Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2018-19 General Appropriations Bill

Article III – Higher Education

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10. **Retention of Economically Disadvantaged Students.** The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall include in the college comparison web profile the percentage of economically disadvantaged freshmen retained at public institutions of higher education as defined by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor in consultation with the State Auditor's Office.	
12. **Disparity Study for Institutions of Higher Education.** The disparity study conducted by the Comptroller of Public Accounts pursuant to General Appropriations Act, §16, page I-23, Seventy-fifth Legislature, to determine whether past acts of discrimination by institutions of higher education have created any present effects of such past discrimination may be continued by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Coordinating Board may maintain and update as necessary the database developed for the disparity study. The Texas Education Agency and each institution of higher education receiving appropriations may cooperate with the Coordinating Board to continue the disparity study and to provide data to maintain and update the database. The Coordinating Board, the Texas Education Agency, and each institution of higher education that participates in the study shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws governing the confidentiality and privacy of the data used in the study.	
14. **Graduation and Persistence Rates.** The Coordinating Board shall report graduation and persistence rates, for each public general academic institution, to the Governor and Legislature no later than September 1, 2018. For each institution, the report shall include: a. Six-year graduation rate (same institution) - percent of first-time full-time students who earned a baccalaureate or higher degree at the same public general academic higher education institution within six years of becoming a first-time entering full-time student at that institution.	

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b. Six-year graduation rate (another institution) - percent of students who earned a baccalaureate or higher degree at a public general academic higher education institution within six years of becoming a full-time student at another public higher education institution.	
c. Six-year persistence rate (same institution) - percent of students who have not earned a baccalaureate or higher degree, but are still enrolled in the same Texas public general academic higher education institution six years after becoming a full-time student at that institution.	
d. Six-year persistence rate (another institution) - percent of students who have not earned a baccalaureate or higher degree, but are still enrolled in a Texas public general academic higher education institution six years after becoming a full-time student at another Texas public higher education institution.	
e. Composite graduation and persistence rate - sum of the graduation and persistence rates in subsections (a) through (d) above.	
18. **Girl Scout Scholarships.** The funds provided to the Girl Scout Scholarships are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.622 to provide grants to benefit the Girl Scouts. Alll receipts received during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to the fiscal year 2019 and any such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.	**15.** **Girl Scout Scholarships.** The funds provided to the Girl Scout Scholarships are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.622 to provide grants to benefit the Girl Scouts. All balances provided to the Girl Scout Scholarships from the License Plate Trust Fund, Account 0802, as of August 31, 2017, and all receipts received during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to the fiscal year 2019 and any such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.

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19. **Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarships.** The funds provided for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarships are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.613 to make grants to benefit the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. All receipts received during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to the fiscal year 2019 and any such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.	**16.** **Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarships.** The funds provided to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarships Program are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.613 to make grants to benefit the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. All balances provided to the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Scholarships from the License Plate Trust Fund, Account 0802, as of August 31, 2017, and all receipts received during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to the fiscal year 2019 and any such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.
20. **Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships.** The funds provided for the Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.615 to provide scholarships for students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 and such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose. All receipts deposited in the state treasury during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 to the credit of the community colleges and independent institutions as provided by VTCA, Transportation Code §504.615, estimated to be $62,766 in fiscal year 2018 and $62,766 in fiscal year 2019 are included above in the Method of Finance above, are appropriated for that period to the Coordinating Board for the purpose of providing scholarships for students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance at the independent institution or community college for which the receipts are credited.	**17.** **Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships.** The funds provided to the Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships program are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.615 to provide scholarships for students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance. All balances provided to the Texas Collegiate License Plate from the License Plate Trust Fund Account 0802, as of August 31, 2017, and all receipts received during the biennium, beginning September 1, 2017, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose. All receipts deposited in the state treasury during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 to the credit of the community colleges and independent institutions as provided by VTCA, Transportation Code §504.615 are appropriated for that period to the Coordinating Board for the purpose of providing scholarships for students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance at the independent institution or community college for which the receipts are credited.
22. **"College for Texans" Campaign License Plate.** The funds provided to the "College for Texans" Campaign are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.657 for the purposes of the College for Texans Campaign. All receipts received during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017, estimated to be $13,408 in fiscal year 2018 and $13,408 in fiscal	**19.** **"College for Texans" Campaign License Plate.** The funds provided to the "College for Texans" Campaign are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.657 for the purposes of the College for Texans Campaign. All balances provided to the "College for Texans" Campaign License Plate from the License Plate Trust Fund, Account 0802, as of

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	year 2019 and included in the amounts appropriated in the strategy, are hereby appropriated to the Coordinating Board for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 for the same purpose. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.	August 31, 2017, and all receipts received during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017, are hereby appropriated to the Coordinating Board for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 for the same purpose. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.
23.	**Boy Scout Scholarships.** The funds provided to the Boy Scout Scholarships are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.6545 to provide grants to benefit the Boy Scouts. All receipts received during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017, are hereby appropriated to the Coordinating Board for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 for the same purpose. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.	**20.** **Boy Scout Scholarships.** The funds provided to the Boy Scout Scholarships are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.6545 to provide grants to benefit the Boy Scouts. All balances provided to the Boy Scout Scholarships from the License Plate Trust Fund Account 0802, as of August 31, 2017, and all receipts received during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017, are hereby appropriated to the Coordinating Board for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 for the same purpose. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.
24.	**Cotton Boll Scholarships.** The funds provided to the Cotton Boll Scholarships are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.636 for the purpose of providing scholarships to students who are pursuing a degree in an agricultural field related to the cotton industry while enrolled in an institution of higher education. All receipts received during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017, are hereby appropriated to the Coordinating Board for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 for the same purpose. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.	**21.** **Cotton Boll Scholarships.** The funds provided to the Cotton Boll Scholarships are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.636 for the purpose of providing scholarships to students who are pursuing a degree in an agricultural field related to the cotton industry while enrolled in an institution of higher education. All balances provided to the Cotton Boll Scholarships from the License Plate Trust Fund, Account 0802, as of August 31, 2017, and all receipts received during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017, are hereby appropriated to the Coordinating Board for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 for the same purpose. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.

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26. **Align Adult Basic Education and Postsecondary Education.** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) shall coordinate with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to prepare a report on the alignment of Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) and postsecondary education.

To increase the number, success and persistence of students transitioning to postsecondary education from AEL programs and students enrolled in basic academic skills education courses and interventions, this report shall address by provider and statewide, as applicable:

a. Outreach, referrals, persistence interventions, and advising;
b. Assessment, curriculum, and instruction aligned to integrated or intensive program models;
c. State-level accountability systems to monitor performance;
d. AEL to postsecondary performance measures;
e. Accelerate Texas data and program evaluation:
f. General Education Development (GED) test data;
g. Standards to enhance data quality and sharing among state agencies and service-providers; and
h. Grants and other institutional funding models (including Federal Funds and Other Funds) to maximize effective use of limited General Revenue Funds.

For purposes of this rider, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall be considered the lead agency for this report. The agencies shall also provide recommendations for the continued coordination and alignment of AEL assessments and the TSI Assessment under Sec. 51.3062. Education Code, for the appropriate student placement in AEL basic academic skills or developmental education courses and interventions. The report shall be to the House Committee on Higher Education, House Appropriations Committee, Senate Education Committee, Senate Finance Committee, the Governor, Texas Workforce Commission, and the Legislative Budget Board by May 1, 2018.

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	30. **Accelerate Texas Community College Grants.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy, D.1.3, Accelerate Community College Grants, $2,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2018 and $2,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2019 shall be used for the purpose of awarding competitive grants to community colleges and public technical institutions to scale and sustain Accelerate Texas program models to increase the participation and success of adult education and literacy (AEL) and AEL-eligible students transitioning into postsecondary education and/or training programs and for student workforce training or academic programs leading to credentials of value in regional labor markets. Any balances as of August 31, 2018 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018.
30. **Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Retention Rates.** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report the results of a survey of physicians who have completed a Physician Education Loan Repayment Program application in which the physician agreed to practice in a health professional shortage area in exchange for a loan repayment award to determine rates of retention in those shortage areas and counties. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report the results of the survey to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor prior to September 1 of every even numbered year.	**26.** **Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Retention Rates.** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report the results of a survey of physicians who have completed a Physician Education Loan Repayment Program application in which the physician agreed to practice in a health professional shortage area in exchange for a loan repayment award to determine rates of retention in those shortage areas and counties. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report the results of the survey in its Annual Financial Aid Report of every even numbered year.
	31. **Teacher Education Centers.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.5, Teacher Education, are to be used for the purpose of supporting centers for teacher education at private, independent, general academic institutions that are component institutions of the Texas Association of Developing Colleges. Consideration shall be given to teacher education centers at Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas College in Tyler, Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, and Wiley College in Marshall. These funds may be used to enhance library resources and computer, mathematics and science laboratories. The board may require periodic submission of data and reports as the board considers necessary to

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	assess the overall performance of the centers. The board may obtain the services of a program planner to facilitate and coordinate the process of curriculum development and program redesign to improve teacher preparation at the participating institutions. By October 15th of each year, the participating institutions shall report data to the board as required to assess the overall performance of the centers.
	35. **Border Faculty Loan Repayment Program.** The Higher Education Coordinating Board may allocate additional funds from the Student Financial Aid Programs, to the Border Faculty Loan Repayment Program, and any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2019.
37. **Developmental Education.** Out of funds appropriated above for the Developmental Education Program, $1,825,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2018 and $1,825,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2019 shall be used to continued scaling effective strategies that promote systemic reforms, to improve student outcomes and provide professional development opportunities for faculty and staff to improve advising, acceleration and completion of underprepared students. Out of funds appropriated to this strategy, the Higher Education Coordinating Board will collaborate with Texas public institutions of higher education, to scale effective interventions such as non-course competency based remediation, core-requisite models, and modular offerings. Out of funds appropriated to this strategy, the Higher Education Coordinating Board will analyze and compare information collected annually from all Texas public institutions on the Developmental Education Program Survey and other TSI data to determine the most effective and efficient interventions and submit a report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Appropriations, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chair of House Appropriations, Senate Committee on Higher Education and House Committee on Higher Education before January 1, 2019. Any balances	36. **Developmental Education.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.2, Developmental Education Program, $1,800,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2018 and $1,800,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2019 shall be used to continued scaling effective strategies that promote systemic reforms, to improve student outcomes and provide professional development opportunities for faculty and staff to improve advising, acceleration and completion of underprepared students. Out of funds appropriated to this strategy, the Higher Education Coordinating Board will collaborate with Texas public institutions of higher education, to scale effective interventions such as non-course competency based remediation, core-requisite models, emporium models, and modular offerings. Out of funds appropriated to this strategy, the Higher Education Coordinating Board will analyze and compare information collected annually from all Texas public institutions on the Developmental Education Program Survey and other TSI data to determine the most effective and efficient interventions and submit a report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Appropriations, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chair of House Appropriations, Senate Committee on Higher Education and House Committee on Higher Education before January 1, 2019. Any

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remaining as of August 31, 2018 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018.	balances remaining as of August 31, 2018 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018.
38. **Toward EXcellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program.** For all funds appropriated for the TEXAS Grant Program, and funds transferred into the TEXAS Grant Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2019. Any amounts received by the Higher Education Coordinating Board as donations under Texas Education Code §56.310 during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 are hereby appropriated for the purpose of awarding TEXAS Grants during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017. Any amounts transferred to the Higher Education Coordinating Board by the Comptroller of Public Accounts in accordance with Texas Property Code §72.1016(e) which provides that five percent of the money collected from stored value cards presumed to be abandoned are to be used as grants under Subchapter M. Education Code §56, are hereby appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 for the purpose of awarding TEXAS Grants during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017.	**37.** **Toward EXcellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program.** For all funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.1, TEXAS Grant Program, and funds transferred into the TEXAS Grant Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2019. All balances of appropriations in Strategy, C.1.1, TEXAS Grant Program, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017, estimated to be $0 (and included in the Method of Finance above), are hereby appropriated. Any amounts received by the Higher Education Coordinating Board as donations under Texas Education Code §56.310 during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 are hereby appropriated for the purpose of awarding TEXAS Grants during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017. Any amounts transferred to the Higher Education Coordinating Board by the Comptroller of Public Accounts in accordance with Texas Property Code §72.1016(e) which provides that five percent of the money collected from stored value cards presumed to be abandoned are to be used as grants under Subchapter M. Education Code §56, are hereby appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 for the purpose of awarding TEXAS Grants during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017.
39. **B-On-Time Program-Public.** Funds appropriated above for the B-On-Time Program-Public, are for renewal awards. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 in the B-On-Time Program-Public, may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose. Any payments received on B-On-Time loans are hereby appropriated to the program for the administration of the loan program.	**38.** **B-On-Time Program-Public.** Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 in Strategy C.1.2, B-On-Time Program-Public, may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose. Any payments received on B-On-Time loans are hereby appropriated to Strategy A.1.2 for the administration of the loan program.

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40. **Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) Program.** For all funds appropriated above to the Tuition Equalization Grant Program, and funds transferred into the TEG Grant Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.	**39.** **Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) Program.** For all funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.4, Tuition Equalization Grant Program, and funds transferred into the TEG Grant Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose. All balances of appropriations in Strategy C.1.4, Tuition Equalization Grant Program, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017, estimated to be $0 (and included in the Method of Finance above), are hereby appropriated.
41. **Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program-Public Community Colleges.** Out of the funds appropriated above to the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public Community Colleges, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute funding to Public Community Colleges for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program. For all funds appropriated above to the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public Community Colleges, and funds transferred into the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public Community Colleges, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.	**40.** **Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program-Public Community Colleges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.5, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant-Public Community Colleges, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute funding to Public Community Colleges for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program. For all funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.5, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant-Public Community Colleges, and funds transferred into the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public Community Colleges, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose. All balances of appropriations in Strategy C.1.5, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public Community Colleges, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017, estimated to be $0 (and included in the Method of Finance above), are hereby appropriated.
42. **Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program-Public State and Technical Colleges.** Out of the funds appropriated above to the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public State and Technical Colleges, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute funding to Public State and Technical Colleges for the Texas Educational	**41.** **Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program-Public State and Technical Colleges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.6, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant-Public State and Technical Colleges, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute funding to Public State and Technical Colleges for the Texas Educational

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Opportunity Grant Program. For all funds appropriated above to the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public State and Technical Colleges, and funds transferred into the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public State and Technical Colleges, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.	Opportunity Grant Program. For all funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.6, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant-Public State and Technical Colleges, and funds transferred into the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public State and Technical Colleges, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose. All balances of appropriations in Strategy C.1.6, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public State and Technical Colleges, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017, estimated to be $0 (and included in the Method of Finance above), are hereby appropriated.
43. **College Work-Study (CWS) Program.** For all funds appropriated above for the College Work Study (CWS) Program and funds transferred into the CWS Grant Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.	**42.** **College Work-Study (CWS) Program.** For all funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.7, College Work Study (CWS) Program and funds transferred into the CWS Grant Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose. All balances of appropriations in Strategy C.1.7, College Work-Study program, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017, estimated to be $0 (and included in the Method of Finance above), are hereby appropriated.
	46. **Mathways Project.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.2, Developmental Education Program, $200,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2018 and $200,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2019 shall be transferred to The University of Texas at Austin for the purpose of implementing the New Mathways Project.
	50. **Teacher Residency Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.7, Teacher Residency in the amounts of $649,153 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $649,152 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 are to be used for the purpose of supporting the Texas

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	Teacher Residency Program. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.
	51. **Primary Care Innovation Grant Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy F.1.4, Primary Care Innovation Grant Program, are $2,100,000 for fiscal year 2018 from General Revenue to award grants to medical schools to develop programs to increase the number of primary care physicians in the state. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.
	52. **Dental Education Loan Repayment Program.** The funds provided to Strategy F.1.9, Dental Education Loan Repayment Program, are appropriated in accordance with Education Code §§ 61.901-61.910, for repayment of eligible student loans received by a dentist who meets the stipulated requirements. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried forward over to fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.
53. **Autism Grant Program.** Out of funds appropriated above for the Autism Grant Program, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) shall distribute to autism research centers at institutions of higher education that currently provide evidence-based behavioral services and training, in the amounts and for the purposes as follows:	**56.** **Autism Grant Program.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy I.1.2, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) shall distribute to autism research centers at public and private institutions of higher education that currently provide evidence-based behavioral services and training, in the amounts and for the purposes as follows:
1) Parent-directed Treatment: $2,250,000 per fiscal year to serve 750 children per year;	1) Parent-directed Treatment: $2,250,000 per fiscal year to serve 750 children per year;

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2) Board-certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) Training for Teachers/Paraprofessionals: $950,000 per fiscal year to serve 2,547 children per year. The research centers may contract with educational service centers to provide this training;

3) Research, development and evaluation of innovative autism treatment models: $700,000 per fiscal year; and

4) Administrative support of the programs in subsections (1) through (3): $150,000 per fiscal year may be expended by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

5) If funds appropriated under Paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) exceed the funds that can be expended in accordance with the requirements of that paragraph, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may expend the excess funds for any purpose described in Paragraphs (1), (2) or (3).

6) Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2019.

THECB shall gather data on the above programs from each institution's autism research center and submit an annual report on the effectiveness of each program, including the number of children served, the number of parents and/or teachers/paraprofessionals trained, and the results of the research on innovative treatment models. The report shall be submitted no later than September 1 of each year, to the Legislative Budget Board, Office of the Governor, the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.

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2) Board-certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) Training for Teachers/Paraprofessionals: $950,000 per fiscal year to serve 2,547 children per year. The research centers may contract with educational service centers to provide this training;

3) Research, development and evaluation of innovative autism treatment models: $700,000 per fiscal year; and

4) Administrative support of the programs in subsections b(1) through b(3): $150,000 per fiscal year may be expended by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

5) If funds appropriated under Paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) exceed the funds that can be expended in accordance with the requirements of that paragraph, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may expend the excess funds for any purpose described in Paragraphs (1), (2) or (3).

6) Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2019.

THECB shall gather data on the above programs from each institution's autism research center and submit an annual report on the effectiveness of each program, including the number of children served, the number of parents and/or teachers/paraprofessionals trained, and the results of the research on innovative treatment models. The report shall be submitted no later than September 1 of each year, to the Legislative Budget Board, Office of the Governor, the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.

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56. **Fields of Study.** Any unexpended balances for the Fields of Study Program at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2019.

57. **Contingency for Senate Bill 18.**

(a) Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 18, or similar legislation relating to the establishment of a student financial aid program, by the Eighty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session, the Higher Education Coordinating Board is appropriated from General Revenue $30,000,000 for fiscal year 2019 for transfer to General Revenue-dedicated Texas Student First Program Account, to be allocated to institutions to implement the provisions of the legislation.

(b) No institution of Higher Education receiving an appropriation in this Act may receive an allocation of funds appropriated by this provision without meeting the conditions of the legislation.

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59. **B-On-Time Public Balances.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Texas B-On-Time Public include $65,324,057 in unexpended balances, in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas B-On-Time Account 5103. The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute to institutions of higher education pursuant to the allocation methodology agreed by the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on B-On-Time Tuition Set-Asides Reimbursement on April 20th, 2016. These funds will be used by institutions to help defray the cost of tuition and fees or student success initiatives for current students.

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60. **Advise TX Reporting Requirement.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall conduct a study on the effectiveness of the Advise TX program and report the results of the study to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office by October 1st of each year. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) the campuses and regions served by the program; (2) the student population served by the program; and (3) measurable outcomes of the program, including college enrollment rates of students served.

61. **Program to Encourage Certification to Teach Bilingual Education, English as a Second Language, or Spanish.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.10, Bilingual Education Program, the Coordinating Board shall expend an amount that is not less than $150,000 for each year of the 2018-19 biennium to develop and operate a program at the University of North Texas, University of North Texas at Dallas, Texas Woman's University, The University of Texas at Dallas, The University of Texas Arlington, Texas A&M Commerce and DFW Tech Teach - Texas Tech University, in consultation with the university, to provide financial incentives in the form of tuition assistance, to encourage students who enroll in an educator preparation program at the university to become certified to teach bilingual education, English as a Second Language, or Spanish in school districts with high critical needs.

The program shall make awards to qualified students admitted to the Teacher Education Program in Bilingual Education. Qualified students must: 1) have demonstrated financial need, as determined by the completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form and the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships; 2) Successfully pass the State Board of Educator Certification Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test; and 3) Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. The program shall submit a report not later than January 1, 2019 to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board detailing annual information on the following performance measures:

- Student graduation rates from the program;

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- Passage rates for the Texas Examination of Education Standards Bilingual Education Supplemental exam and/or the English as a Second Language Supplemental exam; and Graduate employment data at Texas public school districts.

62. **Collaborative Dual Credit Program Evaluation.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Central Administration, $72,131 in each fiscal year of the biennium in General Revenue shall be used to dedicate one Full-Time Employee (FTE) to collaboratively, along with the Texas Education Agency:

a) identify existing capabilities, limitations, and costs to comprehensively evaluate dual credit opportunities, including an assessment of the adequacy of information on dual credit costs and local funding structures and the ability to identify ineffective and inefficient dual credit programs;

b) develop a plan to create a cross-agency, statewide dual credit student outcome reporting and evaluation tool to measure acceleration, tuition saved, and efficient and effective practices for offering dual credit. The agencies shall consider the role both Preschool-to-Grade-16 (P-16) Councils and Education Research Centers could have in this evaluation strategy;

c) report their joint findings regarding the comprehensive evaluation of dual credit to the Governor, Legislative Budget Board, and Legislative committees responsible for oversight of public and higher education no later than August 31, 2018; and

d) issue guidance, using existing data on all dual credit programs, regarding the best and most effective practices for school districts and dual credit partners to continue or initiate dual credit offerings.

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	5. **Stroke Clinical Research.** Out of the funds appropriated above to The University of Texas System in Strategy C.1.2, Stroke Clinical Research, $4,500,000 in General Revenue over the biennium at The University of Texas System is for the administration of the statewide stroke clinical research network, Stroke System of Care Coordination (Lone Star Stroke).

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10. **McDonald Observatory.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, The University of Texas System Allocation, it is the intent of the Legislature that a minimum of $3,765,190 per fiscal year shall be expended for the McDonald Observatory at The University of Texas at Austin. Also, not withstanding other provisions of this Act, no General Revenue Funds may be appropriated for the McDonald Observatory at The University of Texas at Austin.

11. **Bureau of Economic Geology.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, The University of Texas System Allocation, it is the intent of the Legislature that a minimum of $3,753,537 per fiscal year shall be expended for the Bureau of Economic Geology at The University of Texas at Austin. Also, not withstanding other provisions of this Act, no General Revenue Funds may be appropriated for the Bureau of Economic Geology at The University of Texas at Austin.

12. **Bureau of Economic Geology: Project STARR.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, The University of Texas System Allocation, it is the intent of the Legislature that a minimum of $4,950,000 per fiscal year shall be expended for the Bureau of Economic Geology: Project STARR at The University of Texas at Austin. Also, not withstanding other provisions of this Act, no General Revenue Funds may be appropriated for the Bureau of Economic Geology: Project STARR at The University of Texas at Austin.

13. **Marine Science Institute.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, The University of Texas System Allocation, it is the intent of the Legislature that a minimum of $2,503,977 per fiscal year shall be expended for the Marine Science Institute at The University of Texas at

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Austin. Also, notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, no General Revenue Funds may be appropriated for the Marine Science Institute at The University of Texas at Austin.	
14. Agriculture Match. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Texas A&M University System Allocation, it is the intent of the Legislature that a minimum of $3,207,051 per fiscal year shall be expended for the Agriculture Match at Prairie View A&M University. Also, notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, no General Revenue Funds may be appropriated for the Agriculture Match at Prairie View A&M University.	

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1. **Distribution to Eligible Institutions.** There is appropriated to each eligible institution for the biennium ending August 31, 2019, that portion of the earnings from the National Research University Fund distributed to it by Article VII, §20 of the Texas Constitution, together with any interest on balances attributable to the eligible institutions. Pursuant to Article VII, §20 of the Texas Constitution, each eligible institution must use its National Research University Fund appropriation only for the support and maintenance of educational and general activities that promote increased research capacity at the institution.	**1.** **Distribution to Eligible Institutions.** There is appropriated to each eligible institution for the biennium ending August 31, 2019, that portion of the earnings from the National Research University Fund distributed to it by Article VII, §20 of the Texas Constitution. Pursuant to Article VII, §20 of the Texas Constitution, each eligible institution must use its National Research University Fund appropriation only for the support and maintenance of educational and general activities that promote increased research capacity at the institution.

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2. **Robotics Engineering Research Program Transferability Authority.** The University of Texas at Arlington is hereby authorized to transfer or utilize from funds appropriated above an amount not to exceed $356,250 to the Robotics Engineering Research Program. However, no funds may be transferred from any specified amount for faculty salaries, general scholarships, or minority scholarships and recruitment.	2. **Robotics Engineering Research Program Transferability Authority.** The University of Texas at Arlington is hereby authorized to transfer or utilize from funds appropriated above an amount not to exceed $356,250 to the Robotics Engineering Research Program in addition to the amount specified for that item. However, no funds may be transferred from any specified amount for faculty salaries, general scholarships, or minority scholarships and recruitment.
	3. **Center for Mexican American Studies.** The University of Texas at Arlington is hereby authorized to transfer or utilize, from funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed $213,750 for the operation of the Center for Mexican American Studies.
	4. **Urban Studies Institute.** All funds collected by the Urban Studies Institute are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas at Arlington for the Urban Studies Institute. It is the intent of the Legislature that services provided by the Institute shall be provided at a reduced cost based upon financial need and the availability of like services.
	5. **University of Texas at Arlington Research Institute.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Arlington in Strategy C.2.1, UT Arlington Research Institute, $1,792,753 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $1,792,753 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 shall be used for The University of Texas at Arlington Research Institute.
	6. **Study of Transit Systems in Certain Municipalities.** Out of funds appropriated above, The University of Texas at Arlington shall conduct a study of the Grand Prairie and Arlington

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	transit systems. The study must: identify the needs in the municipalities' transit systems; identify the causes of the needs; identify options to address the needs; suggest improvements to the transit systems; identify the economic benefits of the suggested improvements; identify the geographic areas most affected by improvements; identify the cost of the improvements and possible sources of funding; and study the merits of the municipalities joining existing/surrounding transit authorities. In addition to using peer research, the study must include community outreach. The University of Texas at Arlington shall submit the study to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2018.

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3. **Public Policy Clinics.** Out of the funds appropriated above, up to $136,953 in each year of the biennium shall be used for the Irma Lerma Rangel Public Policy Clinics in the Department of Government. The clinics shall be focused on public policy issues salient to the State of Texas and to be offered as graduate-level seminars to help maximize the partnership with the Tomas Rivera Center, the Center for Migration and Border Studies and other academic institutions. These funds shall be used to pay for the Irma Lerma Rangel Research Fellowships in Law and Public Policy, surveys, and other expenses associated with the clinics.

4. **Legislative Law Clinic.** Out of the funds appropriated above, up to $75,000 in each year of the biennium shall be used for the continuation of the Legislative Lawyering Clinic in the School of Law. These funds shall be used to pay for clinic academic and administrative personnel, research, surveys, and other expenses associated with the clinic.

5. **Readiness Project.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.1.1, Readiness, $3,000,000 shall be used to establish a statewide program to create and deploy modular courses to improve college readiness, reduce the need for developmental education, and improve student success, to be developed by a consortium of universities from multiple university systems and community colleges organized by The University of Texas at Austin. The courses would incorporate college readiness assignments based on the state college and career readiness standards that have been developed and field tested by faculty and instructional support staff from Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin, public junior colleges, and public school districts. The courses should use diagnostic assessments and advanced technology to determine students' specific needs, include open-source instructional materials, include professional development institutes and online resources for instructors, and incorporate the best available research about how students learn complex material. The courses may be designed so that they can be deployed as dual credit courses. Any unexpended balances

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	remaining as of August 31, 2018 are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018.
5. Special Item Phase-Out. It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	
	6. College of Fine Arts. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.4.1, Institutional Enhancement, $500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 is for a program to modernize the curriculum and teaching effectiveness in the Fine Arts, especially for schools and communities underperforming in arts education, throught the UTeach Fine Arts Initiative, including the Arts and Digital Literacy program, developed by the College of Fine Arts at the University of Texas 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 AP instruction for college preparedness.
	9. Darrell K Royal Alzheimer's Initiative. Amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Darrell K Royal Texas Alzheimer's Initiative, are funds trusteed to The University of Texas at Austin, and The University of Texas at Austin may not transfer the amount appropriated to other purposes. All amounts, net of cost of administration, shall be allocated at the direction of the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders as provided by law to the Consortium of Alzheimer's Disease Centers and for other disease-specific purposes that are

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	part of the Darrell K Royal Texas Alzheimer's Initiative as approved by the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2019.
	10. Marine Science Institute. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.2.1, Marine Science Institute, $2,378,778 in General Revenue in each fiscal year shall be used for the Marine Science Institute.

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2. **African American Museum Internship.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.1, African American Museum Internship, are for the purpose of supporting an internship at the African American Museum in Dallas. Amounts appropriated in this strategy are funds trusteed to The University of Texas at Dallas, and The University of Texas at Dallas may not transfer the amount appropriated to other purposes. The University of Texas at Dallas may require periodic submission of data and reports as they consider necessary to assess the overall performance of the museum internship program. By September 1 of each year, the museum shall report data to The University of Texas at Dallas as required to assess the overall performance of the internship program. The University of Texas at Dallas is required to report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office concerning the effectiveness of the program by October 1, 2018.

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2. **Transfer of Consortium Funds.** Funds identified for the Texas Centers for Border Economic and Enterprise Development are to be distributed among the member institutions of the consortium by transfers from appropriations to The University of Texas at El Paso to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and Texas A&M International University. Such transfers are subject to the special and general provisions of this Act and are authorized as follows:

Texas A&M International University:		
Institute for International Trade	$ 137,887	$137,887
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:		
Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development	$ 228,713	$228,713

5. **Pharmacy Extension.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at El Paso in Strategy C.1.3, Pharmacy Extension, $3,192,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $3,192,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for Pharmacy Extension.

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2. **McAllen Advanced Manufacturing Research and Education Park.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Strategy C.2.8, Regional Advanced Tooling Center, $475,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $475,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be for the McAllen Advanced Manufacturing Research and Education Park.

3. **Appropriations in Support of the School of Medicine and the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC).** Included in appropriations above to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Strategy H.1.1, School of Medicine, is $27,629,055 in fiscal year 2018 and $27,629,055 in fiscal year 2019 to support the establishment, operation, or administration of a medical school and the Regional Academic Health Center. Notwithstanding Article III, Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Sec. 4 Transfer Provisions of this Act, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley may transfer appropriations to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio from Strategy H.1.1, School of Medicine in an amount not to exceed $15,698,950 in fiscal year 2018 and $15,698,950 in fiscal year 2019, to be used for services related to the Regional Academic Health Center or the medical school.

For purposes of the requirements of Article IX, Sec. 6.08 Benefits Proportional by Fund of this Act, appropriations made to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and transferred to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio to be used for services related to the Regional Academic Health Center or the medical school shall be counted as if the transferred funds were directly appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

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	4. **Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years: School of Medicine.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2018, from the appropriations identified in Strategy H.1.1, School of Medicine, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018. Funds expended from appropriations identified in this strategy may be used to cover student travel expenses associated with rotations between the San Antonio, Harlingen and Edinburg campuses.
6. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	

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2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.

2. **Definition of Allowable Expenses for Public Leadership Institute.** Appropriated funds for the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute may be used to pay for costs associated with the Institute's education programs for public secondary and university-level students. Allowable costs include, but are not limited to, registration fees, group or air transportation, lodging, meals, training costs, and related expenses.

3. **School of Nursing.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Strategy C.1.4, School of Nursing, $1,094,400 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $1,094,400 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 shall be used for the School of Nursing.

4. **Rural Digital University.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Strategy C.1.5, Rural Digital University, $1,425,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $1,425,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Rural Digital University.

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2. **Institute of Texan Cultures.** Out of the funds appropriated above, it is the intent of the Legislature that The University of Texas at San Antonio spend up to $1,370,464 each year of the biennium for the Institute of Texan Cultures.

3. **Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years: San Antonio Life Sciences Institute.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2018, from the appropriations identified in Strategy C.2.1, San Antonio Life Sciences Institute, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas at San Antonio for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018.

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	2. **Palestine Campus.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Tyler in Strategy C.1.1, Palestine Campus, $406,911 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $406,911 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Palestine Campus.
2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	

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	2. **Establishment of America's Promise School.** Out of the funds appropriated above, Prairie View A&M University will jointly operate an America's Promise School with Waller Independent School District. The school will be a full service pre-kindergarten through fourth grade community-centered elementary school based around the America's Promise concept, which includes the following five promises: (1) an ongoing relationship with a caring adult/mentor; (2) safe places and structured activities before and after school; (3) a healthy start, including nutritional and health-related services; (4) students developing marketable skills through effective education; and (5) opportunities for the students to serve and give back to the community.
3. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	
	4. **Office of International Affairs.** Out of funds appropriated above to Prairie View A&M University in Strategy C.4.1, Institutional Enhancement, $175,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $175,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Office of International Affairs at Prairie View A&M University.

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3. **Bosque River Monitoring Project.** The Institute for Applied Environmental Research shall conduct water quality monitoring for the Bosque River. The institute shall coordinate the collection and reporting of data to conform with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality protocols. The Institute shall report on the water quality in the Bosque River by July 1 and February 1 of each year to the Commission. It is legislative intent that the water quality monitoring efforts of the Institute for Applied Environmental Research, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and other appropriate agencies and entities be cooperative and non-duplicative.

4. **Multi-Institution Teaching Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Higher Education Multi-Institution Teaching Center (MITC), $2,736,000 shall be used to increase access to public higher education in the greater Midlothian community. The MITC shall be a collaborative program led by Tarleton State University along with Texas A&M University - Commerce and Navarro Community College. The MITC shall collaborate with the citizens of the greater Midlothian community to meet the educational needs of the community. Funds may be used for, but not limited to, developing new programs, hiring faculty and staff, providing classroom and office space, necessary computer/technology infrastructure and support, and library materials. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2018 are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018.

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2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	
	2. **Transition Funding - Texas A&M University - Central Texas.** It is the intent of the legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy C.1.1, Transition Funding for Texas A&M University - Central Texas will be phased out as formula funding increases until the institution reaches 6,000 full time student equivalents.
	3. **East Williamson County Higher Education Center.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Central Texas in Strategy C.2.2, East Williamson County Higher Education Center, $549,464 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $549,464 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the East Williamson County Higher Education Center.

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	2. **Art Museum Contingency.** Out of the General Revenue funds appropriated above, $187,821 in each year of the biennium for the Art Museum is contingent upon the Art Museum receiving at least $375,643 each year from local gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the operations of the Art Museum. In the event that gifts, grants, or donations for each fiscal year total less than $375,643, the appropriation in each fiscal year is reduced to an amount equal to one-half of the total gifts, grants, and donations received in that fiscal year.
2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	
	3. **Engineering Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Engineering Program in the amount of $3,169,200 in fiscal year 2018 and $3,169,200 in fiscal year 2019 shall be used to support engineering programs, including mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and the STEM pipeline initiative.

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2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.

2. **Veterinary Technology Program.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Kingsville in Strategy C.1.2, Veterinary Technology Program, $712,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $712,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be for the Veterinary Technology Program.

3. **Texas A&M University-Kingsville Graduate Assistance - Agriculture and Human Sciences.** The funds provided to Texas A&M University-Kingsville from License Plate Trust Fund No. 0802 are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.626 to provide financial assistance to graduate students in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences. Any balances on hand as of August 31, 2017, estimated to be $0 (and included above in the Method of Financing), and all receipts received during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 (estimated to be $0 per year), are hereby appropriated to Texas A&M University-Kingsville for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 for the same purpose. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to the fiscal year 2019 and any such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.

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2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.

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2. **Transition Funding - Texas A&M University - San Antonio.** It is the intent of the legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy C.1.1, Transition Funding for Texas A&M University - San Antonio will be phased out as formula funding increases until the institution reaches 6,000 full-time student equivalents.

3. **Downward Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - San Antonio in Strategy C.1.2, Downward Expansion, $4,524,517 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $4,524,517 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for Downward Expansion.

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2. Special Item Phase-Out. It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	

Senate

2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.

House

2. **Electrical Engineering Program.** Out of funds appropriated to West Texas A&M University in Strategy C.1.1, Electrical Engineering Program, $438,320 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $361,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Electrical Engineering Program.

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	2. **Institute for Competency-Based Education.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Commerce in Strategy C.2.2, Institute for Competency-Based Education, $629,034 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $629,034 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Institute for Competency-Based Education.

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House

3. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.

3. **Transition Funding - Texas A&M University - Texarkana.** It is the intent of the Legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy C.3.2, Downward Expansion for Texas A&M University - Texarkana will be phased out as formula funding increases until the institution reaches 6,000 full time student equivalents.

4. **Student Success Program.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Texarkana in Strategy C.2.2, Student Success Program, $737,249 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $737,249 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Student Success Program.

5. **Nursing Program.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Texarkana in Strategy C.1.2, Nursing Program, $812,245 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $812,245 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Nursing Program.

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3. **William P. Hobby School of Public Affairs.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston in Strategy C.2.3, William P. Hobby School of Public Affairs, $200,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $200,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used by the William P. Hobby School of Public Affairs to analyze demographic, economic, and related data on markets and other factors impacting Houston, the Houston region, and other parts of Texas.

4. **Medical School Study.** Out of funds appropriated, the University of Houston shall conduct a study on the need for an additional medical school in Houston that prepares students for primary care in urban and rural communities.

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House

2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.

2. **Downward Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated above, $2,925,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $2,925,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 is provided for downward expansion. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2018, are hereby appropriated in fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.

3. **Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston - Clear Lake, in Strategy C.2.3, Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, $190,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $190,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.

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2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.

House

2. **Downward Expansion - University of Houston-Victoria.** It is the intent of the Legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy C.1.2, Downward Expansion for the University of Houston-Victoria will be phased out as formula funding increases until the institution reaches 6,000 full-time student equivalents.

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	3. Appropriation of Special Mineral Fund. Any income during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017, deposited in the Midwestern State University Special Mineral Fund No. 412 is appropriated in the funds above to Midwestern State University for the general operations of the university. Mineral Funds are estimated to be $4,751 in fiscal year 2018 and $4,750 in fiscal year 2019.

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	2. **Federation of North Texas Area Universities.** The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall pay all warrants drawn on the identified strategy of the Federation of North Texas Area Universities for expenses incurred on federation business regardless of which member institution of the federation the payee is an employee.
	3. **Universities Center at Dallas Operating Costs.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Universities Center at Dallas, $41,538 each year will be used for operating costs of the Universities Center at Dallas.

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	3. **Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the University of North Texas may not transfer money appropriated under Strategy C.1.1, for the purpose of funding the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, for another purpose.

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2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.

House

2. **Transition Funding - University of North Texas at Dallas.** It is the intent of the Legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy C.1.1, Transitional Funding for the University of North Texas at Dallas will be phased out as formula funding increases until the institution reaches 6,000 full-time student equivalents.

3. **Law School.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Law School, $2,326,133 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $2,326,133 in fiscal year 2019 shall be used to support operations of the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law, including the development of a new instructional model for student success.

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3. Special Item Phase-Out. It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	

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2. **Thurgood Marshall School of Law.** All tuition and fee revenues generated through enrollment in the School of Law, including Texas Public Education Grants and Emergency Loans under Education Code, Chapter 56 (Student Financial Aid Assistance), shall be allocated for use by the School of Law and may only be expended for purposes related to the operation and maintenance of the School of Law and its students.	**2.** **Thurgood Marshall School of Law.** In addition to General Revenue Funds identified above for the operation and maintenance of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, all tuition and fee revenues generated through enrollment in the School of Law, including Texas Public Education Grants and Emergency Loans under Education Code, Chapter 56 (Student Financial Aid Assistance), shall be allocated for use by the School of Law and may only be expended for purposes related to the operation and maintenance of the School of Law and its students.
	5. **Texas Southern University Formula Funding Disparity Review.** The Legislative Budget Board shall review to determine if Texas Southern University is disproportionately and adversely affected by the funding formula for Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019.
5. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	

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	2. **Texas Tech University Museum.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.4. for the Museums and Historical, Cultural and Educational Centers, $381,995 in fiscal year 2018 and 2019 shall be allocated to the Ranching Heritage Center, and $263,936 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Lubbock Lake Landmark.

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	2. **Freshman College.** Out of funds appropriated to Angelo State University in Strategy C.3.2, Freshman College, $1,003,200 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $1,003,200 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Freshman College.
2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	

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	3. **Center for Women in Business.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas Woman's University in Strategy C.3.1, Center for Women in Business, $867,533 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $867,533 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Center for Women in Business.

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2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	
	2. **Port Management.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar University in Strategy C.2.3, Center for Advances in Study of Port Management, $1,292,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $1,292,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Center for Advances in the Study of Port Management.
	3. **Center for Water and Air Quality.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar University in Strategy C.2.4, Center for Water and Air Quality, $522,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $522,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Center for Water and Air Quality.

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2. **Workforce Training and Education Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar Institute of Technology in Strategy C.1.2, Workforce Training and Education Expansion, $475,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $475,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for workforce training and education expansion.

3. **Associate Arts Degree.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar Institute of Technology in Strategy C.1.3, Associate Arts Degree, $237,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $237,500 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for an Associate Arts Degree program.

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2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.

2. **Allied Health Programs.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar State College - Orange in Strategy C.1.1, Allied Health Programs, $497,596 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $497,596 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for Allied Health Programs.

3. **Maritime Technology Program.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar State College - Orange in Strategy C.2.1, Maritime Technology Program, $424,446 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $424,446 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Maritime Technology Program.

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2. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.

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2. **Vocational/Technical and HVAC Program.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar State College - Port Arthur in Strategy C.1.1, Vo-Tech and HVAC Program, $163,056 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $163,056 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Vo-Tech and HVAC Program.

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2. **Appropriation for the Texas Forensic Science Commission.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.6, Texas Forensic Science Commission, $456,000 per year in General Revenue shall be used for the Texas Forensic Science Commission.

3. **Criminal Justice Correctional Management Institute of Texas Fund.** Any unexpended balances from appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017 in the Criminal Justice Correctional Management Institute of Texas Fund (GR Dedicated Fund 5083), estimated to be $130,000, and included in amounts above, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2017. Any balances in Fund 5083 remaining as of August 31, 2018 are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018. Fund 5083 revenues are estimated to be $1,947,000 in fiscal year 2018 and $1,869,000 in fiscal year 2019.

4. **Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas Fund.** Any unexpended balances from appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017 in the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas Fund (GR Dedicated Fund 581), estimated to be $2,129,000, and included in the amounts above, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2017. Any balances in Fund 581 remaining as of August 31, 2018 are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018. Fund 581 revenues are estimated to be $3,484,000 in fiscal year 2018 and $3,397,000 in fiscal year 2019.

5. **Allied Health Programs.** Out of funds appropriated to Sam Houston State University in Strategy C.1.2, Allied Health Programs, $912,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $1,824,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for Allied Health Programs.

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2. Special Item Phase-Out. It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	

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	3. **Texas Institute for Brain Injury and Repair.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.2.6, Texas Institute for Brain Injury and Repair, $6,840,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year shall be used to support the Texas Institute for Brain Injury and Repair.
3. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.4.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	
	4. **Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.2.7, Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine, $7,296,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year shall be used for the Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine.
	5. **Center for Advanced Radiation Therapy.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Strategy D.2.8, Center for Advanced Radiation Therapy, $912,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $912,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Texas Center for Advanced Radiation Therapy.

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6. **Appropriation of Costs for Health Care to Inmates.** Except for appropriations in Strategy D.1.1, Medical Branch Hospitals, none of the funds appropriated above shall be expended to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). It is the intent of the Legislature that all costs for providing health care to inmates of the TDCJ including costs of operating TDCJ hospital facilities in Galveston County (other than The University of Texas Medical Branch Hospital Galveston) and Lubbock County shall be paid from appropriations made to the TDCJ and from any financial reserves from contracts with TDCJ that are held by the University for the correctional health care services. It is the intent of the Legislature that in addition to appropriations made to TDCJ and from any financial reserves from contracts with TDCJ that are held by the University for the correctional health care services, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston may expend institutional funds and appropriations in Strategy D.1.1, Medical Branch Hospitals, to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of TDCJ at The University of Texas Medical Branch Hospital Galveston when necessary. Appropriations made to the TDCJ for the provision of inmate health care services shall be expended in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 501, Subchapter E.	**6.** **Appropriation of Costs for Health Care to Inmates.** None of the funds appropriated above shall be expended to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). It is the intent of the Legislature that all costs for providing health care to inmates of the TDCJ including costs of operating TDCJ hospital facilities in Galveston County and Lubbock County shall be paid from appropriations made to the TDCJ and from any financial reserves from contracts with TDCJ that are held by the University for the correctional health care services. Appropriations made to the TDCJ for the provision of inmate health care services shall be expended in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 501, Subchapter E.

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3. **Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years: Regional Academic Health Center - Public Health.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2018, from the appropriations identified in Strategy E.2.1, Regional Academic Health Center-Public Health, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018.

8. **Biomedical Informatics Research and Education Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in Strategy E.1.2, Biomedical Informatics Research and Education Expansion, $1,459,200 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $1,459,200 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for Biomedical Informatics Research and Education Expansion.

9. **Integrated Care Study for Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.** Out of the funds appropriated above to The University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) at Houston in Strategy E.3.5, Veterans PTSD Study, $2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 shall be used for purposes of conducting a study on the benefits of providing integrated care to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, pursuant to Chapter 662 (H.B. 3404), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015. The study shall evaluate the benefits of:

(1) a standardized comprehensive trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder assessment, and
(2) family involvement in post-traumatic stress disorder treatment.

UTHSC Houston shall coordinate with the Health and Human Services Commission for the purposes of conducting the study. No later than December 1, 2018, UTHSC Houston shall

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	submit a report on the results of the study to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The report must include the number of people served and the type of integrated care provided through the study.

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	3. **Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years: Regional Campus - Laredo.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2018, from the appropriations identified in Strategy E.1.1, Regional Campus - Laredo, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018. Funds expended from appropriations identified in this strategy may be used to cover student travel expenses associated with rotations between the San Antonio and Laredo campuses.
4. **Services Provided in Support of the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine.** Notwithstanding limitations on appropriations transfers elsewhere in this Act, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is authorized to use the funds appropriated by this Act to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for the purpose of providing services to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine in an amount not to exceed $15,698,950 in fiscal year 2018 and $15,698,950 in fiscal year 2019, for the support of the Regional Academic Health Center or the establishment, operation, or administration of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine. For purposes of the requirements of Article IX, Sec. 6.08 Benefits Proportional by Method of Finance of this Act, appropriations made to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and transferred to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for the support of the Regional Academic Health Center or the establishment, operation, or administration of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine shall be counted as if the transferred funds were directly appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.	2. **Services Provided in Support of the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine.** Notwithstanding limitations on appropriations transfers elsewhere in this Act, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is authorized to use the funds appropriated by this Act to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for the purpose of providing services to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine in an amount not to exceed $15,698,950 in fiscal year 2018 and $15,698,950 in fiscal year 2019, for the support of the Regional Academic Health Center or the establishment, operation, or administration of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine. For purposes of the requirements of Article IX, Sec. 6.08 Benefits Proportional by Fund of this Act, appropriations made to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and transferred to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for the support of the Regional Academic Health Center or the establishment, operation, or administration of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine shall be counted as if the transferred funds were directly appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

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	6. **Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.3.2, Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies, $1,900,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year shall be used to support the Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies, Alzheimer's Disease research, and translational science.
	7. **Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years: San Antonio Life Sciences Institute.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2018, from the appropriations identified in Strategy E.3.1, Life Sciences Institute, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018.

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	7. **Rare and Aggressive Breast Cancer Research Program.** Of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.2, Breast Cancer Research Program, $1,520,000 in fiscal year 2018 and $1,520,000 in fiscal year 2019 in General Revenue is for the rare and aggressive breast cancer research program. Its efforts will contribute to improving the diagnostics in patients with breast cancer.

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8. Special Item Phase-Out. It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.4.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.

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8. Northeast Texas Initiative. Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler in Strategy D.1.1, Northeast Texas Initiative, $3,348,034 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $3,348,035 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Northeast Texas Initiative.

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	3. **Coastal Bend Health Education Center.** Out of funds appropriated above to Texas A&M University System Health Science Center in Strategy E.1.1, Coastal Bend Health Education Center, the institution shall allocate funds to operate a local area network among coastal distance education sites, provide electronic library access, and develop allied health programs with area general academic institutions.
	6. **Research on Acute Neurological Injuries.** Out of funds appropriated above, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center may allocate funds to conduct joint research endeavors with other scientists from Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to develop treatments to repair acute neurological injuries such as those caused by trauma and strokes.
8. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.4.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	
	10. **Forensic Nursing.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.5, Forensic Nursing, $912,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year of the 2018−19 biennium shall be used to support the Department of Forensic Nursing.

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11. **Healthy South Texas.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.6, Healthy South Texas, $4,560,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year of the 2018−19 biennium shall be used to support the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in operations of the program.

12. **Nursing Program Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.7, Nursing Program Expansion, $216,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year shall be used to support a partnership between Texas A&M University System Health Science Center and Angelina College for a nursing program. If a partnership does not exist, the funds may not be used for any other purpose.

Any unexpended balance as of August 31, 2018 in Strategy E.1.7, Nursing Program Expansion is hereby appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2019. It is the intent of the Legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy E.1.7, Nursing Program Expansion for Texas A&M University System Health Science Center will be phased out as formula funding increases.

13. **Irma Rangel College of Pharmacy.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.3., Irma Rangel College of Pharmacy, shall be used to support the Irma Rangel College of Pharmacy. If the headquarters of the pharmacy school is no longer located in Kingsville, Texas, appropriations made to this strategy shall lapse.

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5. **Texas Missing Persons and Human Identification Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.2.3, Texas Missing Persons and Human Identification Program, $1,198,964 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $923,700 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth shall be used to support the Texas Missing Persons and Human Identification Program.

6. **Institute for Patient Safety and Preventable Harm.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth in Strategy D.1.2, Institute for Patient Safety and Preventable Harm, $1,847,400 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $1,847,400 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the Institute for Patient Safety and Preventable Harm.

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2. **Appropriation of Costs for Health Care to Inmates.** None of the funds appropriated above shall be expended to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). It is the intent of the Legislature that all costs for providing health care to inmates of the TDCJ including costs of operating TDCJ hospital facilities in Galveston County (other than The University of Texas Medical Branch Hospital Galveston) and Lubbock County shall be paid from appropriations made to the TDCJ and from any financial reserves from contracts with TDCJ that are held by the University for the correctional health care services. It is the intent of the Legislature that in addition to appropriations made to TDCJ and from any financial reserves from contracts with TDCJ that are held by the University for correctional health care services, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston may expend institutional funds to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of TDCJ at The University of Texas Medical Branch Hospital Galveston when necessary. Appropriations made to the TDCJ for the provision of inmate health care services shall be expended in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 501, Subchapter E.	**2.** **Appropriation of Costs for Health Care to Inmates.** None of the funds appropriated above shall be expended to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). It is the intent of the Legislature that all costs for providing health care to inmates of the TDCJ including costs of operating TDCJ hospital facilities in Galveston County and Lubbock County shall be paid from appropriations made to the TDCJ and from any financial reserves from contracts with TDCJ that are held by the university for the correctional health care services. Appropriations made to the TDCJ for the provision of inmate health care services shall be expended in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 501, Subchapter E.
	5. **Cancer Research.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.3.1, Cancer Research, to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for cancer research is for new research opportunities for clinical trials in rural and underserved areas of Texas. These services shall be delivered in partnership with an established research entity conducting peer-reviewed research in cancer therapy and control. The amount of funds expended by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center shall be limited to the amounts appropriated in the strategy. The appropriation of the funds is contingent upon the execution of a memorandum of understanding between the health sciences center and an established research entity that conduct peer-reviewed, audited research in cancer therapy and control. Any unexpended balance as of August 31, 2018 is hereby appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2019.

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	6. **School of Public Health.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Strategy D.1.4, School of Public Health, $1,007,061 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $1,007,061 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 will be used for the School of Public Health.

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	2. **El Paso Center for Border Health Research.** Funds appropriated above provide funding for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso's collaboration with the University of Texas at El Paso and The El Paso Center for Border Health Research, a component of the Paso del Norte Regional Health Institute located in the City of El Paso. Funding included above is for research, in areas not limited to, but focusing on and including, infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, Hispanic health issues such as diabetes and hypertension, border environmental health issues such as those associated with water and air quality, and children's health.
4. **Special Item Phase-Out.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.4.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	

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4. **Vouchers for Disbursement of Appropriated Funds.** Vouchers for disbursement of the sums appropriated hereinabove shall be prepared by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the basis of the provisions in the paragraphs above and the warrants issued in payment thereof shall be issued in compliance with Education Code, §130.0031. Funds appropriated above to Howard County College for the operations of the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf shall be distributed in accordance with the installment schedule for Category 1 junior colleges. In submitting vouchers for disbursement of the funds herein appropriated, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall certify to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts that each school listed has qualified and is entitled to receive such funds under the provisions set forth in this Act under the heading "Public Community/Junior Colleges."	**4.** **Vouchers for Disbursement of Appropriated Funds.** Vouchers for disbursement of the sums appropriated hereinabove shall be prepared by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the basis of the provisions in the paragraphs above and the warrants issued in payment thereof shall be issued in compliance with Education Code, §130.0031. Funds appropriated above to Howard County College for the operation of the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf shall be distributed in accordance with the installment schedule for Category 1 junior colleges. The total amount of funds appropriated above in each year of the biennium to Midland College in Strategy AB.2.1, Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, should be distributed on September 1 of the year funds are appropriated. Prior to the disbursement of any state funds, Midland College shall implement a grant agreement with Permian Basin Petroleum Museum specifying the use of funds, and that funds shall be spent according to state law and the General Appropriations Act. In submitting vouchers for disbursement of the funds herein appropriated, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, shall certify to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts that each school listed has qualified and is entitled to receive such funds under the provisions set forth in this Act under the heading "Public Community/Junior Colleges."
13. **Approved Elements of Expenditure.** The expenditures by a public community/junior college of any funds received by it under these provisions headed "Public Community/Junior Colleges" shall be limited to the payment of the following elements of cost: instruction, academic support, student services, institutional support, organized activities, and staff benefits associated with salaries paid from general revenue. It is specifically provided that funds appropriated above may not be used for the operation of intercollegiate athletics.	**13.** **Approved Elements of Expenditure and Special Item Expenditures.** The expenditures by a public community/junior college of any funds received by it under these provisions headed "Public Community/Junior Colleges" shall be limited to the payment of the following elements of cost: instruction, academic support, student services, institutional support, organized activities, and staff benefits associated with salaries paid from general revenue. It is specifically provided, however, that in addition to the purposes enumerated herein, the funds appropriated above for special items may be expended for salaries, wages, travel, capital outlay

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	and other necessary operating expenses. It is specifically provided that funds appropriated above may not be used for the operation of intercollegiate athletics.
	14. Funding for StarLink at Dallas Community College. Funds identified above in Strategy N.2.2, StarLink, are to be used for the sole purpose of supporting the StarLink program and are subject to the provisions of Rider 2 and Rider 13 in this bill pattern.
	15. Funding for the Virtual College of Texas at Austin Community College. Funds identified above in Strategy E.2.1, Virtual College of Texas, are to be used for the sole purpose of supporting the Virtual College of Texas and are subject to the provisions of Rider 2 and Rider 13 in this bill pattern.
16. Reporting Requirement. Each public community/junior college shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than December 1 of each fiscal year that includes the following information: a. the number of contact hours and success points generated by each campus of the public community/junior college district in the prior fiscal year and the amount of formula funding transferred to each campus of the public community/junior college district in the prior fiscal year; and b. the total tuition and fee revenue collected at each campus of the public community/junior college district in the prior fiscal year and the amount of total tuition and fee revenue that each campus transferred to another campus in the prior fiscal year.	**21. Reporting Requirement.** Each public community/junior college shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than December 1 of each fiscal year that includes the following information: a. the number of contact hours, including those generated from Distance Learning, and success points generated by each instructional site of the public community/junior college district in the prior fiscal year; b. total state appropriations, tax revenue, and tuition and fee revenue received by each instructional site of the public community/junior college district in the prior fiscal year, specifying: i. in-district and out-of-district tuition and fee revenue amounts, and ii. if applicable, tuition collected for dual credit courses by each instructional site;

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c. the total amount expended by each instructional site of the public community/junior college district; and
d. the number of full-time and adjunct faculty at each instructional site of the public community/junior college district.

An instructional site is defined as a facility located within the service area of the junior college district, apart from the main campus, at which the institution enrolls 2,000 students or more.

16. **Promote Educational Programs.** Out of the funds appropriated above for Strategy F.2.1, Star of the Republic Museum, $50,000 in General Revenue funds in each year of the 2018-19 biennium may be used to promote educational and public awareness programs at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Park, Star of the Republic Museum, and Barrington Living History Farm.

19. **Grayson County College - Viticulture & Enology.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy S.2.1, TV Munson Viticulture & Enology Center, $319,200 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $319,200 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2019 shall be used for Viticulture and Enology.

20. **Hill College - Heritage Museum.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy T.2.1, Heritage Museum/Genealogy Center, $100,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2018 and $100,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2019 shall be used for Hill College Texas Heritage Museum.

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22. **Alamo Community College - Veteran's Assistance Centers.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Veteran's Assistance Centers, $4,058,400 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $4,058,400 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 shall be used for Veteran's Assistance Centers.

23. **Brazosport College - Four-Year Degree Program.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy G.2.1, Four-Year Degree Program, $456,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and $456,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 shall be used for a four year degree program.

24. **Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program.** For all funds appropriated in Strategy E.2.2, Texas Innovative Adult Career Education Grant, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2019.

25. **Additional Student Success Funding.** In addition to other amounts appropriated above to each public junior or community college listed in this article for the strategies relating to student success (page III-198 through page III-203), the amount of $10 million for each year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2019, is appropriated from the general revenue fund to those colleges for purposes of those strategies, to be distributed among the colleges in the manner prescribed for the allocation of student success funding by Rider 18 following the appropriations to public junior and community colleges (page III-206).

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4. **East Williamson County Higher Education Center.** Out of funds appropriated above to the Texas State Technical College System Administration in Strategy B.1.1, East Williamson County Higher Education Center, $912,000 in General Revenue funds in fiscal year 2018 and $912,000 in General Revenue funds in fiscal year 2019 will be for the East Williamson County Higher Education Center.

Any unexpended balances in appropriations made to Strategy B.1.1, East Williamson County Higher Education Center remaining as of August 31, 2018, are hereby appropriated to the Texas State Technical College System Administration for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018, for the same purpose. It is the intent of the Legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy B.1.1, East Williamson County Higher Education Center be discontinued after the 2018-19 biennium.

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2. Special Item Phase-Out. It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	

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2. Special Item Phase-Out. It is the intent of the Legislature that funding appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Special Item Phase-Out, shall be one-time funding for the institution for the 2018-19 biennium and shall be discontinued in the 2020-21 biennium.	

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11. Returned Value Funding Model for Texas State Technical Colleges. Funding is recommended for and allocated among Texas State Technical Colleges (TSTCs) based on the additional direct and indirect state tax revenues generated as a result of the education provided to students by the TSTCs. The funding methodology is based on the following components: a. The model includes the cohort of TSTC graduates (earning an associate's degrees or certificate), transfers, and leavers (students who were not found in Texas higher education for two years following the last time they were enrolled in the TSTC) with a minimum completion of nine semester credit hours from 2010 and 2011. b. The cohorts were matched with Unemployment Insurance wage records for employment and wage information for five years after the students graduated from or left the TSTC to establish annual wages for each student. Direct value-added was defined as the incremental state tax revenue attributable to former TSTC students' jobs, based on the difference between former TSTC students' annual wages and a base wage representing a full-time employee earning minimum wage (7 percent of the wage delta). Indirect value-added was defined as the direct value-added multiplied by 1.5, an economic multiplier derived from a U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis study. Total direct and indirect values-added were summed for each group of students by campus across five years. c. Values-added were reduced by a certain percentage, based on the assumption that the benefits would accrue both to the state and TSTCs but with only a portion of the added value included in the formula calculations. d. Values-added by campus were divided into the total TSTC value added to define each institution's proportional share of overall formula funding, adjusted as necessary to provide funding for special item phase out support. The Texas State Technical College System shall continue to work with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board and other relevant agencies to	**11. Returned Value Funding Model for Texas State Technical Colleges.** Funding is recommended for and allocated among Texas State Technical Colleges (TSTCs) based on the additional direct and indirect state tax revenues generated as a result of the education provided to students by the TSTCs. The funding methodology is based on the following components: a. The model includes the cohort of TSTC graduates (earning an associate's degrees or certificate), transfers, and leavers (students who were not found in Texas higher education for two years following the last time they were enrolled in the TSTC) with a minimum completion of nine semester credit hours from 2010 and 2011. b. The cohorts were matched with Unemployment Insurance wage records for employment and wage information for five years after the students graduated from or left the TSTC to establish annual wages for each student. Direct value-added was defined as the incremental state tax revenue attributable to former TSTC students' jobs, based on the difference between former TSTC students' annual wages and a base wage representing a full-time employee earning minimum wage (7 percent of the wage delta). Indirect value-added was defined as the direct value-added multiplied by 1.5, an economic multiplier derived from a U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis study. Total direct and indirect values-added were summed for each group of students by campus across five years. c. Values-added were reduced by a certain percentage, based on the assumption that the benefits would accrue both to the state and TSTCs but with only a portion of the added value included in the formula calculations. d. Values-added by campus were divided into the total TSTC value added to define each institution's proportional share of overall formula funding. The Texas State Technical College System shall continue to work with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board and other relevant agencies to refine the new Returned Value Funding Formula for the TSTCs. It is the intent of the

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refine the new Returned Value Funding Formula for the TSTCs. It is the intent of the Legislature that recommended adjustments to the formula shall be ready for implementation in the 2020-21 biennium and shall further the goal of rewarding job placement and graduate earnings projections, not time in training or contact hours.	Legislature that recommended adjustments to the formula shall be ready for implementation in the 2020-21 biennium and shall further the goal of rewarding job placement and graduate earnings projections, not time in training or contact hours.
	12. Dual Credit. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board work with Texas State Technical College to develop and recommend to the Eighty-sixth Legislature a new Strategy, separate from Returned-Value Formula Funding, to fund dual credit programs based upon the number of semester credit hours offered in dual credit by Texas State Technical College.

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	8. **Feedyard Beef Cattle Production Research.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research, $348,839 in fiscal year 2018 and $348,839 in fiscal year 2019 in General Revenue shall be used for feedyard beef cattle production research.

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	7. **Feral Hog Abatement Program.** Amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy D.1.1, Wildlife Management, include $450,000 in each fiscal year to be used to implement feral hog abatement technologies. Of this amount, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service shall use a minimum of $96,250 per fiscal year to fund grants for county feral hog eradication projects in Texas. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than September 1, 2018 providing information on the number of feral hogs abated and the cost per abatement using certain technologies.
	8. **Appropriation Restriction on Feral Hog Abatement Using Toxic Substances.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in this Act may be used for the implementation of warfarin on feral hogs.

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4. **Transportation Policy Research Center.** Out of the funds appropriated above, $1,584,000 in fiscal year 2018 and $1,584,000 in fiscal year 2019 in General Revenue shall be used to support the role of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute as an independent resource to the Texas Legislature providing analysis of state transportation policies and the economic impact of those policies.

5. **Review of County Expenditure Data.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) shall conduct a comprehensive review of county road and bridge expenditure data submitted to the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) by each county, as required by Transportation Code §256.009. As part of the review, TTI shall collaborate with CPA and the Texas Department of Transportation to assess the need for and usefulness of collecting county road and bridge expenditure data. TTI shall recommend whether or not to continue collecting this data, and if TTI determines there is a continued need for collecting this data, TTI shall make recommendations as provided by this rider to ensure the data submitted by each county is collected by the state in a manner that ensures accuracy and allows for effective oversight of county road and bridge expenditures. No later than November 1, 2018, TTI shall submit the results of their findings and recommendations to the Legislative Budget Board and the permanent standing committee in the House of Representatives and Senate with jurisdiction over transportation matters.

6. **Vision Zero.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas A&M Transportation Institute shall develop a Vision Zero strategy to reduce traffic fatalities by fifty-percent in 2029 and with the goal of eliminating all fatalities by 2050 using emerging technology research. Not later than November 1, 2018, the Texas A&M Transportation Institute shall submit a report on the strategy developed and any recommendations to the Governor, Legislative Budget Board,

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Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the presiding officer of each standing committee of the Legislature with jurisdiction over transportation matters.

7. **Intelligent Transportation Systems for Efficient and Secure Border Crossing at International Ports of Entry.** Out of funds appropriated above, the agency shall conduct a study to identify:

a. the economic impact and public safety issues associated with the wait times experienced by commercial cargo carriers and shippers at the International Ports on Entry in El Paso and Laredo; and

b. the cost and benefits of implementing an Intelligent Transportation System designed to increase security measures and expedite trade.

The study, at a minimum, shall identify:

a. Approximate volume of cargo crossings per month;

b. Average wait time by time of day and month;

c. Approximate economic impact wait times have on the Texas economy;

d. Volume of illegal drugs confiscated at or near the ports;

e. Potential public safety risks and types of illegal activities associated with wait times;

f. The approximate percentage of commercial cargo trucks entering Texas that do and do not participate in the Free and Secure Trade program (FAST) and the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Program (C-TPAT);

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g. The approximate impact an Intelligent Transportation System would have on the identified illegal activities and the participation of commercial cargo carriers in the FAST and C-TPAT programs;

h. The technology and improvements necessary to increase safety and efficiency at the ports;

i. The technology and systems used at International Ports of Entry in other border states;

j. The procurement options, including any competitive bidding process that may be utilized to purchase and implement an Intelligent Transportation System; and

k. Any applicable statutes, rules, policies and procedures that would need to be changed related to the procurement; and

l. Options for methods of finance necessary to procure an Intelligent Transportation System and related capital improvements.

The study shall be conducted in consultation with the City of El Paso, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Transportation and any other relevant stakeholders. The final study shall be forwarded to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor by June 1, 2018.

The Texas Department of Public Safety shall include in their biennial legislative appropriations request the findings of the study and the requested funds necessary to increase security measures and expedite trade at the International Ports of Entry. The Department of Transportation shall also include the findings of the study in its annual report to the Legislature.

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	8. **Contingency for Grants to Rural Volunteer Fire Departments.** Contingent on enactment of legislation relating to appropriations out of the unexpended balance in the General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064, by the Eighty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, in addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Texas Wildfire Protection Plan -VFD Grants, the Texas A&M Forest Service is appropriated $11,500,000 in fiscal year 2018 and $11,500,000 in fiscal year 2019 out of the unexpended balance in the General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 reported by the Comptroller of Public Accounts as of August 31, 2017.

ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION
S03 Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education
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Sec. 26. General Academic Funding. Appropriations made in this Act for formula funding for general academic institutions will consist of four formulas and supplemental items.

1. **Instruction and Operation Formula.** The Instruction and Operations Formula shall provide funding for faculty salaries, including nursing, departmental operating expense, library, instructional administration, research enhancement, student services, and institutional support. These funds are distributed on a weighted semester credit hour basis. The rate per weighted semester credit hour for the 2018-19 biennium is $58.53 in fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019, adjusted as necessary to provide funding for special item phase out support.

   Weighting is determined by the following matrix:

	Lower Div.	Upper Div.	Masters	Doctoral	Special Professional
Liberal Arts	1.00	1.76	.05	.88	
Science	.69	.90	.43	.25	
Fine Arts	1.47	2.52	.09	.78	
Teacher Ed	.60	.10	.47	.94	
Agriculture	.10	.70	.21	.36	
Engineering	.25	.37	.14	.70	
Home Economics	.13	.77	.85	.50	
Law					.95
Social Services	.52	.87	.57	.44	
Library Science	1.49	.54	.58	.02	
Vocational Training	.26	.85			
Physical Training	1.51	.25			
Health Services	.05	.59	.67	.11	.61
Pharmacy	.04	.93	.68	.24	.26
Business Admin	.18	.86	.36	.41	

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   Weighting is determined by the following matrix:

	Lower Div.	Upper Div.	Masters	Doctoral	Special Professional
Liberal Arts	1.00	1.76	4.05	10.88	
Science	1.69	2.90	7.43	21.25	
Fine Arts	1.47	2.52	6.09	7.78	
Teacher Ed	1.60	2.10	2.47	6.94	
Agriculture	2.10	2.70	7.21	12.36	
Engineering	2.25	3.37	6.14	17.70	
Home Economics	1.13	1.77	2.85	8.50	
Law					4.95
Social Services	1.52	1.87	2.57	19.44	
Library Science	1.49	1.54	3.58	13.02	
Vocational Training	1.26	2.85			
Physical Training	1.51	1.25			
Health Services	1.05	1.59	2.67	10.11	2.61
Pharmacy	2.04	4.93	28.68	32.24	4.26
Business Admin	1.18	1.86	3.36	24.41	
Optometry					7.93
Teacher Ed Practice	2.23	2.22			

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Optometry					.93Teacher
Ed Practice	.23	.22			
Technology	.18	.38	.72	.50	
Nursing	.59	.10	.21	.30	
Developmental Ed	1.00				
Veterinary Medicine					.84

2. **Teaching Experience Supplement.** For the 2018-19 biennium, an additional weight of 10 percent is added to lower division and upper division semester credit hours taught by tenured and tenure-track faculty. Furthermore, it is the intent of the Legislature that the weight shall increase by 10 percent per biennium, up to 50 percent.

3. **Infrastructure Support.** Funding associated with plant-related formulas and utilities shall be distributed by the infrastructure support formula which is driven by the predicted square feet for universities' educational and general activities produced by the Space Projection Model developed by the Coordinating Board. The portion of the formula related to utilities is adjusted to reflect differences in unit costs for purchased utilities, including electricity, natural gas, water and wastewater, and thermal energy. The average rate per square foot is $5.57 in fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019.

4. **Supplemental Non-formula Items.** Institutions shall receive a direct reimbursement as applicable for staff group insurance (other educational and general income portion), workers' compensation insurance, unemployment compensation insurance, public education grants, organized activities, scholarships, tuition revenue bond payments, and facility lease charges. Institutions may receive an appropriation for special items. Revenue derived from board authorized tuition would still be appropriated to the institutions levying the additional charges.

5. The General Academic Instruction and Operations and Infrastructure formulas shall incorporate the Higher Education Coordinating Board's October 2006 recommendations for mission-specific formula funding for Texas A&M University at Galveston.

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Technology	2.18	2.38	3.72	11.50	
Nursing	1.59	2.10	3.21	9.30	
Developmental Ed	1.00				
Veterinary Medicine					22.84

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These formulas and supplemental items shall be reviewed and updated by study committees appointed by the Higher Education Coordinating Board and recommended changes forwarded to the Legislature, Legislative Budget Board, and Governor by June 1, 2018.

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

1. **Instruction and Operations Support Formula.** The Instruction and Operations Support Formula shall provide funding on a per student or full time equivalent basis. Funding for each instructional program is based on the following funding weights per student, with a base value per weighted student of $11,112 in fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019, adjusted as necessary to provide funding for special item phase out support:

Program	Weight Per Student
Allied Health	1.000
Biomedical Science	1.018
Nursing	1.138
Pharmacy	1.670
Public Health	1.721
Dental	4.601
Medical	4.753

Instructional programs at remote locations and the main campus at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler with enrollments of less than 200 students at individual campuses shall receive additional funding to compensate for the diseconomies of scale. The minimum formula shall generate additional funding per student, on a sliding scale, with programs with small enrollments receiving more additional funding per student.

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1. **Instruction and Operations Support Formula.** The Instruction and Operations Support Formula shall provide funding on a per student or full time equivalent basis. Funding for each instructional program is based on the following funding weights per student, with a base value per weighted student of $9,531 in fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019:

Program	Weight Per Student
Allied Health	1.000
Biomedical Science	1.018
Nursing	1.138
Pharmacy	1.670
Public Health	1.721
Dental	4.601
Medical	4.753

Instructional programs at remote locations and the main campus at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler with enrollments of less than 200 students at individual campuses shall receive additional funding to compensate for the diseconomies of scale. The minimum formula shall generate additional funding per student, on a sliding scale, with programs with small enrollments receiving more additional funding per student.

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2. **Infrastructure Support Formula.** Funding to the health related institutions for plant support and utilities shall be distributed by the infrastructure support formula which is driven by the predicted square feet for the health related institutions produced by the Space Projection Model developed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The rate per square foot is $6.37 in fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 for all health related institutions.

   Because the Space Projection Model does not account for hospital space, separate infrastructure funding for hospital space at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler shall be included in the total funding for hospital and center operations.

3. **Research Funding.** The health related institutions shall retain 100 percent of indirect research costs recovered on grants. Each institution also receives research enhancement funding of $1,412,500 plus 6.11 percent in fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 of its research expenditures as reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, adjusted as necessary to provide funding for special item phase out support.

4. **Research at Clinical Partners.** Research conducted by faculty of a health related institution under a contract with a clinical partner shall be considered in the formula calculations for the Research Enhancement and E&G Space Support strategies as defined under Article III, Special Provisions Relating Only To State Agencies of Higher Education, Section 27, subsection (2) Infrastructure Support Formula and Sec. 27, subsection (3) Research Funding.

5. **Graduate Medical Education Formula.** The Graduate Medical Education Formulas shall provide funding on a per medical resident basis. Funding is based on a base value of $9,714 per medical resident in an accredited program. Appropriations for Graduate Medical Education for fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 are $4,857 per resident.

6. **Health Related Institution Graduate Medical Education.** The funds appropriated above in each of the health related institutions bill pattern titled Graduate Medical Education (GME) shall

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5. **Graduate Medical Education Formula.** The Graduate Medical Education Formulas shall provide funding on a per medical resident basis. Funding is based on a base value of $12,438 per medical resident in an accredited program. Appropriations for Graduate Medical Education for fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 are $6,219 per resident.

   In order to increase Graduate Medical Education positions statewide, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Graduate Medical Education formula amounts appropriated in Article III of this Act, include those residency positions in the GME Formula for the 2016-17 biennium and any new residency positions added to the statewide total after September 1, 2014. This

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be spent to increase the number of resident slots in the State of Texas as well as faculty costs relating to GME. In addition, each health related institution shall work with the Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop new performance measures relating to increasing the number of resident slots in the State of Texas.

7. **Supplemental Non-formula Items.** Institutions shall receive a direct reimbursement as applicable for staff group insurance, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, public education grants, medical loans, tuition revenue bond payments, and facility lease charges. Institutions may receive an appropriation for special items and hospital and clinic operations.

8. **Formula Study Committees.** These formulas shall be reviewed and updated by study committees appointed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and recommended changes forwarded to the Legislature, Legislative Budget Board, and Governor by June 1, 2018.

9. **Mission Specific Support.** The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler do not provide formal medical education which qualifies for instruction support under subsection 1 above. Therefore, funding allocated to these institutions shall be based on the following criteria:

   a. The General Revenue Operations formula funding provided to The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Strategy A.2.1, Cancer Center Operations, shall be based on the total number of Texas cancer patients served at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. General Revenue appropriations for fiscal year 2018 and 2019 shall be based on the number of total Texas cancer patients served in 2016. The rate per patient shall be $1,707 in fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 for Strategy A.2.1, Cancer Center Operations. For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding from one biennium to another may not exceed the average growth in funding for Health Related Institutions in the Instruction and Operations formula for the current biennium.

   b. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler has a statutory mission to conduct research, develop diagnostic and treatment techniques, provide training and teaching

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subsection does not preclude the movement of residency positions funded by the formula in 2016-17 to another institution eligible for formula funding in 2018-19.

6. **Health Related Institution Graduate Medical Education.** The funds appropriated above in each of the health related institutions bill pattern titled Graduate Medical Education (GME) shall be spent to increase the number of resident slots in the State of Texas as well as faculty costs relating to GME. In addition, each health related institution shall work with the Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop new performance measures relating to increasing the number of resident slots in the State of Texas.

7. **Supplemental Non-formula Items.** Institutions shall receive a direct reimbursement as applicable for staff group insurance, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, public education grants, medical loans, tuition revenue bond payments, and facility lease charges. Institutions may receive an appropriation for special items and hospital and clinic operations.

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programs, and provide diagnosis and treatment of inpatients and outpatients with pulmonary, respiratory and other diseases of the chest. General Revenue funds appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler in Strategy A.1.3, Chest Disease Center Operations, shall be based on the number of cases in which disease diagnoses are treated by The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. General Revenue appropriations for fiscal year 2018 and 2019 shall be based on the number of such cases treated in fiscal year 2016. The rate per case for fiscal year 2018 and 2019 shall be $187. For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding from one biennium to another may not exceed the average growth in funding for Health Related Institutions in the Instruction and Operations formula for the current biennium.

c. The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a copy of the appropriate reports discussed above and supporting documentation which provides the necessary information to calculate the formula allocations in subsections (a) and (b) above.

Sec. 51. State Two Year Institution Funding. The Instruction and Administration Formula for the 2018-19 biennium provides funding for Community Colleges at an annual rate of $2.69 per contact hour and funding for Lamar State Colleges at an annual rate of $4.31 per contact hour in fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019, adjusted as necessary to provide funding for special item phase out support.

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from one biennium to another may not exceed the average growth in funding for Health Related Institutions in the Instruction and Operations formula for the current biennium.

b. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler has a statutory mission to conduct research, develop diagnostic and treatment techniques, provide training and teaching programs, and provide diagnosis and treatment of inpatients and outpatients with pulmonary, respiratory and other diseases of the chest. General Revenue funds appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler in Strategy A.1.3, Chest Disease Center Operations, shall be based on the number of cases in which disease diagnoses are treated by The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. General Revenue appropriations for fiscal year 2018 and 2019 shall be based on the number of such cases treated in fiscal year 2016. The rate per case for fiscal year 2018 and 2019 shall be $187. For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding from one biennium to another may not exceed the average growth in funding for Health Related Institutions in the Instruction and Operations formula for the current biennium.

c. The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a copy of the appropriate reports discussed above and supporting documentation which provides the necessary information to calculate the formula allocations in subsections (a) and (b) above.

Sec. 51. State Two Year Institution Funding. The Instruction and Administration Formula for the 2018-19 biennium provides funding for Community Colleges at an annual rate of $2.69 per contact hour and funding for Lamar State Colleges at an annual rate of $3.46 per contact hour in fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019.

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Sec. 55. Diversity of Student Body at National Research Universities. It is the intent of the legislature that, in expending funds appropriated by this Act and to the extent permitted by law, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University make a good faith effort to improve the racial diversity of the university's student body.

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Sec. 55. Diversity of Student Body and Compliance with Constitution 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.

Sec. 57. Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships. The funds provided to the Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships program are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code §504.615 to provide scholarships for students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance. All balances of appropriations from the Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships program to each eligible institution at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017, are hereby appropriated. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2018 may be carried over to fiscal year 2019 and such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the same purpose.

In addition to educational and general funds amounts appropriated by this Act, all unexpended balances that may exist and all receipts deposited in the state treasury during the biennium beginning September 1, 2017, to the credit of the institutions of higher education as provided by VTCA, Transportation Code §504.615, estimated to be $408,854 in fiscal year 2018 and $408,854 in fiscal year 2019, are appropriated for that period to the institution of higher education for which the receipts are credited for the purpose of providing scholarships for students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

The following is a list of estimated collegiate license plate revenue amounts for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

	2018	2019
The University of Texas at Arlington	$ 4,073	$ 4,073
The University of Texas at Austin	108,709	108,709
The University of Texas at El Paso	132	132
The University of Texas at San Antonio	44	44

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The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	2,164		2,164
Texas A&M University	165,000		165,000
Tarleton State University	25		25
University of Houston System	11,238		11,238
University of Houston	3,349		3,349
University of Houston-Clear Lake	2,517		2,517
University of Houston-Downtown	8,186		8,186
University of Houston-Victoria	899		899
University of North Texas	7,821		7,821
Stephen F. Austin State University	7,946		7,946
Texas Southern University	3,536		3,536
Texas Tech University	64,323		64,323
Sam Houston State University	3,000		3,000
Texas State University	7,946		7,946
Sul Ross State University	7,946		7,946
Total	$ 408,854	$	408,854

Sec. 62. Contingency for Formula Funding - Providers of Direct Health Care Services. Formula funding appropriated in this Act to health related institutions (HRI) and institutions of higher education providing direct health care services is contingent upon such institutions contracting with the Third Party Administrators (TPA) and Managed Care Organizations (MCO) administering health plan services to participants of the Employees Retirement System of Texas. Contracted reimbursement rates for these programs shall provide cost savings to the Employees Retirement System's health plans in the amount of $50,000,000 General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated and $80,000,000 in All Funds in the biennium.

In order to obtain the specified savings, institutions may lower contracted rates to the allowable rate set and offered through the Medicare program administered through the Centers for Medicare and

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Medicaid Services. In the case that a current contract with the above-mentioned TPA or MCO already is limited to the allowable rate set through Medicare, such contracts shall remain in force and not be re-negotiated. In situations where health care services are unique and no Medicare Allowable rate is available, the institution may negotiate a case rate for the episode of illness not to exceed a percentage of standard billed charges. Contracts adhering to the intent laid out in this rider shall be in place by September 1, 2017. The Employees Retirement System shall verify to the Legislature by September 1, 2017 that institutions have reduced contract reimbursement rates in order to achieve the savings specified above. If any part of this rider shall for any reason be held to be invalid, formula funding appropriations shall be immediately halted to health related institutions and institutions of higher education subject to the provisions of this rider.	

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	Sec. 63. Contract Cost Containment. Pursuant to Article IX Section 17.10, Contract Cost Containment, appropriations made above to the agencies in Article III are reduced by $2,401,375 in General Revenue in 2018 and $2,401,375 in General Revenue in 2019.