked pharmacy programs in the nation. While the program is co-located at a health related institution, the program generates less in state support than other pharmacy programs producing the same degrees but supported through the HRI formulas. Additionally, the pharmacy program at UT Austin is the only pharmacy program funded through the general academic formulas that does not receive non-formula support item funding.

The below action would amend UT Austin’s bill pattern to provide formula support for UT Austin’s pharmacy program in equal amounts to pharmacy programs supported through the Health Related Institution Instruction and Operations Formula while not expanding reliance on non-formula support item funding.

**Required Action**

Beginning on page III-98 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern add the following:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Pharmacy Program Funding.** Pharmacy program funding at The University of Texas at Austin, a pharmacy program delivered at a General Academic Institution co-located with a Health Related Institution shall be funded in an amount equal to the Health Related Institution Instruction and Operations Formula as specified in Sec. 27 (1), Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education. In addition to amounts appropriated above, The University of Texas at Austin is appropriated an amount estimated to be \$2,500,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and an amount estimated to be \$2,500,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 to provide for formula support of the institution’s pharmacy program.

**The University of Texas at Austin**  
**Proposed Contingency Rider**  
**Prepared by LBB, 3/3/2025**

**Overview**

The following contingency rider appropriates \$1,250,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to The University of Texas at Austin contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature relating to the establishment of the Seismic-Resistant Infrastructure Pilot Program at the Bureau of Economic Geology.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page 98 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for House Bill XXXX.** Contingent on the enactment of House Bill XXXX, or similar legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature relating to the establishment of the Seismic-Resistant Infrastructure Pilot Program at the Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas at Austin is appropriated \$1,250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 from 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.



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**University of Texas at Dallas**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Center for Advanced Pain Studies**

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**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern and appropriates \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 for the Center for Advanced Pain Studies.

*Joni Rose*

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-98 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.2.X. Center for Advanced Pain Studies</u>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

2. On page III-100 of House Bill 1- Introduced, within The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Center for Advanced Pain Studies.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.X, Center for Advanced Pain Studies, \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Center for Advanced Pain Studies. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026

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 **University of Texas at Dallas**

**Funding and Rider**

**Fentanyl Detection Initiative**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern and appropriates \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 for the Fentanyl Detection Initiative.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-98 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.2.X. Fentanyl Detection Initiative</u>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

2. On page III-100 of House Bill 1- Introduced, within The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Fentanyl Detection Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.X, Fentanyl Detection Initiative, \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Fentanyl Detection Initiative. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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**University of Texas at Dallas**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Callier Mobile Audiology Clinic**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern and appropriates \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 for the Callier Mobile Audiology Clinic.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-98 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.2.X. Callier Mobile Audiology Clinic</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

2. On page III-100 of House Bill 1- Introduced, within The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Callier Mobile Audiology Clinic.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.X. Callier Mobile Audiology Clinic, \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Callier Mobile Audiology Clinic. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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**University of Texas at Dallas**

**Funding and Rider**

**Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Innovations**

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**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern and appropriates \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 for the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Innovations.

Joni Rose

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-98 of House Bill 1 - Introduced, within The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.2.X. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Innovations</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

2. On page III-100 of House Bill 1- Introduced, within The University of Texas at Dallas's bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Innovations.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.X, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Innovations, \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Innovations. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026

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**The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Starr County Upper-Level Center**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/03/2025

**Overview**

The following action would increase funding by \$145,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$145,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2027 at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley to support the Starr County Upper-Level Center.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-104 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2026	2027
C.1.2. Starr County Upper-Level Center	<del>\$27,615</del>	<del>\$27,615</del>
	<u>\$172,615</u>	<u>\$172,615</u>

2. On page III-105 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Starr County Upper-Level Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Starr County Upper-Level Center, \$172,615 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$172,615 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Starr County Upper-Level Center. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Article III**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Collaborative Law School Program**  
**February 26, 2025**

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue funding for The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley by \$4.0 million over the biennium beginning in fiscal year 2026 and add a rider directing the use of this appropriation to fund a collaborative Law School Program between The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and an existing Texas Law School to be established in the Rio Grande Valley.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-104 of House Bill 1 - Introduced within The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<b><u>C.2.8. Strategy: Law School Collaboration</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,000,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,000,000.00</u></b>

2. On page III-105 Introduced within The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Law School Collaboration.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Strategy C.2.8. Law School Collaboration, \$2,000,000.00 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and 2027 shall be used to collaborate the establishment of a school of law between The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and an existing Texas Law School to be established in the Rio Grande Valley.

**The University of Texas Permian Basin**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**STEM Education Center**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to The University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern and appropriates \$14,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 and \$14,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 to establish a STEM Education Center.

The University of Texas Permian Basin STEM Education Center will house key STEM programs under one organizational structure. This includes: UT Permian Basin charter school partnerships with STEM-focused curriculum, STEM teacher professional development for all pre-service and in-services teachers within the Permian Basin, UTPB UTeach Program preparing future STEM educators, and more.

The STEM Education Center will be the key ingredient to enhancing STEM education in the Permian Basin by addressing both the shortage of qualified STEM educators and the need for the future STEM workforce. The STEM Education Center will provide training, resources, and pipelines for educators and students in the region.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-XX within the University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.1.X Strategy: STEM Education Center</u>	<u>\$14,000,000</u>	<u>\$14,000,000</u>

2. On page III-XX University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **STEM Education Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.X, \$14,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$14,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to establish the STEM Education Center. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. In accordance with Article 7, Section 18(i), Texas Constitution, the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purpose of establishing the STEM Education Center. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 18(i), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

**The University of Texas Permian Basin**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Workforce Education Center**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to The University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern and appropriates \$1,520,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,155,000 in fiscal year 2027 and increases the Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) cap by 4.0 FTEs to establish the Workforce Education Center.

The creation of a workforce education center that focuses on providing credentials in key areas will support student and employer needs by increasing competency and providing in-demand micro-credentials. The funds will also support analyses to identify workforce gaps in the region and provide these analyses to educational leaders and workforce entities to develop strategic plans to close the gaps.

In Texas there are 2.6 million individuals with some college but no credential. Recent economic reports show that over the next 20 years, the Permian Basin will require an additional 190,000 workers with 38,000 of those requiring at least a bachelor's degree.

The Center will create a more flexible approach to skills development and credentialing, including offering stackable credentials where credits from skills awards count toward higher level credentials such as degrees. Benefits include improved alignment between education and industry needs, increased workforce competitiveness, and economic growth. UT Permian Basin students will have multiple opportunities to obtain a credential that they can present to employers verifying that they have certain knowledge and skills, adding additional value to their degree.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-XX within the University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.1.X. Strategy: Workforce Education Center</u>	<u>\$1,520,000</u>	<u>\$1,155,000</u>

2. On Page III-XX add the following Full-Time Equivalents within the University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern:

	2026	2027
Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	<u>4.0</u>	<u>4.0</u>

3. On page III-XX within the University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Workforce Education Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.X, Workforce Education Center, \$1,520,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,155,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to establish the Workforce Education Center. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



**The University of Texas Permian Basin**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Academic Excellence**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to The University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern and appropriates \$4,029,301 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,029,301 in fiscal year 2027 to continue the University’s academic excellence.

These funds will be utilized to maintain and enhance critical student support programs, including Student Services and Institutional Technology Support, which help students succeed and thrive academically. By investing these resources, UT Permian Basin can continue preparing a skilled workforce to meet the region’s evolving needs.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-XX within the University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.1.X. Strategy: Academic Excellence</u>	<u>\$4,029,301</u>	<u>\$4,029,301</u>

2. On page III-XX of the University of Texas Permian Basin’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Academic Excellence.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.X, Academic Excellence, \$4,029,301 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,029,301 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to maintain and enhance student support programs. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**University of Texas at San Antonio, Article III**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Measuring Budgetary Impacts of Population Growth**  
**March 4, 2025**

**Background and Overview**

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the 2020 Census undercounted Texas by more than 550,000 individuals, potentially costing the state approximately \$25B in lost federal funding. Accurate population data is essential to securing Texas’s full share of federal resources and enabling municipalities to distribute funds effectively. Strengthening data-gathering strategies will help ensure the state receives the funding needed for infrastructure, broadband, healthcare, and other critical public services.

To ensure Texas fully realizes its share of federal funding for critical state-administered programs, a study is needed to identify barriers that contribute to population inaccuracies and census undercounts. This research will help determine whether these challenges vary by region and inform the development of targeted strategies to improve data accuracy ahead of the 2030 Census

Add a rider to the University of Texas at San Antonio’s bill pattern to direct the Texas Demographic Center to use funds appropriated to conduct research and collaborate with state and local agencies to develop a comprehensive report. The report will outline the necessary actions and funding required to enhance processes and mechanisms for improving the accuracy of population data from census participation. This information will support data-driven decision-making and policy improvements and will help Texas ensure we receive the appropriate amount of federal funding.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-109 of the University of Texas at San Antonio’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Measuring Budgetary Impacts of Population Growth.** Included in the amounts appropriated above include \$7,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.4.1., Texas Demographic Center. TDC shall study and report on the population growth, budgetary impacts of that growth, and how the decennial census impacts the state’s budget over a ten-year period. To conduct this study, TDC shall coordinate with relevant state and local agencies for data collection and other necessary information. TDC shall contract with a third party, and the third party must be up-to-date with Texas census data, to assist in the completion of this report. TDC will evaluate any negative impacts of low response numbers and make recommendations to improve census data in Texas.

*Texas A&M University*  
*Article III*  
**Citizenship and Service Initiative**

**Overview**

The following action adds \$5,000,000 in General Revenue over the biennium with \$2,500,000 allocated in each fiscal year to Texas A&M University to establish the Citizenship and Service initiative. This initiative will intentionally engage every student on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship with the goal of preparing every Aggie to strengthen American civic society.

The Citizenship and Service initiative will leverage not only existing academic and engagement programs but create new programs and opportunities to teach Texas A&M students and the K-12 pipeline about civic learning, democratic engagement, constitutional history and democracy, critical thinking skills and leadership. This multi-faceted approach will be based upon four pillars: knowledge, skills, values, and the practice of public service.

**Required Actions**

1. On page III-116 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M University, add \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to the new Strategy: C.3.2 Citizenship and Service.
2. On page III-117 of the Texas A&M University bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Citizenship and Service Initiative.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.2, Citizenship and Service, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Citizenship and Service initiative at Texas A&M University to ensure students learn to intentionally engage with the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and democracy. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the institution for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**Texas A&M University**  
**Proposed Contingency Rider**  
**Institute for Chronic Wasting Disease Research**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/2025

**Overview**

The following rider appropriates \$X out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$X out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to Texas A&M University contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature relating to the creation of the Institute for Chronic Wasting Disease Research.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-117 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M University bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for House Bill 269.** Contingent on the enactment of House Bill 269, or similar legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature related to the creation of the Institute for Chronic Wasting Disease Research, Texas A&M University is appropriated \$X out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$X 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.

***Texas A&M University at Galveston***  
***Article III***  
**Maritime Academy**

**Overview**

The following action adds \$16,000,000 in General Revenue over the biennium with \$8,000,000 allocated in each fiscal year to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Maritime Academy to help support operational costs associated with the federally required three semesters aboard a training ship and upgrade training equipment. This funding will help the Maritime Academy recruit and retain students to stay in Texas for their education and careers to meet critical Texas workforce needs.

Texas port activity generates \$714 billion in total economic value for the state. This economic impact represents 28% of the GDP of Texas. During the last legislative session, the Texas Legislature approved historic funding to support Texas ports infrastructure and connectivity projects. Now Texas must ensure the maritime industry has the workforce it needs.

Texas A&M University at Galveston is a special-purpose marine & maritime institution that focuses on the “Blue Economy” of our ports, sea-going transportation, oceans, fisheries, and coastlines. One of only 6 institutions in the country producing graduates with a university degree and an unlimited US Coast Guard license who can serve as officers on commercial ships, The Texas A&M University at Galveston Maritime Academy is the only such program in the southern United States with the next closest being New York.

**Required Actions**

1. On page III-118 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for the Texas A&M University at Galveston add \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to the new Strategy: C.3.1. Maritime Academy, under the new Objective: C.3 Instructional Support.
2. On page III-119 of the Texas A&M University at Galveston bill pattern, add the following new rider:  
  
\_\_\_\_. **Maritime Academy.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.1, Maritime Academy, \$8,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support academy operational costs and upgrading training equipment for the purpose of recruiting, training and retaining students. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the institution for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston,  
Article III**

**Proposed Funding and Rider**

**McAllen Cervical Dysplasia and Cancer Stop Clinic**

March 6, 2025

**Overview**

The University of Texas Medical Branch's Regional Women's Services and Pediatrics clinic in McAllen provides critical preventative and diagnostic care, such as breast and cervical cancer screening to women in the Rio Grande Valley.

UTMB has historically been appropriated funds to support the operation of the clinic and uncompensated care. The funding to support the clinic was reduced during the 87th session and has not been adjusted to account for increased costs.

This rider request increases funding for McAllen clinic by \$2,523,124.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-194 of The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston bill pattern:  
  
**10. Health Care Services.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.7, Health System Operations, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston shall use at least ~~\$676,876~~ \$3,200,000 in General Revenue for the 2026-27 biennium to operate and provide uncompensated care at the Cervical Dysplasia and Cancer Stop Clinic in McAllen.
2. Increase Strategy A.1.7, Health System Operations by \$2,523,124 and adjust mission specific rate accordingly.

**Tarleton State University**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**College of Osteopathic Medicine**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider and \$12,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$12,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to Tarleton State University to establish a College of Osteopathic Medicine to address Texas’s critical primary care shortage, especially in its vast, underserved rural areas.

With 80% of counties lacking sufficient healthcare providers and Texas ranking 47<sup>th</sup> in access, Tarleton will train future physicians specifically prepared for rural practice. A focus on osteopathic medicine, emphasizing prevention, holistic care, and musculoskeletal manipulation, aligns perfectly with rural needs. Strong partnerships with clinics and hospitals will ensure a high-quality program, and Tarleton’s existing healthcare programs and the Legislature’s past investments demonstrate a commitment and readiness to tackle this critical challenge.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-123 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within Tarleton State University’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.X.X. College of Osteopathic Medicine</u>	<u>\$12,500,000</u>	<u>\$12,500,000</u>

2. On page III-125 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within Tarleton State University’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **College of Osteopathic Medicine.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X, College of Osteopathic Medicine, \$12,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$12,500, 000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to establish the Tarleton State College of Osteopathic Medicine. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

*Texas A&M University- Central Texas*  
*Article III*  
*Military Talent Pipeline*

**Overview**

The following action adds \$4,500,000 in General Revenue over the biennium with \$2,250,000 allocated in each fiscal year to Texas A&M University- Central Texas to retain the large number of military veterans and their families transitioning from active duty to the civilian workforce who can support the needs of Central Texas in high demand areas: semiconductor technology, cybersecurity, data analytics, STEM educator, and criminal justice. While open to all qualified students in the region, these new programs will be designed to accelerate career paths for veterans by providing rapid completion of each certification or degree program and will include the integration of both experiential and competency-based instruction to provide alternative pathways into the workforce.

Each month 800-1,000 soldiers transition from active duty to civilian careers at Fort Cavazos, and it is imperative to capitalize on the skills these men and women have for the workforce needs of both the region and State overall. As the Central Texas region continues to grow and foster new industry, it is imperative that the workforce is prepared to meet these growing needs. This funding request will be leveraged with investments from federal dollars (\$2.5 million grant), industry dollars (\$1.8 million in equipment), and community college partnerships.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-128 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M- Central Texas add \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to the new Strategy: C.1.4. Military Talent Pipeline.
2. On page III-129 of Texas A&M University- Central Texas' bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Military Talent Pipeline.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.4., Military Talent Pipeline, \$2,250,000 from the General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,250,000 from the General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support programs designed to accelerate career paths for transitioning soldiers and their families, through rapid completion of certification or degrees, in order to meet the growing demand for a highly skilled workforce in Central Texas. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the institution for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



**Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, Art. III**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Multi-Purpose Community Events Center**

**Overview**

The following action adds \$70,000,000 in General Revenue to a new strategy, C.X.X. Multi-Purpose Community Events Center, in the Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi bill pattern for the construction of a multi-purpose community events center. This project is with the support of the City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation, and the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau. Funding would be to construct a new 125,000 square foot, 3,500 seat, multi-purpose venue to support economic development, bolster tourism and quality of place, provide increased emergency management support to the Coastal Bend, and strengthen educational opportunities. The venue will be located on land provided by Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi.

**Required Action**

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

	2026	2027
C.X.X. Multi-Purpose Community Events Center	<u>\$70,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

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

\_\_\_\_. **Multi-Purpose Community Events Center.** Included in amounts appropriate above in Strategy C.X.X., Multi-Purpose Community Events Center, is \$70,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the construction of a multipurpose community events center. In accordance with Special Provisions Relating Only to Institutions of Higher Education Section 6(8)(a) and (b), it is the intent of the legislature that this funding should be used for the Multi-Purpose Community Events Center.

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

***Texas A&M University San Antonio, Article III***  
Restoration of Institutional Enhancement

**Overview**

The following action adds funding in the amount of \$6,019,276 in General Revenue over the biennium with \$3,009,638 allocated in each fiscal year to Texas A&M University San Antonio. This request would restore Institutional Enhancement Funds. These funds flow directed to classroom instruction, and student support services and are used exclusively for improving our students' experience at our institution and preparing them for the workforce. Restoration will allow us to continue to meet workforce needs in fields essential to the region and State, such as cybersecurity, computer science, pre-health and education. This restoration will re-instate potential cuts to course offerings, allowing for students to take the courses needed for graduation and providing for a timely time to degree.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-132 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for the Texas A&M University – San Antonio add \$3,009,638 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,009,638 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to the new Strategy C.2.1. Institutional Enhancement.
2. On page III-135 of the Texas A&M University San Antonio bill pattern, add the following new rider:

      . **Institutional Enhancement.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1., Futureproofing the Greater Bexar County Workforce, \$3,009,638 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,009,638 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to provide students' academic courses and student support services. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the institution for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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***Texas A&M International University, Article III***  
**Civil Engineering and Computer Science: Addressing Texas' Transportation  
Infrastructure**

**Overview**

The following action adds funding in the amount of \$6,000,000 in General Revenue over the biennium with \$3,000,000 allocated in each fiscal year to Texas A&M International University. This request would capitalize on the university's location in Laredo. As the number one port of entry for international trade, Laredo has critical workforce needs in international trade. This request will create new programs in logistics and transportation-focused Civil Engineering and Computer Science to address a growing shortage in the workforce to support the increasing demand for automation of Texas' critical transportation infrastructure. This effort will focus on A.I. and advanced technologies in trade, logistics, border infrastructure and border safety.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-134 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for the Texas A&M International University add \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to the new Strategy C.1.5. Civil Engineering and Computer Science.
2. On page III-135 of the Texas A&M International University bill pattern, add the following new rider:

**. Workforce Development Addressing Texas Transportation Infrastructure.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.5., Civil Engineering and Computer Science, \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to develop programs to support workforce needs related to international trade and Texas transportation infrastructure. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the institution for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**University of Houston**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Tatcho Mindiola Endowment and Center for Mexican American and Latino Studies**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to the University of Houston’s bill pattern and appropriates \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 to support the renovation of the University of Houston College of Technology Building for the purpose of locating the Center for Mexican American and Latino Studies, which would be renamed the Tatcho Mindiola Center for Mexican American and Latino Studies.

Additionally, this action adds a new strategy and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 in General Revenue to support the establishment of the Tatcho Mindiola Endowment to support the Academic Achievers Program. This program was established in 1994 and is focused on student retainment and graduation. New funding would support scholarships in the amount of \$4,000 per year for 4 years, as well as staffing and operations of the program. Finally, a portion of this funding would also be leveraged to incentivize philanthropic funding of the Academic Achievers Program.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-144 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Houston’s bill pattern, add the following two new strategies:

	2026	2027
<u>B.1.X. Tatcho Mindiola Center Renovation</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>
<u>C.1.X. Tatcho Mindiola Center</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>
  
2. On page III-146 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Houston’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

- \_\_\_\_\_ .     **Tatcho Mindiola Center for Mexican American and Latino Studies.**
- a) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.X, Tatcho Mindiola Center Renovation, to the University of Houston, is \$7,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to renovate the Center for Mexican American and Latino Studies. This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with the Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 17(j), the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for facilities at the University of Houston and that such appropriation may be used for construction of such facilities.
  
  - b) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.X, Tatcho Mindiola Center, to the University of Houston, is \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to support establishment of the Tatcho Mindiola Endowment to support the Academic Achievers Program.
  
  - c) Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**University of Houston**  
**Proposed Contingency Rider**  
**PFAs Study Contingency**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/6/2025

**Overview**

The following rider requires the University of Houston to conduct a study contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature relating to relating to a study regarding the effects of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals on public health.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page 146 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the University of Houston bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for House Bill 1730.** Contingent on the enactment of House Bill 1730, or similar legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature related to a study regarding the effects of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals on public health, the University of Houston shall use funds appropriated above to conduct a study in collaboration with the Railroad Commission of Texas and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on the effects of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals on public health.

The study shall include the assessment of the health impact of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals found in:

- (1) Produce, meat, and other food and beverage products, including their packaging;
- (2) Groundwater, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and other water sources used to supply the public with drinking water; and
- (3) Equipment or materials that:
  - a. Likely contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals; and
  - b. Regularly come into contact with professionals, including firefighters and manufacturing workers.

The University of Houston shall prepare a report with the conclusions of the study and submit the report to the Legislature not later than December 1, 2026.

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Entrepreneurship Expansion and Workforce Innovation**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/04/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to Stephen F. Austin State University’s (SFA) bill pattern and appropriates \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 for entrepreneurship expansion and workforce innovation. The funding would support the following the Purple Strategic Pathways for Investment in Knowledge and Entrepreneurial Succession (SPIKES), an undergraduate program to provide SFA students with skills and mentorship to acquire and lead local businesses and an alumni program to connect SFA and The University of Texas System Alumni with regional business acquisition opportunities.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-112 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.X.X. Entrepreneurship Expansion</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,500,000</u>

2. On page III-114 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Entrepreneurship Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X. Entrepreneurship Expansion, \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for entrepreneurship expansion and workforce innovation. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Campus Capital Renewal and Modernization**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/04/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new Strategy to Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern and appropriates \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 to modernize infrastructure and facilities for academic teaching, research, and service.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-112 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.X.X. Campus Capital Renewal</u>	<u>\$150,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

2. On page III-114 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Campus Capital Renewal and Modernization.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X, Campus Capital Renewal, \$150,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used to modernize infrastructure and facilities for academic teaching, research, and service. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 18(i), the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need to modernize infrastructure and facilities for academic teaching, research, and service at Stephen F. Austin State University, and that such appropriation may be used for such improvements.

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Institutional Enhancement**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/04/2025

**Overview**

The following action restores Institutional Enhancement funding to Stephen F. Austin State University by appropriating \$3,028,794 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,028,794 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027.

**Required Actions:**

- 1. On page III-112 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2026	2027
C.4.1. Institutional Enhancement	\$13,000	\$13,000
	<u>\$3,041,794</u>	<u>\$3,041,794</u>



**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Nursing Workforce Initiative**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/04/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern and appropriates \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 to establish a comprehensive infrastructure to support undergraduate and graduate nursing programs.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-112 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.X.X Nursing Workforce Initiative</u>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

2. On page III-114 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Nursing Workforce Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X, Nursing Workforce Initiative, \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to establish a comprehensive infrastructure to support undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Engineering Technology**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/04/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new Strategy to Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern and appropriates \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 to establish a comprehensive Bachelor of Science degree in engineering technology with specialized tracks in power generation and manufacturing.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-112 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.X.X. Engineering Technology</u>	<u>\$6,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

2. On page III-114 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Stephen F. Austin State University’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Engineering Technology.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X. Engineering Technology, \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to establish a comprehensive Bachelor of Science degree in engineering technology with specialized tracks in power generation and manufacturing. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By \_\_\_\_\_ J.Jones \_\_\_\_\_

*Texas Southern University, Article III*

**E.1.2. Strategy: RESEARCH FOCUSED ON MATERNAL MORTALITY OF  
BLACK WOMEN AND INFANTS**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$6,000,000 in FY2026 and \$6,000,000 in FY2027 for E.1.2. Strategy: MATERNAL MORTALITY OF BLACK WOMEN & INFANTS. Funding for the Maternal Mortality of Black Women & Infants will facilitate research into this public health crisis.

**Required Action**

On page X-XXX of Texas Southern University's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$6,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2026 and \$6,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2027 in Strategy E.1.2.

It is the Texas Legislature's intent for Texas Southern University's Research program to receive an appropriation for the fiscal year 2026 and the fiscal year 2027 for the expressed purpose of doing research focused on the maternal mortality of Black women and the infant mortality of Black infants. Additionally, out of the funds appropriated above, Texas Southern University will provide a detailed report in its biennial legislative appropriations request outlining the specific expenditures of the funds appropriated above and the progress of the research and how the institution will expend future appropriated funds in the next biennium.

**Texas Southern University, Article 3**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Accreditation Continuation – Pharmacy**  
**March 6, 2025**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$2,000,000 in FY2026 and \$2,000,000 in FY2027 for C.1.3 Strategy, Accreditation – Pharmacy. Funding for the pharmacy program will facilitate the continued accreditation of the PharmD program, increase the level of student success by preparing PharmD students to pass their professional licensure exam on their first attempt, and ensure increasing levels of professionalism as pharmacists.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-160 of Texas Southern University's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$2,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2027 in Strategy C.1.3. ACCREDITATION – PHARMACY Accreditation Continuation – Pharmacy, for the pharmacy program to facilitate the continued accreditation of the PharmD program, increase the level of student success by preparing PharmD students to pass their professional licensure exam on their first attempt, and ensure increasing levels of professionalism as pharmacists.

It is the Texas Legislature's intent for the Texas Southern University's PharmD program to receive an appropriation for the fiscal year 2026 and the fiscal year 2027 for the expressed purpose of ensuring that the institution's PharmD program maintains its accreditation, positions its PharmD students to pass their professional licensure exam on their first attempt, and that PharmD graduates pursue the practice of pharmacy with a high level of professionalism. Out of the funds appropriated above, Texas Southern University's PharmD program will assess and evaluate its curriculum continuously to maintain alignment with the assessment objectives of the PharmD professional licensure exam, maintain PharmD student access to the updated pre-examination software for professional licensure exam preparation, modernize its clinical labs, enhance the program's faculty, and pursue an effective program student recruitment strategy. Additionally, out of the funds appropriated above, Texas Southern University will provide a detailed report in its biennial legislative appropriations request outlining the specific expenditures of the funds appropriated above and the performance of the program's students on the professional licensure exam and how the institution will expend future appropriated funds in the next biennium.

**Texas Southern University**  
**Proposed Contingency Rider**  
**Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network Contingency**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/2025

**Overview**

The following rider transfers \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and appropriates an additional \$1,975,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,975,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to Texas Southern University contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature relating to the first responder peer network support program.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page V-43 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement’s bill pattern, amend the following strategy:

	2026	2027
B.1.2. Technical Assistance	<del>\$3,907,949</del> <u>\$2,707,949</u>	<del>\$3,907,949</del> <u>\$2,707,949</u>

2. On page V-45 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement’s bill pattern, amend the following rider:

9. ~~**Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Technical Assistance, is \$1,200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to establish a mental health peer network for law enforcement officers. Additionally, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement is authorized to contract with an institution of higher education with mental health or police training expertise.~~

3. On page III-158 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within Texas Southern University’s bill pattern, add the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
C.2.X. Texas First Responder Peer Network	<u>\$3,175,000</u>	<u>\$3,175,000</u>

4. On page III-160 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within Texas Southern University’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for House Bill XX.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill XX, or similar legislation relating to a first responder peer support network, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, Texas Southern University is appropriated in C.2.X, Texas First Responder Peer Network, \$3,175,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,175,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 to implement the provisions of the legislation. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

*Texas Southern University, Article 3*  
**C.1.5. Strategy: AI EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$3,283,890 in FY2026 and \$3,283,890 in FY2027 for C.1.5 Strategy: AI EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION. Funding for the program will facilitate ENHANCES IN OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES IN STUDENT RECRUITMENT, ADMISSIONS, PROGRESSION AND SUCCESSFUL GRADUATION.

**Required Action**

On page X-XXX of Texas Southern University’s bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$3,283,890 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2026 and \$3,283,890 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2027 in Strategy C.1.3. AI EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION to facilitate enhances in operational efficiencies in student recruitment, admissions, progressions and successful graduation.

It is the Texas Legislature’s intent for the Texas Southern University’s Artificial intelligence excellence in education program to receive an appropriation for the fiscal year 2026 and the fiscal year 2027 for the expressed purpose of ensuring that the program will facilitate enhances in operational efficiencies in student recruitment, admissions, progression and ensure successful graduation. Out of the funds appropriated above, Texas Southern University’s AI Excellence in Education program will assess and evaluate its curriculum continuously to maintain and promote student success, enhance the program’s faculty, and pursue an effective program student recruitment strategy. Additionally, out of the funds appropriated above, Texas Southern University will provide a detailed report in its biennial legislative appropriations request outlining the specific expenditures of the funds appropriated above.

**Texas Southern University**  
**Contingency Rider**  
**Thurgood Marshall School of Law Reporting Contingency**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs Texas Southern University to develop a plan for the ongoing operations of the current and newly-constructed law school and submit the plan in writing to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Texas Senate Committee on Education and the Chair of House Higher Education. The rider is contingent upon adoption of funding for the Texas Facilities Commission in an amount estimated to be \$131,000,000 in General Revenue to support the construction of a new law school for Texas Southern University.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-160 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Southern University’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Renovation and Construction.** Contingent on funding appropriated to the Texas Facilities Commission to support the construction and renovation of facilities for the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law and out of those appropriated funds, Texas Southern University shall develop a plan for the ongoing operations of the current and newly-constructed law school and submit the plan in writing, not later than August 31, 2026 to the Legislative Budget Board, the Chair of the Texas Senate Committee on Education, and the Chair of House Higher Education.

The plan shall:

- a. Indicate a long-term plan in writing for the most efficient use of allocated resources to improve and renovate the educational facilities; and
- b. Provide facility coordination assessments and deferred maintenance reports for each of the relevant Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law facilities.

**Texas Tech University**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Demonstration Reactor**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to Texas Tech University’s bill pattern and appropriates \$115,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 to support the development of the Natura MSR-1 demonstration reactor and appropriates \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 to the existing Texas Produced Water Consortium nonformula support strategy to support research relating to the use of a molten salt reactor in the desalination of produced water in the Permian Basin.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-162 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.2.X. Demonstration Reactor</u>	<u>\$115,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

2. On page III-162 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds to the following strategy:

	2026	2027
C.2.4. TX Produced Water Consortium	<del>\$2,500,000</del>	<del>\$2,500,000</del>
	<u>\$7,500,000</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>

3. On page III-163 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Demonstration Reactor.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.X, Demonstration Reactor, to Texas Tech University, is \$115,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the design, construction permitting, operation licensing, and construction of the Natura MSR-1 demonstration reactor. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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

4. On page III-163 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University bill pattern, amend the following rider:

**Produced Water Consortium.** Included in amounts above in Strategy C.2.4, TX Produced Water Consortium, ~~\$2,500,000~~ \$7,500,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium are appropriated to Texas Tech University to support the Texas Produced Water Consortium. Included in this amount is \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to support Texas Tech University and the Texas Produced Water Consortium to conduct research relating to the use of a molten salt reactor in the desalination of produced water in the Permian Basin. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



**Texas Tech University**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Spay/Neuter Pilot Program**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/24/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to Texas Tech University’s bill pattern and appropriates \$2,012,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,274,000 in fiscal year 2027 for a spay and neuter pilot program to assist local governments and charitable organizations in the sterilization of dog and cats and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for renovation costs, equipment, and/or supplies for a surgery center to implement the spay and neuter program.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-162 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.3.X. Spay/Neuter Pilot Program</u>	<u>\$7,012,000</u>	<u>\$2,274,000</u>

2. On page III-163 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Tech University’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Texas Tech University Veterinary School of Medicine Spay/Neuter Surgery Center Pilot Program.**

- a) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.X, Spay/Neuter Pilot Program, to Texas Tech University, is \$2,012,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,274,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to conduct a spay a neuter pilot program to assist local governments and charitable organizations in the sterilization of dogs and cats.
- b) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.X, Spray/Neuter Pilot Program, to Texas Tech University, is \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for renovation costs, equipment, and/pr supplies for a surgery center to implement the spay and neuter program. This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with the Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 17(j), the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for these facilities at Texas Tech University and that such appropriation may be used for construction of such facilities. In the event that this Act does not pass by a two-thirds majority in each house, the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.X, Spay/Neuter Pilot Program, are solely for operations related to the Spay/Neuter Pilot Program.
- c) Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**Lamar State College – Orange  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Polk County Adult Post-Secondary Vocational Education**

**Overview**

The following actions increases funding and adds a new rider at Lamar State College – Orange to provide technical training programs in Polk County for adult students seeking post-secondary vocational educational opportunities focusing on high-wage, high-demand careers in Polk County and the surrounding area.

**Required Action**

Beginning on page III-176 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of Lamar State College – Orange’s bill pattern, add the following:

- On page III-176 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to Lamar State College – Orange by \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027;
- On page III-177 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue Appropriations to Strategy A.1.2, Vocational/Technical Education by \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027; and
- On page III-179 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in the Lamar State College’s bill pattern insert the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Polk County Adult Post-Secondary Vocational Education. Inculded in amounts appropriated above Strategy A.1.2, Vocational/Technical Education, from the General Revenue Fund is \$750,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support technical training programs in Polk County for adult students seeking post-secondary vocational educational opportunities focusing on high-wage, high-demand careers in Polk County and the surrounding area. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.**

**The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Old Red Medical Museum**

**Overview**

For more than a century, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) has been the steward of a national architectural treasure, the Ashbel Smith Building, known as “Old Red.” Designed by Nicholas J. Clayton and completed in 1890, this red brick and sandstone landmark is the only structure in the country that once housed a complete medical school. When Hurricane Ike hit Galveston in September 2008, the top floor of “Old Red” still served as UTMB’s gross anatomy laboratory. Because medical school classes have become too large for the space, the lab relocated permanently while university administrations and restoration specialists went about repairing damage done by Hurricane Ike. The appropriations request would enable UTMB to build out Old Red to showcase their extensive collection of historical anatomical and pathological wet and dry specimens, some of which date back to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and represent diseases that have since been conquered. The additional appropriations would build out the Old Red Medical Museum into a world class medical museum, highlighting the work of UTMB and the investment into the University by the State.

**Required Action**

On page III-193 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston’s bill pattern, add the following:

- On page III-191 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston by \$16,000,000 in fiscal year 2026;
- On page III-192 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in Strategy D.2.1., Institutional Enhancement, in The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston’s bill pattern, increase strategy allocations by \$16,000,000 in fiscal year 2026; and
- On page III-195 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Old Red Medical Museum.** From amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.2.1, Institutional Enhancement, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston shall use \$16,000,000 in General Revenue for the 2026-2027 biennium to develop the Old Red Medical Museum.

## **RIDER REQUEST**

**Member Name:** Representative Dennis Paul

**Affected Agency:** The University of Texas Medical Branch

**Purpose:** The 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature established a Health Systems Operation formula for funding UTMB to support its mission of providing high quality health care and operating hospitals for the Galveston and League City campuses.

This Health System Operations formula is based on the total number of patient encounters for trauma, primary care, diabetes, heart, psychiatry, and telemedicine services. These categories were selected based on the need for Texas and the Greater Houston area – primary, chronic, and psychiatry care access, along with support for UTMB’s Level 1 trauma center.

The per patient encounter rate has decreased since its creation in the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Restoring the rate up to the I&O governor would enhance innovation and care for Texas families in our region.

**Amount Requested (if applicable):** \$23,515,458

**Method of Finance (if applicable):** Click here to enter text.

### **Rider Language:**

On page III-192 of UTMB Galveston’s bill pattern:

A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

A.1.7. Strategy: HEALTH SYSTEM OPERATIONS

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## **RIDER REQUEST**

**Member Name:** Representative Dennis Paul

**Affected Agency:** The University of Texas Medical Branch

**Purpose:** State-owned hospitals, such as UTMB, provided services to persons with Medicaid or who are uninsured, and the institution may be eligible for federal funds for uncompensated care through the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) or the Uncompensated Care (UC) programs. When HHSC applies for and draws the Federal Funds for the hospitals through these programs, HHSC deposits to the treasury the equivalent amount of funding to be used as General Revenue. As a result of this “general revenue sweep,” UTMB receives no net benefit from these funds.

HHSC is requesting in Article II to modify this “general revenue sweep” to restrict its application only to Article II hospitals (i.e., the “State Hospitals” that provide mental health and public health services), and not to state-owned teaching hospitals that provide uncompensated care. This will allow state-owned teaching hospitals to receive federal funding for the uncompensated care they deliver (up to their uncompensated costs) and to be treated in the same manner as other non-state-owned teaching hospitals. This rider change in Article III will align with HHSC’s requested changes in Article II.

**Amount Requested (if applicable):** Click here to enter text.

**Method of Finance (if applicable):** Click here to enter text.

### **Rider Language:**

On page III-196, of the University of Texas Medical Branch of Galveston, make the following changes to rider 5:

5. Transfers of Appropriations - State Owned Hospitals. The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston shall is authorized to make intergovernmental transfers of funds of \$23,081,230 in fiscal year 20242026 and \$23,081,230 in fiscal

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

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/2025

**Overview**

The following rider would provide funding to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for the Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute (TEPHI) to conform with SB 1780, 87<sup>th</sup> Session and reduce funding by half from the original federal funding from the 87<sup>th</sup> Session of \$20 million for each year of the biennium to \$10 million in General Revenue for FY 2026 and \$10 million in General Revenue FY 2027. The reduced funding will continue the TexWEB wastewater monitoring program along the border, at international airports, and other areas of Texas to serve as an early warning system for the state. TexWEB is a one of a kind wastewater monitoring system that can detect thousands of pathogens and their variants, including variants that are lab created.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-197 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston bill pattern, add the following objective, strategy, and funding:

	2026	2027
<u>E.6. Border Security</u>		
<u>E.6.1. TEPHI</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

2. On page III-200 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston bill pattern, add the following rider:

. **Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.6.1, TEPHI, \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used by The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to continue the TexWEB wastewater monitoring program at the Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute (TEPHI) in border, airport, and other areas of the state and to:

- (a) make available to Department of State Health Services weekly viral and other pathogen data from TexWEB through a secured online portal;
- (b) coordinate with state and local partners on border security and other areas of threat potential for new monitoring locations; and
- (c) research expanding pathogen testing to include bacteria and fungus wastewater detection.

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

**The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**School of Behavioral Health Sciences**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/5/2025

**Overview**

Nearly half of all Texans will have a behavioral health issue in their lifetime – from depression to bipolar disorder to substance use problems. Texas must increase the behavioral health workforce to meet the increased needs of children and families. For example:

- 95% of Texas counties are currently designated as Mental Health Shortage Areas
- 80% of Texas counties do not have any practicing child and adolescent psychiatrists
- The average wait time for an in-person mental health appointment is 67 days (3 months to see a child and adolescent psychiatrist)

The newly established UTHealth Houston School of Behavioral Health Sciences (SBHS) will address Texas’ mental health provider shortage and create a robust pipeline of mental health providers in a care team approach with enrollment starting in fall 2025. When fully operational, UTHealth Houston School of Behavioral Health will offer 35 new degree and certificate programs for mental health professionals. SBHS was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinate Board and the University of Texas Board of Regents in 2023.

Providing start-up funding for SBHS will allow UTHealth to recruit new faculty, increase new programs and certificates, and support student scholarships until full formula funding becomes available in future years. UTHealth Houston requests \$21 million (\$10.5million/year) for the 2026-2027 biennium for this purpose

**Required Action**

1. On page III-197 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston bill pattern, add the following objective, strategy, and funding:

	2026	2027
<u>E.6. Workforce Development</u>		
<u>E.6.1. School of Behav. Health Sci.</u>	<u>\$10,500,000</u>	<u>\$10,500,000</u>

2. On page III-198 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston bill pattern, add the following rider:

. **School of Behavioral Health Sciences.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in Strategy E.6.1, School of Behav. Health Sci., \$10,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 is hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston contingent upon the institution demonstrating to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that it has raised at least \$5,000,000 in institutional or external investment during the 2026-27 biennium. These funds shall be used for purposes of supporting the newly established School of Behavioral Health Sciences in achieving accreditation, development of curriculum, faculty recruitment and retention, and student scholarships.

**The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Substance Use Treatment Continuing Education Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/2025

**Overview**

The following rider would add a new strategy and funding to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for the Substance Use Treatment Continuing Education Program which will educate healthcare providers, including general practitioners, family doctors, pediatricians, emergency room providers, nurse practitioners, allied health professionals, and advanced practice professionals on substance use treatment best practices.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-200 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio bill pattern, add the following strategy and funding:

	2026	2027
<u>A.1.8. Continuing Education</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

2. On page III-203 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Substance Use Treatment Continuing Education Program.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in strategy A.1.8, Continuing Education, is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to be used to establish a continuing education program for healthcare providers, including general practitioners, family doctors, pediatricians, emergency room providers, nurse practitioners, allied health professionals, and advanced practice professionals on substance use treatment best practices, including for adolescents, and how to best connect patients with available substance use resources and services. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



**The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio,  
Article III**

**Proposed Funding and Rider  
School of Public Health  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2025**

**Overview**

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio has commenced operation and instruction at the University of Texas School of Public Health San Antonio. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio received support from the City of San Antonio and Bexar County, which initially supported and contributed to the development and establishment of a school of public health. The following action would increase funding to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio by \$20,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 to be used to support the UT School of Public Health San Antonio through one-time start-up funding that would support the local investments.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-201 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio bill pattern, add the following strategy and funding:

	2026	2027
<u>E.1.X School of Public Health</u>	<u>\$20,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

2. On page III-203 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **School of Public Health.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.X, School of Public Health, \$20,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used as one-time start-up funding for the School of Public Health. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Inpatient Behavioral Health Beds**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/03/2025

**Overview**

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSC Tyler) is heavily focused on providing mental health and psychiatric services for the 35 counties in East Texas. UTHSC Tyler’s psychiatry training programs include 40 residents in general and rural psychiatry and four child and adolescent psychiatry fellows. UTHSC Tyler partners with the state to supplement the state hospital system by providing 44 inpatient behavioral health beds—30 residential and 14 acute care, as well as 30 private pay beds for our community. UTHSC Tyler is working to double the number of inpatient beds to 88 and increase the number of private pay beds from 30 to 75. This involves the renovation of two facilities. Funding appropriated in Senate Bill 30 (88<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session) provides \$7 million to renovate the facility with the forensic and civil inpatient beds, and this funding request involves \$7.75 million to renovate the second facility that will house the private pay beds. UTHSC Tyler will contract with Oceans to administer the facility with the private pay beds.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-210 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler bill pattern, add the following strategy and funding:

	2026	2027
<u>D.X.X. Inpatient Behavioral Health Beds</u>	<u>\$3,875,000</u>	<u>\$3,875,000</u>

2. On page III-212 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Mental Health and Psychiatric Services.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.X.X, Inpatient Behavioral Health Beds, \$3,875,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,875,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to increase capacity of inpatient behavioral health beds at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 18(i), the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for inpatient behavioral health beds at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler and that such appropriation may be used for the construction or permanent improvement of such facilities.

**Public Junior/Community Colleges**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Enhancing the Future Workforce of Texas**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/6/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern and appropriates \$1,720,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and Unexpended Balance Authority in fiscal year 2027 to Laredo Community College for start-up funding for programs focused on training individuals in certain trades, including plumbers, powerline technicians, court reporters, and forensic and investigative technologists.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-234 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior College bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>B.9.2. Enhancing Future Workforce of TX</u>	<u>\$1,720,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

2. On page III-234 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior College bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Laredo Community College – Enhancing the Future Workforce of Texas.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.9.2., Enhancing Future Workforce of TX, \$1,720,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used for the Enhancing Future Workforce of Texas. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**Odessa College**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Business Incubator**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new objective and strategy to the Public Community/Junior Colleges’ bill pattern and appropriates \$900,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$900,000 in fiscal year 2027 to establish the Business Incubator at Odessa College.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-XX within the Public Community/Junior Colleges’ bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item objective and strategy:

<u>B.X. Objective: Odessa College</u>	2026	2027
<u>B.X.X. Strategy: Business Incubator</u>	<u>\$900,000</u>	<u>\$900,000</u>

2. On page III-XX within the Public Community/Junior Colleges’ bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Odessa College – Business Incubator.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.X.X, Business Incubator, \$900,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$900,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to establish the Business Incubator. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

By: Simmons

PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES, *Article III*

San Jacinto College – SJC Biomanufacturing Training Institute at Texas Medical Center (TMC).

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$30,000,000 for San Jacinto College Biomanufacturing Training Institute at Texas Medical Center Helix Park. This initiative will provide industry-aligned workforce training in biomanufacturing, leveraging SJC’s exclusive partnership with the National Institute for Bioprocessing, Research, and Training (NIBRT)—the globally recognized gold standard for biomanufacturing education.

The NIBRT training modules represent a universally recognized workforce training program used by many of the world’s largest biopharmaceutical companies. San Jacinto College is the sole provider of the NIBRT training program in the State of Texas, making this investment critical to positioning Texas as a leader in biomanufacturing workforce development.

This workforce training program directly responds to the growing demand for skilled biomanufacturing technicians in Texas. TMC’s recent survey found that 42% of its institutions anticipate high demand for biotechnicians in the next two years, yet 57% of its members do not offer biomanufacturing education, and 70% are not engaged in external workforce training programs. Establishing a training hub at TMC Helix Park ensures students gain hands-on training alongside researchers and industry leaders, solidifying Texas as a national and global leader in life sciences manufacturing.

**Required Action**

On page III-XXX of PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. San Jacinto College – Biomanufacturing Training Institute at the Texas Medical Center. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.14.1, Biomanufacturing Training Institute, \$30,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used for the development of the Biomanufacturing Training Institute at Texas Medical Center Helix Park. Any unexpended balances on hand in this strategy at the end of fiscal year 2026 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027.

These funds shall be allocated as follows:

- \$17.7 million for the build-out of a 20,000-square-foot biomanufacturing training facility, including a Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) lab, cleanroom facility, and specialized equipment.
- \$10 million for leasing costs over five years at TMC’s Dynamic One, providing students and trainees direct access to cutting-edge medical research and industry partnerships.
- \$2.3 million for faculty, curriculum development, and equipment maintenance to sustain workforce training aligned with NIBRT standards.



*San Jacinto College District, Article III of the Budget*  
**Cybersecurity Security Operations Center**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$4.5 million for the establishment of an instruction-based, student-embedded Security Operations Center (SOC) at San Jacinto College. This initiative aims to align real-world, practical experience with the College’s cybersecurity curriculum, enhancing workforce development in a high-demand industry critical to the region and state.

**Required Action**

On page III-239 of the Public Community/Junior Colleges’ bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Cybersecurity Security Operations Center.** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$4.5 million in General Revenue is allocated for the 2026-2027 biennium to establish an instruction-based, student-embedded Security Operations Center (SOC) at San Jacinto College. This funding is designated for cybersecurity infrastructure systems, data aggregation tools, licensing, training systems, hardware, and other related infrastructure costs. The SOC will provide hands-on, real-world cybersecurity experience for students, supporting both workforce development and regional cybersecurity resilience.

By: Ward Johnson

**Public Junior/Community Colleges**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Workforce Program Growth Initiative**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/24/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern and appropriates \$28,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$28,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to Houston Community College for start-up funding for facilities to provide training for certain trades.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-234 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior College bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>B.7.2. Workforce Program Growth Initiative</u>	<u>\$28,000,000</u>	<u>\$28,000,000</u>

2. On page III-240 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior College bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Houston Community College – Workforce Program Growth Initiative. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.7.2., Workforce Program Growth Initiative, \$28,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$28,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the Workforce Program Growth Initiative. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.**

**Odessa College**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Administrative Costs**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new objective and strategy to the Public Community/Junior Colleges’ bill pattern and appropriates \$382,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$382,500 in fiscal year 2027 to assist the administrative costs of Odessa College.

**Required Actions:**

- 1. On page III-XX of the Public Community/Junior Colleges’ bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new non-formula support item objective and strategy:

<u>B.X. Objective: Odessa College</u>	2026	2027
<u>B.X.X. Strategy: Administrative Costs</u>	<u>\$382,500</u>	<u>\$382,500</u>

- 2. On page III-XX within the Public Community/Junior Colleges’ bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Odessa College – Administrative Costs.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.X.X, Administrative Costs, \$382,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$382,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for administrative costs. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



**Public Junior/Community Colleges**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Emergency Preparedness Enhancements**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/3/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy to the Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern and appropriates \$8,000,000 in in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and Unexpended Balance Authority in fiscal year 2027 to Tyler Junior College for certain items dedicated to increasing the safety and security of the institution’s campus, including fire alarm upgrades, an access control system to provide the ability to lock down the campus, an emergency broadcast system, and parking lot lighting enhancements.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-234 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior College bill pattern, add the following strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>B.14.1. Emergency Preparedness Enhancements</u>	<u>\$8,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

2. On page III-240 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior College bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Tyler Junior College – Emergency Preparedness Enhancements.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.14.1., Emergency Preparedness Enhancements, \$8,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used for Emergency Preparedness Enhancements. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

## **RIDER REQUEST**

**Member Name:** VanDeaver

**Affected Agency:** Public Community/Junior Colleges

**Purpose:** Direct the Commissioner of the Texas Education Coordinating Board to allocate funds to include independent and private universities and colleges as eligible transfers in the performance tier funding formula.

**Amount Requested (if applicable):** \$26,754,063 in the biennium; \$13,377,031.50 in FY 2026 and \$13,377,031.50 in FY 2027.

**Method of Finance (if applicable):** General Revenue in Public Community/Junior Colleges

**Rider Language:**

**Contingency for 2110.** Contingent upon the enactment of HB 2110, or similar legislation, an additional \$26,754,063 is appropriated in the biennium; \$13,377,031.50 in FY 2026 and \$13,377,031.50 in FY 2027 from the General Revenue Fund, Strategy A.1.2, to include Independent and Private Universities and Colleges in the eligible transfer formula for performance tier funding authorized in Education Code §130A.101.

**Public Junior/Community Colleges**  
**Proposed Funding**  
**Southwest College for the Deaf**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/24/2025

**Overview**

The following action increases appropriations to Howard College in Strategy B.8.1., Southwest College for the Deaf, by \$332,640 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$332,640 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 for the purposes of operational flexibility.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-234 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Public Community/Junior College bill pattern, amend the following strategy:

	2026	2027
B.8.1. Southwest College for the Deaf	<del>\$3,326,403</del>	<del>\$3,326,403</del>
	<u>\$3,659,043</u>	<u>\$3,659,043</u>

**Texas State Technical College System Administration**  
**Proposed Contingency Rider**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

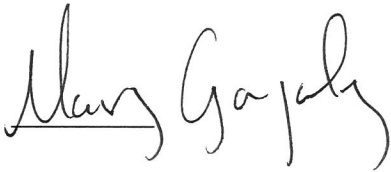
**Overview**

The following rider appropriates \$X out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$X out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to the Texas State Technical College System Administration contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature relating to the allocation of the campuses of the Texas State Technical College System.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-240 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas State Technical College System Administration bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for House Bill 238.** Contingent on the enactment of House Bill 238, or similar legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature related to the allocation of the campuses of the Texas State Technical College System, the Texas State Technical College System Administration is appropriated \$X out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$X 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: 

**Texas A&M AgriLife Research**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Contingency Rider for House Bill 1269**

**Overview**

Provide \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 to the Texas A&M AgriLife Research in Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research, to provide grants for the Plant Disease and Pest Prevention Grant Program contingent on the passage of House Bill 1269.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-XX of House Bill 1, increase General Revenue in Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research, by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 within the bill pattern for the Texas A&M AgriLife Research.
2. On page I-XX of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research's bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for House Bill 1269.** Funds appropriated above to the Texas A&M AgriLife Research, in Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research, include \$10,000,00 from the General Revenue Fund for the execution of the Plant Disease and Pest Prevention Grant Program. Members of the Plant Disease and Pest Prevention Grant Program Board are able to distribute the funds appropriated to grant recipients for the purposes of fulfilling the grant program.

Any unexpected balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Truited Programs within the Office of the Governor for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Keeping Texas Prepared – Extension Agent Network**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/25

**Overview**

The following action appropriates \$9,850,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$9,850,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to support Keeping Texas Prepared – Extension Agent Network, an initiative to enhance the Disaster Assessment and Recovery unit’s communication and programming with other disaster response entities; fill vacancies within the County Extension Agent network, including subject matter experts in the agency’s agricultural and health programming; and establish the agency as the statewide repository for mapping development trends and landowner demographic data.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-257 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following existing strategy:

	<b><u>2026</u></b>	<b><u>2027</u></b>
<b>G.1.1. Strategy: KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED</b>	<b>\$12,438,871</b>	<b>\$12,438,871</b>
	<b><u>\$22,288,871</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,288,871</u></b>

2. On page III-259 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Keeping Texas Prepared – Extension Agent Network. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy G.1.1, Keeping Texas Prepared, \$9,850,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$9,850,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Extension Agent Network.**

*Texas A&M Transportation Institute*

*Article III*

**Bolstering Research Capabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges**

**Overview**

The following action adds \$16,000,000 in General Revenue over the biennium with \$8,000,000 allocated in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 allocated in fiscal year 2027. This funding will leverage current investments and the expertise of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to attract premier expertise and establish new research capabilities necessary to meet the needs of Texans.

Funding also meets matching requirements for both existing and new national centers that can bring significant federal research funds to Texas. Demonstrating the state's support for current and potential national centers of excellence is critical for TTI to ensure continued success in bringing federal transportation research dollars to Texas to benefit all Texans.

**Required Actions**

1. On page III-265 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within bill pattern for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, add \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to Strategy A.1.1 Sponsored Research.
2. On page III-266 of Texas A&M Transportation Institute's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

**\_\_\_\_. Bolstering Research Capabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1., Sponsored Research, \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue Fund shall be used to bolster research capabilities through investment in human capital. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

**Texas A&M Forest Service**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Wildfire Reduction Grant Pilot Program**

**Overview**

The following action adds \$10,000,000 in General Revenue over biennium to the Texas A&M Forest Service's bill pattern for a pilot program for wildfire reduction grants.

**Required Action**

- (1) On page III-267 of the Texas A&M Forest Service bill pattern in House Bill 1, increase appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.1.1, KTP - TFS OPERATIONS Keeping Texas Prepared - Texas A&M Forest Service Operations, by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2027.

- (2) On page III- 269 of the Texas A&M Forest Service's bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Wildfire Reduction Grant Pilot Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1., KTP – TFS OPERATIONS, the Texas A&M Forest Service is appropriated \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 to develop and administer a Wildfire Reduction Grant Pilot Program to assist landowners with the management and clearing of ashe juniper trees and other trees to reduce the risk of wildfires in rural areas.



**Texas A&M Forest Service  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Wildfire Mitigation Technology**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/25

**Overview**

The following action appropriates \$1,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to the Texas A&M Forest Service to be distributed to utility companies for the purpose of purchasing wildfire mitigation technology such as Distribution Fault Anticipation (DFA) and Circuit Health Monitoring Technology (CHM).

**Required Action**

1. On page III-267 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M Forest Service’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following existing strategy:

	<b><u>2026</u></b>	<b><u>2027</u></b>
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: KTP – TFS OPERATIONS</b>	<b><u>\$40,373,749</u></b>	<b><u>\$39,373,749</u></b>
	<b><u>\$41,373,749</u></b>	

2. On page III-269 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M Forest Service’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Wildfire Mitigation Technology.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, KTP – TFS Operations, \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be distributed to utility companies for the purpose of purchasing wildfire mitigation technology. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

## **Texas A&M Forest Service, Article III**

### **Proposed Funding and Rider Cedar Hill Fire Station**

#### **Overview**

Direct the Texas A&M Forest Service to allocate \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to construct a fire station in the City of Cedar Hill located in a densely forested area.

#### **Required Action**

On page III-XX of the Texas A&M Forest Service bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Cedar Hill Fire Station.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, KTP - TFS Operations, \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be used to support the construction of a fire station in the City of Cedar Hill.

**Special Provisions Related Only to State Agencies of Higher  
Education, Article III  
Contingency Funding and Rider  
Texas Healthcare Workforce Fund  
March 4, 2025**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new contingency rider and \$1,000,000,000 in General Revenue to support the establishment of an endowment for the purposes of funding the Texas Healthcare Workforce at Comprehensive Regional Universities. Funding would be dedicated to eligible Comprehensive Regional Universities to ensure that funding for these programs is targeted at institutions focused on workforce production and that are geographically diverse in both rural and urban areas.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-304 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Special Provisions Related Only to State Agencies of Higher Education bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for Texas Healthcare Workforce Fund.** Contingent on the enactment of a joint resolution or similar legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to the creation of an endowment for the support of a Healthcare Workforce Education Fund for Comprehensive Regional Universities, and after approval of the constitutional amendment by the voters, in addition to amounts above, \$1,000,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated for fiscal year 2026 to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for immediate deposit to an account or fund to be managed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

## **Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education**

### **Proposed Rider Amendment**

#### **Prohibition on Unconstitutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs or Practices**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2025

#### **Overview**

The following action amends Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Section 58, to prohibit appropriated funds from being expended by an entity listed in the Article for the hosting of diversity, equity, and inclusion practices or programs.

#### **Required Actions:**

1. On page III-304 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, amend the following rider:

**Sec. 58. Prohibition on Unconstitutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs or Practices.** No funds appropriated by this Act may be expended by an entity listed in this Article (including any component, constituent unit, supported program, or grant recipient) for the design, implementation, ~~or~~ administration, or hosting of diversity, equity, & inclusion practices or programs that do not comply with Texas Constitution, Article 1, Sections 3 and 3a. This prohibition includes, without limitation, the hiring and supervision of employees, mandatory or recommended training, or programmed activities.

RIDER REQUEST

SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING ONLY TO STATE AGENCIES OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION

**Sec. 27. Health Related Institutions Funding.** Appropriations made in this Act for formula funding for health related institutions shall consist of ~~four~~ five formulas plus supplemental non-formula items.

**Instruction and Operations Support Formula.**

New Rider

**Formula for Stipends to Community-Based Physician Preceptors for Core Medical Student Clinical Training.** The Formula for Stipends to Community-Based Physician Preceptors for Core Medical Student Clinical Training shall provide funding on a per medical student or full-time-equivalent basis. Funding to individual public and state-supported medical schools is based on stipends of \$1,000 per four-week medical school core clerkship in fiscal year 2026 and in fiscal year 2027. Stipends are restricted to physicians based in the community who do not have a full time academic appointment and who precept medical students for clinical training in the medical specialty core clerkships required for graduation.

## **Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education**

### **Proposed Rider Deletion**

#### **Diversity of Student Body at National Research Universities**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/06/2025

#### **Overview**

The following action deletes Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Section 51, Diversity of Student Body at National Research Universities.

#### **Required Actions:**

1. On page III-301 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, delete the following rider:

**Sec. 51. Diversity of Student Body at National Research Universities.** It is the intent of the Legislature that, in expending funds appropriated by this Act, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University shall make a good faith effort to improve the racial diversity of the university's student body and shall, in determining admissions and in adopting any institutional policy, comply with the United States Constitution and Texas Constitution.

**Texas Southern University**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/7/2025

**Overview**

The following rider appropriates \$200,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to Texas Southern University relating to a study regarding establishing a public medical school as a professional school of Texas Southern University.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page III-158 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Southern University bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new strategy:

	2026	2027
<u>C.X.X. Medical School Study</u>	\$200,000	UB

2. On page III-200 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Southern University bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Medical School Study.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X, Medical School Study, Texas Southern University is appropriated \$200,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to conduct a study regarding establishing a public medical school as a professional school of Texas Southern University. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**The University of Texas at Austin  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

**Overview**

The following action creates a new rider that directs additional funding to The University of Texas at Austin’s Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (IDVSA) and requires the institution to conduct a statewide survey on the prevalence of sexual assault in Texas. The study is to update and expand on the 2015 study “Health & Well-being: Texas Statewide Sexual Assault Prevalence Study” to ensure that survivors, policymakers, advocates, law enforcement, and Texans have up-to-date statistics on sexual assault and its impact.

IDVSA will analyze results from survey responses obtained from a representative random sample of Texans about their experiences related to sexual assault over the previous 12 months and in their lifetimes. IDVSA is to design the study to allow for directly comparing results with those of the 2015 study.

The survey is to use a purposeful sampling approach to include the experiences of sexual assault among harder-to-reach Texans. It would provide prevalence estimates with sufficient statistical power to understand the groups at higher risk for sexual assault. The survey is to focus on awareness and perceived effectiveness of sexual assault prevention and current support services, giving policymakers a better understanding of utilization and needs and preferred outcomes. A focus will center on survivor well-being and satisfaction with the healthcare they sought and received after their assaults. Finally, the study is to explore public awareness of the Department of Public Safety’s Non-Report option for handling sexual assault exam evidence kits.

**Required Action**

Beginning on page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following:

- On page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$650,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027;
- On page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, add the following new Strategy C.2.9, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern with \$650,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027; and
- On page III-XX of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern insert the following rider.

\_\_\_\_\_. **Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.9, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, \$650,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 is to be used by the Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault at The University of Texas at Austin to conduct a statewide survey on the prevalence of sexual assault in Texas. The study is to ensure that survivors, policy makers, advocates, law enforcement, and Texans have up-to-date statistics on sexual assault and its impact. The Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault shall release their final report by August 31, 2027. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.



## Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education

### Proposed Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/17/2025

#### Overview

The following rider establishes legislative intent for the development of a performance-based funding formula for general academic institutions.

#### Required Actions:

1. On page XX of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_ . **Performance-Based Funding for General Academic Institutions.** In addition to funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act, there shall be, at a minimum, an additional \$423,106,298 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for the 2026-27 biennium to support the implementation of a performance-based funding formula for general academic institutions. It is the intent of the legislature that, in lieu of supporting institutional enhancement, these funds shall be allocated for the 2026-27 biennium amongst each general academic institution through a formula methodology to accomplish the following goals:

- (a) Provide support for institutions based on outcomes aligned with state education and workforce needs, and
- (b) Provide support for regional institutions in offering high quality education and promoting achievement of student outcomes in the institution's regional economy.

The allocation of funding in part shall be determined by performance outcomes based on the following areas:

- (a) Degrees in Demand, based on the conferral of degrees, with an additional weight for students who earn an undergraduate degree in a high-demand occupation;
- (b) Student Success, based on persistence and milestone attainment to increase completion rates and job earnings for all students to meet the growing needs of the Texas workforce; and
- (c) Timely Degree Completion, based on incentivizing timely degree completion to accelerate the education of highly skilled graduates, help students move into the Texas workforce, and maximize economic returns from their degrees.

Using funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) shall conduct a study on performance based funding during the 2026-27 biennium, with participation from each higher education system with a general academic institution and Texas Southern University. The THECB shall submit a report to the Legislature that makes recommendations for consideration by the Ninetieth Legislature, Regular Session, regarding performance-based funding in the 2028-29 biennium to support and improve student outcomes in alignment with state postsecondary goals. The study shall examine comprehensive formula funding levels, student success indicators including performance data metrics, support needed for regional institutions in delivering high-quality education, and the cost to maintain stable funding for all institutions in future biennia. The report shall be delivered to the Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, House Appropriations Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor by June 1, 2026.

**Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Arthropod Research and Facility**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/17/2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new strategy and \$140,000,000 in General Revenue over the biennium to the Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices bill pattern to conduct research on recently introduced arthropods that impact livestock and cropping systems in the state. This funding includes \$125,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the construction of a high containment quarantine facility in College Station and \$15,000,000 over the biennium to support related research, maintenance, operations, agricultural education outreach, and disaster response.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-114 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following new objective and strategy:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>B.2. Objective: RESEARCH</u>		
<u>B.2.1. Strategy: Arthropod Research</u>	<u>\$132,500,000</u>	<u>\$7,500,000</u>

2. On page III-114 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Arthropod Research and Facility.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Arthropod Research, \$125,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used by the Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Office for the construction of a high containment quarantine facility for arthropod research and \$7,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be used to support related research, maintenance, operations, agricultural education outreach, and disaster response. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 18 (i), the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the construction of a high containment quarantine facility for arthropod research at Texas A&M University System and that such appropriation may be used for construction of such facilities.

**House Appropriations Committee  
Riders - Article III  
Higher Education**

**Not Adopted**

**Legislative Budget Board**

## **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**

### **Proposed Funding and Rider**

#### **Locally Supported GME Expansion**

#### **Article III – Higher Education Coordinating Board**

Within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, add the following new General Revenue strategy:

	2025	2026	2027
X.X.X Locally Supported GME Expansion	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

**Grant Funding for Locally Supported GME Expansion Program.** The Coordinating Board is directed to pursue additional funds for this program from governmental entities, foundations, and other entities interested in promoting local expansion of graduate medical education by hospital districts who do not operate a hospital in counties of less than 500,000 population.

**Match for Locally Supported GME Expansion Program.** The Coordinating Board is directed to allocate funds for this program to hospital districts in counties of less than 500,000 population that do not operate a hospital facility that provides direct financial support for one or more graduate medical programs operated by a hospital within the district that does not receive Medicare GME funding for at least one of its graduate medical education programs.

## Higher Education Coordinating Board, Article III

### Proposed Rider

### GME Expansion Program

#### Overview

The following action modifies the Graduate Medical Education Expansion rider within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern. The rider includes language that preference would be given to state-supported medical schools, including in the initial awarding of grants, that are a Sponsoring Institution of an eligible GME program and do not operate a hospital. The rider sets the minimum per resident amount at \$120,000 per year for the state's medical schools that sponsor GME programs and do not operate a hospital to cover some of the direct costs of teaching and training residents.

#### Required Action

On page III-74 of House Bill 1-Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, amend the following rider:

**29. Graduate Medical Education Expansion Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.3, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall allocate funds as follows:

- a. \$239,345 in fiscal year 2026 and \$239,345 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy D.1.3, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to award one-time graduate medical education planning and partnership grants to hospitals, medical schools, and community-based ambulatory patient care centers to develop new graduate medical education programs.
- b. \$135,566,070 in fiscal year 2026 and \$135,566,070 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy D.1.3., Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to enable new or existing GME programs to increase the number of first year residency positions and provide support to these positions through the biennium. The minimum per resident award amount is \$75,000, except that the minimum per resident award amount for a state-supported medical school that is a sponsoring institution and does not operate a hospital is \$120,000 to cover additional costs of teaching residents.
- c. \$4,739,027 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,739,027 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy D.1.3, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to award grants to graduate medical education programs to enable those programs that received a grant award in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 to fill first year residency positions that are unfilled as of July 1, 2013.
- d. \$11,668,058 in fiscal year 2026 and \$11,668,058 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy D.1.3, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to award grants to graduate medical education programs that received a grant award for the New and Expanded Graduate Medical Education Program in fiscal year 2015.

Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01 of this Act any funds identified above that remain unexpended and unobligated after the purposes stated in this rider have been reasonably addressed, may be transferred to the other programs identified by this rider with preference given to state-supported medical schools, including in the initial awarding of grants, that are a sponsoring institution of an eligible GME program and do not operate a hospital.

RIDER REQUEST

HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

Affected Agency: Higher Education Coordinating Board

D. Goal: INDUSTRY WORKFORCE - HEALTH RELATED

D.1.12 STRATEGY UNMATCHED TEXAS MEDICAL STUDENT RESIDENCY PROGRAM

**Unmatched Texas Medical Student Residency Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.12, Unmatched Texas Medical Student Residency Program \$2,460,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,460,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the development and administration of up to three accredited transitional year one-year residency training programs with four residency positions per year per program. The residency positions created through this program are restricted for potential recruitment of fourth-year Texas medical school students who are unmatched after the National Resident Matching Program in 2026 or 2027, respectively, and who are determined to be qualified and selected by the residency programs through the National Resident Matching Program’s Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program of 2026 and 2027. Funds may be used to support the salaries, benefits, and training-related costs of the training physicians. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. A reasonable amount, not to exceed five percent, of any general revenue appropriated for this program may be used by the board to pay the costs of administering this program.

**Higher Education Coordinating Board**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Prepared by LBB, 3/03/2025**

**Overview**

The following rider requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to use existing funds appropriated to the agency to establish Credentials of Value Task Force to develop a model framework to implement initiatives related to promoting the earning of Credentials of Value at public institutions of higher education. The rider requires the Task Force to submit a preliminary report by March 1, 2026, and a final report by September 1, 2026, outlining recommendations and proposed legislative actions.

**Required Actions:**

1. On page 82 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Higher Education Coordinating Board’s bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Credentials of Value Taskforce.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Higher Education Coordinating Board is required to establish a Credentials of Value Task Force to develop a model framework to implement initiatives related to promoting the earning of Credentials of Value at public institutions of higher education.

Not later than March 1, 2026, the task force shall prepare and submit to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Education Agency, and the legislature a preliminary report on the model framework and any recommendations for legislative or other action.

Not later than September 1, 2026, the task force shall submit to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Education Agency, and the legislature a final report on the model framework and any recommendations for legislative or other action.

## **RIDER REQUEST**

**Member Name:** Rep. Eddie Morales, Jr.

**Affected Agency:** Higher Education Fund

**Purpose:**

In the 88<sup>th</sup> Regular Legislative Session, The Behavioral Health Innovation Grant Program was created by HB 400 (88R), to support institutions of higher education in recruiting, training, and retaining mental health professionals in Texas. However, funding was not appropriated in the state budget bill.

**Amount Requested (if applicable):** \$10M

**Method of Finance (if applicable):** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Rider Language:**

**XX. Behavioral Health Innovation Grant Program Funding.** Out of any unexpended balances in the General Revenue Fund under Strategy A.1.1, Higher Education Fund, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 shall be exclusively allocated to the Behavioral Health Innovation Grant Program, as established by HB 400 (88R), prior to any further disbursement of leftover funds to institutions. These funds shall support institutions of higher education in recruiting, training, and retaining mental health professionals to address the statewide shortage of behavioral health providers.



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**Texas Division of Emergency Management**  
**Funding Rider**  
**Camera-Based Wildfire Detection System**

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Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/22/25

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider to the Texas Division of Emergency Management's bill pattern that directs \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year in Strategy A.1.2, Response Coordination, for a camera-based early wildfire detection and monitoring system capable of rapidly identifying wildfire ignitions.

**Required Action**

On page III-274 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Division of Emergency Management's bill pattern, add the following rider:

- . **Camera-Based Wildfire Detection System.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Response Coordination, the Texas Division of Emergency Management shall employ a network of high-resolution cameras backed by best available computer vision technology, whereby the cameras can be affixed, deployed, and maintained, and associated software can provide monitoring continuously and identify potential fire threats such as but not limited to smoke plumes. Furthermore, the detection and monitoring solution shall rapidly notify state, local, and federal fire management agencies of fire detection in real time and be capable of providing precise triangulated coordinates for the location of fire. In selecting vendors, the division shall consider:
- (a) the quality of hardware solutions, including camera resolution, optical zoom magnification, redundant 360-degree view capability, and pan-tilt capability;
  - (b) the services delivered to the state as part of the solution, including deployment, maintenance, and outreach and training for fire agency users;
  - (c) the quality, reliability, and speed of software detection and precision and reliability of fire location mapping;
  - (d) the quality of the solution's user interface for fire agency users; and
  - (e) the overall cost of the components and services provided as part of the solution.



**RIDER REQUEST**

**Member Name:** Raymond

**Affected Agency:** University of Texas at Austin

**Purpose:** Quantum Innovation Funding for Texas

**Amount Requested (if applicable):** \$500,000,000

**Method of Finance (if applicable):** E.1.1. Texas Research University Fund

**Rider Language:**

**Overview:**

The United States investment in quantum technology is crucial for maintaining technological leadership and ensuring national security in a competitive global landscape. It’s estimated that China has invested \$15B in the quantum technology field, while the US has approved \$2B for quantum.

Quantum computing has the potential to threaten current encryption methods, making the development of quantum-resistant cryptography crucial. Additionally, quantum sensing and imaging technologies have important military applications that can enhance defense capabilities.

Beyond security, quantum technology promises to accelerate scientific advancements and create economic value in sectors like finance, chemicals, life sciences, and mobility, leading to new job opportunities. Applications such as drug discovery, climate modeling, financial optimization, and artificial intelligence further emphasize its importance.

The Quantum Innovation Funding for Texas would provide **\$500M** in funding for faculty, scholarships, and economic development towards quantum computing systems with quantum networking capabilities.

**Required Actions:**

- 1. On page iii-95 of HB 1 as Introduced, for the purpose of providing funds for the purpose of quantum innovation increase funding to the following strategy:

E.1.1. Texas Research University Fund      \$38,892,164 -> \$538,892,164

**RIDER REQUEST**

**Member Name:** Raymond

**Affected Agency:** Texas A&M University

**Purpose:** Quantum Innovation Funding for Texas

**Amount Requested (if applicable):** \$500,000,000

**Method of Finance (if applicable):** D.1.1. Texas Research University Fund

**Rider Language:**

**Overview:**

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Beyond security, quantum technology promises to accelerate scientific advancements and create economic value in sectors like finance, chemicals, life sciences, and mobility, leading to new job opportunities. Applications such as drug discovery, climate modeling, financial optimization, and artificial intelligence further emphasize its importance.

The Quantum Innovation Funding for Texas would provide **\$500M** in funding for faculty, scholarships, and economic development towards quantum computing systems with quantum networking capabilities.

**Required Actions:**

- 1. On page iii-116 of HB 1 as Introduced, for the purpose of providing funds for the purpose of quantum innovation increase funding to the following strategy:

D.1.1. Texas Research University Fund      \$46,222,028 -> \$546,222,028

**The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Article III**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Firefighter Cancer Research**  
Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/18/2025

**Overview**

Cancer in the fire service caused 66% of line of duty deaths from 2002-2019 according to data from the International Association of Fire Fighters. Firefighters also have a higher prevalence of cancer than the general population and a greater chance of dying from cancer. Many cancers are presumed to be caused by a firefighter’s duty and are compensable for benefits under workers compensation. This results in millions of dollars a year being expended by insurance companies and fire departments in addition to the human toll. The fire service in Texas has made satisfactory progress in cleaning gear contaminated by carcinogens and properly ventilating combustion fumes out of the fire station, but there is still an increased risk for certain cancers. Further research would lead to ways to mitigate the issue and set up best practices for the future.

This appropriation would designate The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to be the research facility dedicated to studying cancer in the fire service.

**Required Action**

- 1. On page III-196 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston bill pattern, add the following strategy and funding:

	2026	2027
<u>E.3.X. Firefighter Cancer Research</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>
- 2. On page III-200 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, add the following rider:

. **Firefighter Cancer Research.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.3.X, Firefighter Cancer Research, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to conduct research on firefighter cancer and other firefighter related diseases, study existing research, develop mitigation policies, and aggregate information from previous studies. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES, *Article III*

San Jacinto College – SJC Biomanufacturing Training Institute at Texas Medical Center (TMC).

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$30,000,000 for San Jacinto College Biomanufacturing Training Institute at Texas Medical Center Helix Park. This initiative will provide industry-aligned workforce training in biomanufacturing, leveraging SJC’s exclusive partnership with the National Institute for Bioprocessing, Research, and Training (NIBRT)—the globally recognized gold standard for biomanufacturing education.

The NIBRT training modules represent a universally recognized workforce training program used by many of the world’s largest biopharmaceutical companies. San Jacinto College is the sole provider of the NIBRT training program in the State of Texas, making this investment critical to positioning Texas as a leader in biomanufacturing workforce development.

This workforce training program directly responds to the growing demand for skilled biomanufacturing technicians in Texas. TMC’s recent survey found that 42% of its institutions anticipate high demand for biotechnicians in the next two years, yet 57% of its members do not offer biomanufacturing education, and 70% are not engaged in external workforce training programs. Establishing a training hub at TMC Helix Park ensures students gain hands-on training alongside researchers and industry leaders, solidifying Texas as a national and global leader in life sciences manufacturing.

**Required Action**

On page III-XXX of PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. San Jacinto College – Biomanufacturing Training Institute at the Texas Medical Center. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.14.1, Biomanufacturing Training Institute, \$30,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used for the development of the Biomanufacturing Training Institute at Texas Medical Center Helix Park. Any unexpended balances on hand in this strategy at the end of fiscal year 2026 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027.

These funds shall be allocated as follows:

- \$17.7 million for the build-out of a 20,000-square-foot biomanufacturing training facility, including a Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) lab, cleanroom facility, and specialized equipment.
- \$10 million for leasing costs over five years at TMC’s Dynamic One, providing students and trainees direct access to cutting-edge medical research and industry partnerships.
- \$2.3 million for faculty, curriculum development, and equipment maintenance to sustain workforce training aligned with NIBRT standards.

## **Special Provisions Related Only to State Agencies of Higher Education**

### **Proposed Rider**

#### **Limitation of Nonresident Enrollment in Certain State-supported Professional Schools**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/2025

#### **Overview**

The following action amends an existing section of the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education concerning the limitation of nonresident enrollment in certain state-supported professional schools.

The below motion would update Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Sec. 13, Limitation of Nonresident Enrollment in Certain State-supported Professional Schools, which already includes The University of Texas Law School, to mirror requirements of this section for The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School to multiple health related institutions within The University of Texas System and the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center.

#### **Required Action**

On page III-282 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, amend the following rider:

#### **13. Limitation of Nonresident Enrollment in Certain State-supported Professional Schools**

1. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be expended for the establishment, operation, or maintenance, or for the payment of any salaries to the employees in, any wholly or partially state- supported medical, dental, or law school which: (a) imposes a limitation on the number of students that it admits, (b) in an academic semester denies admission to one or more Texas residents who apply for admission and who reasonably demonstrate that they are probably capable of doing the quality of work that is necessary to obtain the usual degree awarded by such school, and (c) in the same academic semester admits, as either class, nonresidents of the State of Texas in a number greater than 10 percent of the class of which such nonresidents are a part. Limitation of nonresident enrollment at The University of Texas Law School, Texas Tech University School of Law, and the University of Houston Law Center may be increased to 35 percent of the class of which nonresidents are a part provided that the admission of such nonresident students is on the basis of academic merit alone. By the provisions of this paragraph it is intended to withhold funds appropriated by this Act from state-supported medical, dental, and law schools which limit their enrollments and which fill more than 10 percent of their classes with non-resident students in the case of medical and dental schools, and 35 percent in the case of The University of Texas Law School, Texas Tech University Law School, and the University of Houston Law Center, when the result of admitting a nonresident denies admission to a qualified Texas applicant. This provision shall not apply to the funds appropriated to the Coordinating Board for the funding of Baylor College of Medicine or to funds appropriated for tuition equalization grants for students attending private colleges.
2. In addition, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center may admit up to 25 competitively recruited medical students in each entering class for a specialized six-year program of clinical and research training designed to lead to the MD and PhD degrees irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.

3. Texas medical schools may enroll up to 6 competitively recruited medical students, who already possess the DDS degree, in each second year medical school class for a specialized six-year program in oral and maxillofacial surgery comprised of the last three years of medical school and a three year residency program irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.
4. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston may admit up to 25 competitively recruited medical students in each entering class for a specialized program of clinical and research training designed to lead to the MD and PhD degrees irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.
5. The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center may admit up to 25 competitively recruited nonresident medical students in each entering class for specialized programs of clinical and research training designed to lead to the MD and MS in Engineering degrees or MD degrees for students from military academies or recipients of military health professions scholarships.
6. The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center may admit up to 20 competitively recruited nonresident dental students each year into the International Advanced Standing Program (IASP) designed to allow graduates sit for dental board examinations to secure licensure to practice dentistry in the United States.
7. The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School may admit up to 25 competitively recruited medical students in each entering class for a specialized program of clinical and research training designed to lead to the MD and PhD degrees irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.

## RIDER REQUEST

**Member Name:** Rep. Vikki Goodwin

**Affected Agency:** ART. III – The University of Texas at Austin.

**Purpose:**

The following action adds a new rider that directs additional funding to The University of Texas at Austin for the McDonald Observatory.

McDonald Observatory is one of the world's leading centers for astronomical research, teaching, and public education and outreach. The observatory draws scientists and tourists from around the world who support a vibrant tourism and hospitality sector in the Fort Davis/Alpine/Marfa region. The Frank N. Bash Visitors Center at McDonald Observatory attracts 75,000 visitors annually for star parties, exhibits, and teacher programs.

McDonald Observatory needs one-time funds to refresh, modernize and expand exhibits, facilities, and equipment at the Observatory to provide a world-class experience for all visitors to advance the understanding of astronomy.

**Amount Requested:** \$10,000,000

**Rider Language:**

Beginning on page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern, add the following:

- On page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and by \$0 in fiscal year 2027;
- On page III-94 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in Strategy C.2.4, McDonald Observatory, in The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern increase strategy allocations by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and by \$0 in fiscal year 2027; and
- On page III-98 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in The University of Texas at Austin's bill pattern insert the following rider.

\_\_\_\_\_. **McDonald Observatory and Visitor Center.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.4, McDonald Observatory, is \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 to be used to enhance visitor experiences, facilities, and equipment at the McDonald Observatory. Using appropriated funds, the observatory shall install new exhibits and renovate existing exhibits, leverage technology to create first-class experiences, design in-person and virtual engagements for all ages with special consideration given to students and educators, and update and expand the visitor facilities to improve and enhance visitor experience. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Article 7, Section 18(i), Texas Constitution, the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for renovations to the Frank N. Bash Visitors Center at the McDonald Observatory at The University of Texas at Austin, and that such appropriation may be used for such improvements.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the House Appropriations Committee Office at (512) 463-1091



**The University of Texas at Austin, Article III**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Texas Archeological Research Laboratory Database**  
March 6, 2025

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs one-time General Revenue funding to The University of Texas at Austin’s Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL).

TARL is a nationally recognized research facility with collections and records constituting the largest archeological repository in the state. It works closely with UT Austin’s Department of Anthropology to provide laboratory space and equipment for both students, faculty, and independent researchers. Portions of archeology involve the study of human remains from archeological investigations. These are housed separately from other archeological materials in a dedicated, quiet, climate-controlled room. In compliance with the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), TARL has reported eligible cultural items and ancestral remains to the National Park Service and to affiliated tribes. It strives to collaborate and improve in its care of indigenous ancestral remains.

One-time state support will allow TARL to modernize its database well into the next decade to meet the federal requirements of NAGPRA. The below motion would provide one-time General Revenue support of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026 to make TARL’s database NAGPRA compliant. The below rider motion includes language that it is the intent of the Eighty-ninth Legislature that funding for the database be one-time.

**Required Action**

Beginning on page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, of The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern, add the following:

1. On page III-93 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, increase General Revenue appropriations to The University of Texas at Austin by \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027;
2. On page III-94 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, add the following new Strategy C.2.8, Texas Archeological Research Laboratory Database, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern with \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027; and
3. On page III-98 of House Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, in The University of Texas at Austin’s bill pattern insert the following rider.

\_\_\_\_\_. **Texas Archeological Research Laboratory Database.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.8. Texas Archeological Research Laboratory Database, is \$300,000.00 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund and \$0 in fiscal year 2027 to be used to modernize the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory’s database to meet the federal requirements of NAGPRA. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027. It is the intent of the Eighty-ninth Legislature that General Revenue provided for the database be one-time.

By: Martinez, Armando

## **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, Article III**

### **Strategy Name Amendment**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2025

#### **Overview**

The following action amends a strategy in The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine bill pattern for clarity purposes and to reflect the clinical component of the strategy.

#### **Required Action:**

1. On page III-204 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine bill pattern, amend the following existing strategy:

D.1.2. Cancer-~~Immunology~~ Center/Cancer Research

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Article III  
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Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/11/2025

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**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
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***Texas A&M University***  
***Article III***  
**Citizenship and Service Initiative**

**Overview**

The following action adds \$5,000,000 in General Revenue over the biennium with \$2,500,000 allocated in each fiscal year to Texas A&M University to establish the Citizenship and Service initiative. This initiative will intentionally engage every student on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship with the goal of preparing every Aggie to strengthen American civic society.

The Citizenship and Service initiative will leverage not only existing academic and engagement programs but create new programs and opportunities to teach Texas A&M students and the K-12 pipeline about civic learning, democratic engagement, constitutional history and democracy, critical thinking skills and leadership. This multi-faceted approach will be based upon four pillars: knowledge, skills, values, and the practice of public service.

**Required Actions**

1. On page III-115 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the bill pattern for Texas A&M University, add \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to the new Strategy: C.3.2 Citizenship and Service.
2. On page III-117 of the Texas A&M University bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Citizenship and Service Initiative.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.2, Citizenship and Service, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Citizenship and Service initiative at Texas A&M University to ensure students learn to intentionally engage with the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and democracy. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the institution for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
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**Small Business Development Center**

**Overview**

The following action appropriates an additional \$4,732,749 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,732,749 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 to provide the resources necessary to meet the increased demand for services from the current 3.3 million Texas small businesses for the Small Business Development Centers operating throughout the State. These programs generate substantial economic impact and provide faculty and students the ability to leverage their academic and professional experiences to provide small business and community economic development tools and resources that directly benefit local businesses and communities. In addition to core small business assistance of business advising, training, and research, this also includes targeted efforts such as driving small business participation in state and federal procurement opportunities, preparing small businesses for cybersecurity threats, empowering current small businesses to further scale, supporting small businesses bringing new technology to market, and supporting deeper engagement to increase economic growth and business resilience. State funds appropriated are also matched at the Federal level.

This will provide the University of Houston an additional \$1,156,063/year and includes SBDC operations at Lee College, Lamar University, Blinn College, San Jacinto College, Sam Houston State (Huntsville), Brazosport College, Angelina College, Lamar State College, Prairie View A&M, Sam Houston State (Woodlands); Texas Tech University an additional \$743,207 and includes SBDC operations at Texas Tech University (Abilene), West Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University (Lubbock), The University of Texas Permian Basin, Tartelton State University, and Midwestern State University; Dallas County Community Colleges an additional \$263,479/year and includes SBDC operations at Trinity Valley Community College, Navarro College, Dallas College, Grayson County College, North Central Texas College, Tarrant County College, The University of Texas at Tyler, Northeast Texas Community College, Paris Junior College, Collin College, Tyler Junior College, and McLennan Community College; and the University of Texas at San Antonio an additional \$2,570,000/year and includes SBDC operations at Sul Ross State University, Texas State University, Del Mar College, SRSU International, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, El Paso Community College, Texas A&M International University, Angelo State University, and the University of Houston-Victoria.

**Required Action**

1. (UTSA) On page III-108 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>C.3.1. Small Business Development Center</u>	<u>\$5,111,909</u>	<u>\$5,111,909</u>

2. (UH) On page III-144 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>C.3.1. Strategy: Small Business Development</u> <u>University of Houston Small Business</u> <u>Development Center</u>	<u>\$3,377,767</u>	<u>\$3,377,767</u>

3. (Texas Tech University) On page III-162 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>C.3.3. Strategy: Small Business Development</u> <u>Small Business Development Center</u>	<u>\$1,580,639</u>	<u>\$1,580,639</u>

4. (Dallas County Community College) On page III-234 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategies:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>B.4.1. Strategy: Small Business Development</u> <u>Center</u>	<u>\$1,817,094</u>	<u>\$1,817,094</u>

***Texas A&M Transportation Institute***  
***Article III***

**Bolstering Research Capabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges**

**Overview**

The following action adds \$16,000,000 in General Revenue over the biennium with \$8,000,000 allocated in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 allocated in fiscal year 2027. This funding will leverage current investments and the expertise of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to attract premier expertise and establish new research capabilities necessary to meet the needs of Texans.

Funding also meets matching requirements for both existing and new national centers that can bring significant federal research funds to Texas. Demonstrating the state's support for current and potential national centers of excellence is critical for TTI to ensure continued success in bringing federal transportation research dollars to Texas to benefit all Texans.

**Required Actions**

1. On page III-265 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within bill pattern for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, add \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to Strategy A.1.1 Sponsored Research.
2. On page III-266 of Texas A&M Transportation Institute's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

**\_\_\_\_. Bolstering Research Capabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1., Sponsored Research, \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue Fund shall be used to bolster research capabilities through investment in human capital. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

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**Required Actions**

1. On page III-265 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within bill pattern for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, add \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to Strategy A.1.1 Sponsored Research.
2. On page III-266 of Texas A&M Transportation Institute's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

**\_\_\_\_. Bolstering Research Capabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1., Sponsored Research, \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue Fund shall be used to bolster research capabilities through investment in human capital. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

By Harris Davila

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**Required Actions**

1. On page III-265 of Senate Bill I, as introduced, within bill pattern for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, add \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to Strategy A.1.1 Sponsored Research.
2. On page III-266 of Texas A&M Transportation Institute's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Bolstering Research Capabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1., Sponsored Research, \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue Fund shall be used to bolster research capabilities through investment in human capital. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

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**Required Actions**

1. On page III-262 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within bill pattern for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, add \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to Strategy A.1.1 Sponsored Research.
2. On page III-264 of Texas A&M Transportation Institute's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

**\_\_\_\_. Bolstering Research Capabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1., Sponsored Research, \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue Fund shall be used to bolster research capabilities through investment in human capital. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

By Curry

*Texas A&M Transportation Institute*

*Article III*

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**Required Actions**

1. On page III-265 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within bill pattern for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, add \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to Strategy A.1.1 Sponsored Research.
2. On page III-266 of Texas A&M Transportation Institute's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Bolstering Research Capabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1., Sponsored Research, \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue Fund shall be used to bolster research capabilities through investment in human capital. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

Mary Ann Dwyer  
Sen. Rafael Angel

James L. Patterson

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M. Dwyer  
Sen. Rafael Angel

**Texas A&M Transportation Institute  
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**Bolstering Research Capabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges**

Christina Morales

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**Required Actions**

1. On page III-265 of Senate Bill 1, as introduced, within bill pattern for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, add \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue to Strategy A.1.1 Sponsored Research.
2. On page III-266 of Texas A&M Transportation Institute's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

**\_\_\_ Bolstering Research Capabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1., Sponsored Research, \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue Fund shall be used to bolster research capabilities through investment in human capital. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.



**The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine,  
Article III  
Proposed Rider  
Limitation of Nonresident Enrollment in Certain State-supported Professional Schools**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/11/2025

**Overview**

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) requests the following rider amendment to authorize an increase in the nonresident enrollment limitation from 10 percent to 30 percent of incoming first year students to its School of Podiatric Medicine (SOPM).

The UTRGV SOPM is the first in Texas and one of only 11 nationwide. Diabetes, obesity, and related disorders are reaching epidemic proportions in Texas and particularly within the Rio Grande Valley. The school will increase the supply and access to podiatrists to align with growth and demand for foot-related healthcare created by aging, diabetes, and obesity. As podiatry is a relatively unfamiliar profession to aspiring medical students, to reach the optimum level of first year students the SOPM proposes to increase recruitment of prospective students from outside of Texas as the current limit of 10 percent has proven restrictive. The SOPM's current authorized annual enrollment cap is 40 students.

**Required Action**

On page III-282 of House Bill 1, as introduced, in Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, add a new subsection under Section 13. Limitation of Nonresident Enrollment in Certain State-supported Professional Schools, to reflect the requested limitation increase as follows:

**Sec. 13. Limitation of Nonresident Enrollment in Certain State-supported Professional Schools.**

1. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be expended for the establishment, operation, or maintenance, or for the payment of any salaries to the employees in, any wholly or partially state-supported medical, dental, or law school which: (a) imposes a limitation on the number of students that it admits, (b) in an academic semester denies admission to one or more Texas residents who apply for admission and who reasonably demonstrate that they are probably capable of doing the quality of work that is necessary to obtain the usual degree awarded by such school, and (c) in the same academic semester admits, as either class, nonresidents of the State of Texas in a number greater than 10 percent of the class of which such nonresidents are a part. Limitation of nonresident enrollment at The University of Texas Law School, Texas Tech University School of Law, and the University of Houston Law Center may be increased to 35 percent of the class of which nonresidents are a part provided that the admission of such nonresident students is on the basis of academic merit alone. By the provisions of this paragraph it is intended to withhold funds appropriated by this Act from state-supported medical, dental, and law schools which limit their enrollments and which fill more than 10 percent of their classes with non-resident students in the case of medical and dental schools, and 35 percent in the case of The University of Texas Law School, Texas Tech University Law School, and the University of Houston Law Center, when the result of admitting a nonresident denies admission to a qualified Texas applicant. This provision shall not apply to the funds appropriated to the Coordinating Board for the funding of Baylor College of Medicine or to funds appropriated for tuition equalization grants for students attending private colleges.
2. In addition, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center may admit up to 25 competitively recruited medical students in each entering class for a specialized six-year program of clinical and research training designed to lead to the MD and PhD degrees irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.

3. Texas medical schools may enroll up to 6 competitively recruited medical students, who already possess the DDS degree, in each second year medical school class for a specialized six-year program in oral and maxillofacial surgery comprised of the last three years of medical school and a three year residency program irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.
4. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston may admit up to 25 competitively recruited medical students in each entering class for a specialized program of clinical and research training designed to lead to the MD and PhD degrees irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.
5. The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center may admit up to 25 competitively recruited nonresident medical students in each entering class for specialized programs of clinical and research training designed to lead to the MD and MS in Engineering degrees or MD degrees for students from military academies or recipients of military health professions scholarships.
6. The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center may admit up to 20 competitively recruited nonresident dental students each year into the International Advanced Standing Program (IASP) designed to allow graduates sit for dental board examinations to secure licensure to practice dentistry in the United States.
7. The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine may admit up to 30 percent of its competitively recruited podiatry students in each entering class for its specialized program of clinical and research training designed to lead to the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degrees irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.

## **Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Sec. 23, Article III**

### **Proposed Rider**

### **Removing Specific Hospital Location from Section 23**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 01/30/2025

#### **Overview**

The following proposed rider amendment would remove the specification of the Corpus Christi location from the prohibition of funds appropriated to a health-related institution from being used to replace or duplicate the Driscoll Children's Hospital location in Corpus Christi in providing care for children with special health-care needs.

#### **Required Action**

On page III-285 of House Bill 1, as introduced, within the Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, amend the following rider:

**Sec. 23. Driscoll Children's Hospital.** No funds appropriated to a health-related institution of higher education shall be used to replace or duplicate the Driscoll Children's Hospital ~~located in Corpus Christi~~ in caring for children with special health-care needs, including pediatric cardiovascular diseases, or in assuming the direct care of those children. This rider language shall not restrict the traditional referral patterns utilized by physicians to refer patients to health related institutions.

## Texas A&M Forest Service, Article III

### Proposed Funding and Rider

#### For the purchase and contract of wildfire suppression aircraft

#### Overview:

Provide \$200,000,000 in FY 26 for the purchase of wildfire suppression aircraft including four airtankers, three multi mission aircraft, and two medium helicopters and \$84,550,000 in FY 26 and \$84,550,000 in FY 27 to contract to provide wildfire suppression aviation resources.

#### Required Action

1. On page III – \_\_\_\_ of the bill pattern for the Texas A&M Forest Service, increase General Revenue by \$284,550,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$84,550,000 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy B.1.1, Keeping Texas Prepared – Service Operations.
2. On page III- \_\_\_\_ of the bill pattern for the Texas A&M Forest Service, increase full-time equivalent (FTE) positions by 90.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and 90.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027.
1. On page III – \_\_\_\_ of the bill pattern for the Texas A&M Forest Service, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Purchase and Operation of Wildfire Suppression Aircraft.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Keeping Texas Prepared – Service Operations is \$284,550,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$84,550,000 and in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of contracting with an entity to provide wildfire suppression aviation resources, and the purchase of wildfire suppression aircraft and costs associated with the operation, maintenance, and fuel to support air operations. Any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining as of August 31, 2026, is appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**RIDER REQUEST**

**Member Name:** Raymond

**Affected Agency:** Higher Education Coordinating Board

**Purpose:** Quantum University and Business Innovation for Texas Fund

**Amount Requested (if applicable):** \$1,000,000,000

**Method of Finance (if applicable):** G.1.1. Texas Research Incentive Program

**Rider Language:**

**Overview:**

The United States investment in quantum technology is crucial for maintaining technological leadership and ensuring national security in a competitive global landscape. It’s estimated that China has invested \$15B in the quantum technology field, while the US has approved \$2B for quantum.

Quantum computing has the potential to threaten current encryption methods, making the development of quantum-resistant cryptography crucial. Additionally, quantum sensing and imaging technologies have important military applications that can enhance defense capabilities.

Beyond security, quantum technology promises to accelerate scientific advancements and create economic value in sectors like finance, chemicals, life sciences, and mobility, leading to new job opportunities. Applications such as drug discovery, climate modeling, financial optimization, and artificial intelligence further emphasize its importance.

The Quantum University and Business Innovation for Texas Fund would provide **\$1B** in funding for faculty, scholarships, and economic development towards quantum computing systems with quantum networking capabilities.

**Required Actions:**

- 1. On page iii-64 of HB 1 as Introduced, increase funding to the following strategy:

G.1.1. Texas Research Incentive Program      \$409,658,671 -> \$1,409,658,671

By: 

## **The University of Texas at Arlington, Article III Proposed Funding and Rider UTA West**

### **Overview**

The following action provides one-time funding to UT Arlington for the purpose of supporting startup costs for a new campus in Fort Worth and Parker County. The new UTA West campus will bring an R-1 research university to the city of Fort Worth and the surrounding region, increase affordable education options, help train a skilled workforce, and catalyze the development of one of the state's fastest growing areas. UTA West's academic programs will concentrate on fields important to local industry and areas of high need in the workforce, including business, engineering, technology, teaching, and healthcare. The funds will be used to hire faculty and campus staff, equip lab and instructional space, acquire library resources, and develop cutting edge programs. This request is for one-time funding only. It is anticipated that future operational costs can be supported by formula funding following enrollment of students at the new campus.

This action increases funding to The University of Texas at Arlington by \$60,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 in House Bill 1 as Introduced. Additionally, this action adds an associated rider to the institution's bill pattern to reflect new funding amounts, and authorizes the appropriation with a two-thirds majority of each chamber of the Legislature in accordance with Article 7, Section 18(i), Texas Constitution.

### **Required Action**

1. On page III-92 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within The University of Texas at Arlington's bill pattern, create a new strategy, C.3.2, UTA West.
2. On page III-92 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within The University of Texas at Arlington's bill pattern, provide General Revenue funding to Strategy C.3.2, UTA West, in the amount of \$60,000,000 in fiscal year 2026:

	2026	2027
<b>C.3.2. Strategy: UTA WEST</b>	\$60,000,000	\$0

3. On page III-93 of House Bill 1 as Introduced, within The University of Texas at Arlington's bill pattern, add the following rider:

#### **9. UTA West.**

(a) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.3.2, UTA West, is \$60 million from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to be used for expansion of a new campus in Fort Worth and Parker County.

(b) This appropriation is contingent on approval of Senate Bill 1, 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Article 7, Section 18(i), Texas Constitution, the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the

UTA West campus in Fort Worth and Parker County and that such appropriation may be used to support startup costs, including to equip laboratories and instructional spaces, and for other technology and equipment, by The University of Texas at Arlington.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in Strategy C.3.2, UTA West, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2027, in Strategy C.3.2, UTA West are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**  
**Funding and Rider**  
**Rural Student Success Initiative**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/4/25

**Overview**

The following action appropriates \$1,250,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to support the Rural Student Success Initiative to provide rural school districts, students, and their families with information, tools, and strategies to improve postsecondary access, matriculation, and completion outcomes in underserved rural communities in Texas.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-257 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service’s bill pattern, add General Revenue Funds to the following existing strategy:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b>	\$13,072,233	\$13,072,233
	<u>\$14,322,233</u>	<u>\$14,322,233</u>

2. On page III-259 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Rural Student Success Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Leadership Development, \$1,250,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Rural Student Success Initiative.