

Texas Commission on Community College Finance

87th Legislative Regular Session

SB 1230

ENACTED

COMPOSITION

The Commission includes 12 members:

- 4 appointed by the **Governor**;
- 3 appointed by the **Lieutenant Governor**;
- 3 appointed by the **Speaker of the House**;
- 1 appointed by the board of **TACC**; and
- 1 appointed by the board of the **CCATT.**

OTHER AREAS OF STUDY

The Commission may examine and make recommendations on other policy and finance matters, including:

- workforce demand and skills gaps;
- dual credit programs and costs;
- variation between taxing districts and service areas
- student graduation, transfer, and success metrics; and
- the relationship between economic cycles and student enrollment.

GOAL

The Texas Commission on Community College Finance will make recommendations for consideration by the 88th Texas Legislature regarding the state funding formula and funding levels for public junior colleges in Texas that would be sufficient to sustain viable junior college education and training offerings throughout the state and improve student outcomes in alignment with state postsecondary goals.

The Commission will convene no later than October 15, 2021, and will continue its activities until completion of a final report.

SCOPE

The Commission will examine trend and forecast data, seek stakeholder input, and account for equity in student outcomes.

Based on its findings the Commission will make recommendations for:

- The components of state funding for public junior colleges, including contact hour funding formulas
- The feasibility of establishing shared service agreements or interinstitutional collaborations where institutions of higher education may perform administrative services, other than direct instruction and student support services, for other institutions of higher education for a fee or other consideration

GOAL & PURPOSE

The Steering Committee will **ensure the** success of the Commission by informing the process and deliberations.

The Steerting Committee will serve as a communication medium between the Commission and the community college sector.

COMPOSITION

The Steering Committee includes 25 members:

- 11 presidents/chancellors;
- 7 trustees/regents;
- 2 faculty members;
- 3 resource partners; and
- 2 ex-official members from **TACC & CCATT.**

ROLES

The Steering Committee will:

- **Articulate** to the Commission and stakeholders why this matters to the state, community colleges, and students
- **Inform** the Commission on the needs of today's students
- Provide a **historical perspective** of community college funding in the state
- Ensure the Commission's **recommendations** are realistic, fundable, actionable, and **aligned** to the mission of the institutions
- Serve as an ongoing "vetting vehicle" for Commission recommendations
- Debate issues internally then advise the Commission with a unified voice

SCOPE

The Steering Committee aims to:

- Examine critical policy issues of interest to the Texas Legislature and use data to inform the Commission on the realities of the current Texas community college finance model
- Review new census data and its impacts on institutions and various funding models
- **Recommend term definitions** for the Commission
- Gather research on community college **finance model best practices** from across the country and identify the pros and cons of various funding approaches
- **Engage in conversation about equity** and present it to the Commission for consideration