

**Special Provisions Relating Only to Higher Education and Components of Texas State Technical College
Rider Highlights - Senate**

Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education

Modification of Existing Riders

- Sec. 3 **Definition of Terms.** Change reference to Texas A&M University – Commerce to East Texas A&M University and make conforming changes to organize former independent institutions within their systems.
- Sec. 17 **System Offices Funding Authorized.** Provide transfer authority between TWU System and components to align with other system offices.
- Sec. 23 **Driscoll Children’s Hospital.** Rider amended to limit the application of the rider to the Driscoll Children’s Hospital location in Corpus Christi, the only location operating at the time the rider was introduced.
- Sec. 27.9 **Mission Specific Support - Cancer Center Operations.** Rider amended to reflect UTHSC Tyler’s operation of a medical school by removing all language regarding UTHSC Tyler and the Chest Disease Center Operations mission specific formula from this rider and placing it in a separate, additional rider.
- Sec. 47 **State Two Year Institution Funding.** Rider amended to remove community college contact hour rate. Community college formula rates will be included in Public Community/Junior Colleges bill pattern.
- Sec. 48 **Informational Listing-Designated Tuition.** Change reference to Texas A&M University – Commerce to East Texas A&M University.
- Sec. 56.1 **Texas Research Incentive Program.** Informational funding amounts removed as funding is contingent on legislation.

The following riders include recommendations to remove obsolete language, make conforming changes such as updating fiscal years and amounts to reflect funding recommendations, and clarify deadlines: Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 53, 54, 56, 57, and 59.

New Riders

- Sec. 27.18 **Mission Specific Support - Chest Disease Center Operations.** Creates separate rider for UTHSC Tyler to reflect their operation of a medical school which conflicted with previous joint rider, Sec. 27.9. No changes to the formula.
- Sec. 27.19 **Dental Clinical Education Support.** Rider expresses the legislature’s intent to provide funding to support dental clinics operated by an institution using a formula calculation in future biennia based on the average financial loss to the institution per patient visit conducted at the clinic and the average annual number of patient visits conducted.
- Sec. 60 **Higher Education Affordability.** Rider establishes the intent of the Legislature that certain institutions adopt policies to maintain total resident undergraduate academic costs at currently approved levels for the next two academic years and submit to LBB a letter from the Board of Regents certifying such by September 1, 2025.

Deleted Rider

Sec. 58 **Higher Education Affordability.** Deleted rider due to one-time nature of provisions.

Special Provisions Relating Only to Components of Texas State Technical College

Modification of Existing Riders

10 **Returned Value Funding Model for Texas State Technical Colleges.** Rider reflects adopted base wage used to compare former TSTC student wages to the mean wage for high school graduates in Texas with no postsecondary education attainment.

The following riders include recommendations to remove obsolete language, make conforming changes such as updating fiscal years and amounts to reflect funding recommendations, and clarify deadlines: Riders 5, 6, 9, 10, and 11

New Rider

12 **Contingency for TSTC Endowment Funding.** Rider appropriating \$850.0 million from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for immediate deposit to an account or fund to be managed by the TSTC board of regents, contingent on enactment of a related joint resolution or legislation and after approval of the constitutional amendment by the voters.