



Texas Association of Community Colleges 87th Legislative Session Policy Priorities

1 INVESTING IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES (Formula Funding)

The Texas Association of Community Colleges adopted formula funding recommendations informed by the findings of the Community and Technical Colleges Formula Advisory Committee (CTCFAC). However, the CTCFAC concluded its work prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Considering current circumstances, **TACC recommends an increase in appropriations to the instructional formula** to support sustainability of college operations in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendations

The Association proposes the following changes to the formula allocations put forth in SB1 (as introduced):

- Adopt the Success Point metrics and weights recommended by the Community and Technical Colleges Formula Advisory Committee (CTCFAC)
- Fund Success Points at the 2020-21 reimbursement rate of \$202.53 per point
- Provide hold harmless funding on a by-college basis to ensure that no college's state appropriation declines relative to the 2020-21 biennium

Summary of Recommendations

	2020-2021 Appropriations (millions)	2022-2023 Appropriations Request (millions)	Amount Change (millions)
Core Operations	\$68.0	\$68.0	\$0
Success Points	\$228.3	\$255.0*	\$26.7
Contact Hours	\$1,533.7	\$1,533.7	\$0
Bachelor of Applied Technology	\$3.2	\$3.2	\$0
NEW: Hold Harmless Funding	\$0	\$19.6**	\$19.6
TOTAL	\$1,833.2	Total - \$1,879.5	\$46.3 → 2.5% increase

* projected based on recommended rate and weights

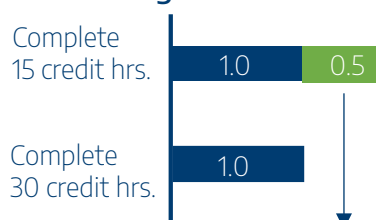
** subject to change following the Spring 2021 enrollment update

Performance-Based Funding (Student Success Points)

The Association approved the Student Success Point improvements as proposed by the CTCFAC and TACC Metrics Task Force. Revisions to the metrics include updating the critical fields component and weighting certain points to better acknowledge the additional resources needed to support economically and academically at-risk students.

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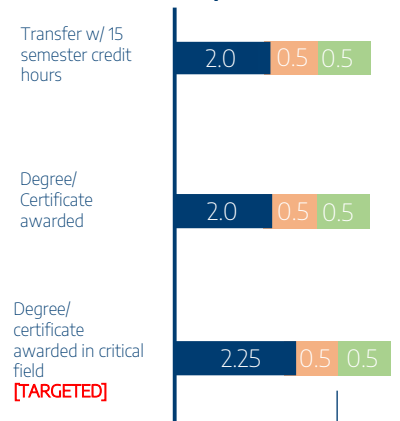
Progression



Additional weight for students whose first completed 15 semester credit hours come from dual credit.

Additional weight for academically disadvantaged students and economically disadvantaged students upon credential completion or university transfer

Credentials/Transfer



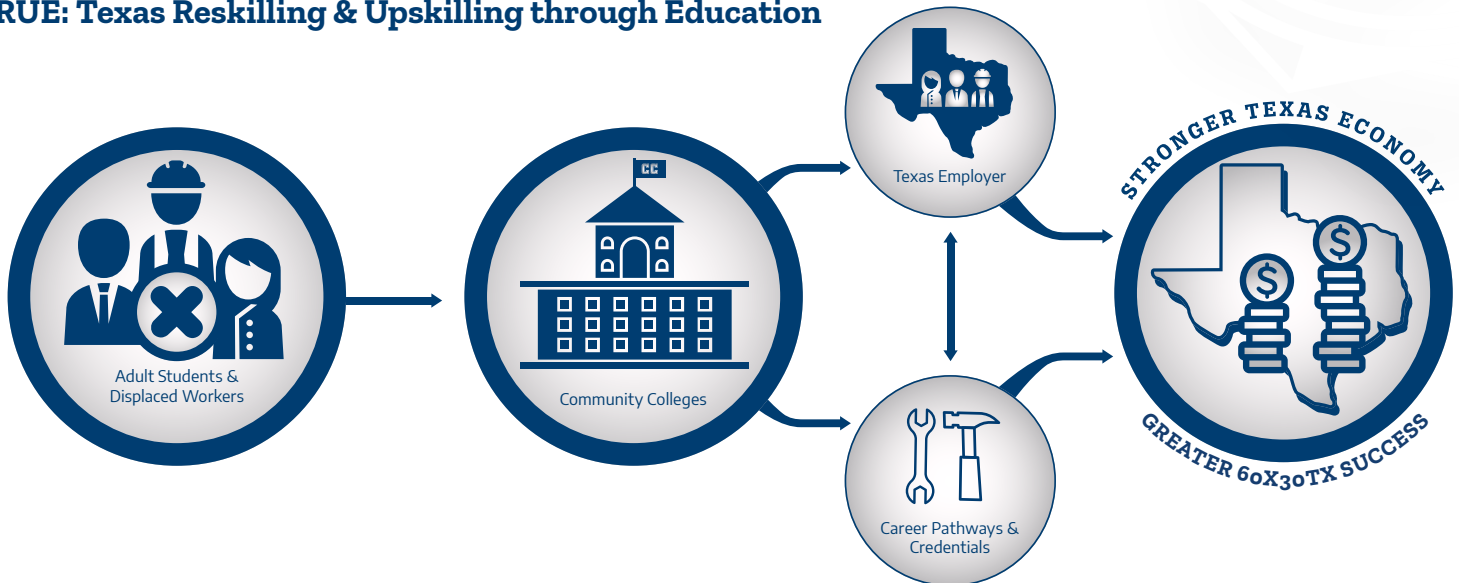
2 WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC RECOVERY POLICY

The Association recommends supporting the Texas Reskilling & Upskilling through Education (TRUE) initiative, and specifically seeking statutory authority to create a state fund to support the program. To achieve the dual goals of workforce and economic recovery, TRUE recommends the following:

Recommendations

- Design sustainable talent pipelines to fill critical regional workforce needs and provide ongoing support to Texas businesses and the state's economic recovery.
- Expand employer-informed micro-credentials and short-term certificates that will enable displaced and underemployed workers to lead fulfilling and economically self-sufficient lives by getting them work-ready in as little as a few weeks to six months.
- Identify high-demand, short-term credentials to be recognized as a part of the 60X30TX Plan for Higher Education.

TRUE: Texas Reskilling & Upskilling through Education



Small Business Development Centers

Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) help new entrepreneurs build their businesses and strengthen existing businesses by providing free consulting and affordable training seminars. A 2016 national independent study found that for every \$1.00 invested in Texas SBDCs, a return of \$7.92 is generated. **TACC recommends maintaining stable funding for SBDCs, potentially by identifying a new method of finance other than the current non-formula support at institutions of higher education.**

The national Small Business Development Center program was legislated via the Small Business Act of 1976 as a program of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Combined, they manage the 50+ field Centers in urban and rural Texas. SBDCs provide hands-on guidance, which leads to greater prosperity via job creation, increased capital access and other small business growth.