

# Trustees Webinar Series

## 87th Texas Legislative Session Recap



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# CCATT/TACC/TCCTA Joint Legislative Priorities

- Final Formula Funding
  - **SB1**
- Community College Finance Commission
  - **SB 1230**
- Texas Reskilling & Upskilling through Education Workforce Initiative
  - **SB 1102**



# Final Formula Funding for FY2022-23

	FY 20-21 Biennium (millions)	Final SB1 Conference Report (FY 22-23)	Final SB1 Difference from FY 20-21
Core Operations	\$68.0	\$68.0	\$0
Contact Hours	\$1,533.7	\$1,447.2	(\$86.5)
Bachelor of Applied Technology	\$3.3	\$3.4	\$0.1
Student Success Points	\$228.3 (\$202.50 per SSP)	\$314.8 (\$253.65 per SSP)	\$86.5
95% Formula Hold Harmless	\$1.9	\$0.0	(\$1.9)
Need-Based Supplement (New, 11 colleges only)	N/A	\$11M	\$11M
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>\$1,839.2 M</b>	<b>\$1,844.4 M</b>	<b>\$5.2 M</b>

\*Instructional Appropriation, excludes non-formula support items and HEGI



# **Community College Finance Commission** (SB 1230)

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# Commission on Community College Finance

## SB 1230 - Enacted

**Goal:** The Commission shall be to make recommendations for consideration by the 88th Texas Legislature for establishing a **state funding formula and funding levels sufficient for sustaining viable community college education and training** offerings throughout the state.

**Student-centric:** The Commission shall make recommendations that account for equity in student outcomes, with a particular focus on students who are underrepresented in higher education, including from families in the bottom quintiles of the economic spectrum.

**Scope:** The Community College Finance Workgroup will support the Texas Commission on Community College Finance by providing data analysis and insight on items germane to community college budgets. The workgroup will aid the commission as it examines trend and forecast data, seeks stakeholder input, and accounts for equity in student outcomes. The following areas may be examined by the workgroup in order to support the commission's efforts:

- The components of state funding for public junior colleges, including contact hour funding formulas
- The feasibility of establishing shared service agreements or interinstitutional collaborations
- Workforce demand and skills gaps
- Dual credit programs and costs
- Variation between taxing districts and service areas
- Student graduation, transfer, and success metrics
- The relationship between economic cycles and student enrollment



# Texas Reskilling & Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Workforce Initiative (SB 1102)

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# Texas Reskilling & Upskilling through Education

## SB 1102 - Enacted

**Goal:** The Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Initiative is established to strengthen the Texas Workforce and to build a stronger Texas Economy

**Employer Engagement:** Texas community colleges have formed a statewide Business Advisory Council to advise on changes in the economy and job market, highlight areas of future job growth and advise on skills most critical to business and industry. The Council will advise on the TRUE initiative.

**Scope:** TRUE will:

- Provide training in existing, new, or redesigned accelerated programs that teach high-demand skills and lead to postsecondary industry certifications or other workforce credentials valued in growing occupations;
- Developing new, or redesigning existing, industry-aligned, high-demand postsecondary industry certifications or other workforce credentials and certificate programs or other courses of instruction leading to those certifications or credentials that can be completed in six months or less;
- Build institutional capacity to provide high-demand credentials that are stackable in career pathways as identified by regional or statewide targeted occupations lists.



# 87th Texas Legislature – Regular Session\*

## Less Activity This Session

- 6,927 bills filed in the House and Senate, 397 fewer than the 86<sup>th</sup> Regular Session (2019)
  - 1,073 sent to the Governor (15.5%), down from 1,429 (19.5%) in the 86<sup>th</sup> Regular Session

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## \*Special Session(s) Coming

- Redistricting session required, COVID relief funding to be added to the call.
  - Expected Sep/Oct 2021
- Other Summer Session likely

## Notable Bills Sent to Governor *(Last Day for Veto: June 20)*

- **HB 3348 (Rep. Pacheco)** Relating to the number of baccalaureate degree programs certain public junior colleges may offer.
- **SB 959 (Sen. Zaffirini)** Relating to student success-based funding recommendations for certain continuing workforce education courses offered by public junior colleges.
- **SB 1277 (Sen. West)** Relating to an agreement between a school district and public institution of higher education to provide a dual credit program to high school students enrolled in the district.
- **SB 1531 (Sen. West)** Relating to formula funding for excess undergraduate credit hours at public institutions of higher education and to the tuition rate that may be charged for those credit hours.
- **SB 1856 (Sen. Powell)** Relating to certain vocational nursing students providing essential services during a declared state of disaster.



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# Q & A

# Upcoming Events

## Continued Trustee Webinar Series

**August 26** - Aspen Prize for College Excellence Overview

## CCATT Annual Conference and BOTI

**September 16-18** - Austin, TX



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