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## Session Summary



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## HB 1, The General Appropriations Act

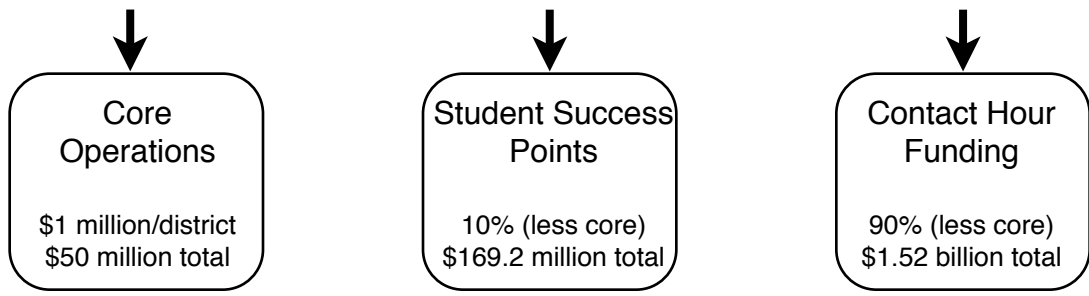
*By Representative Otto*

*Senate Sponsor: Senator Nelson*

The 84th Texas Legislature passed HB 1, the General Appropriations Act, which provides funding for the 2016-17 biennium. All funds for the entire state budget total \$209.4 billion from all fund sources, an increase of \$7.3 billion (3.7%) above the 2014-15 biennium. General Revenue funds for the entire state budget total \$107 billion for the 2016-17 biennium. Growth of General Revenue in the Texas budget compared to the 2014-15 biennium, excluding \$3.8 billion in tax relief, was \$7.6 billion (8%) (Source: *Summary of House Bill 1: Conference Committee Report*, Legislative Budget Board, May 2015).

### ***Community College Appropriations - Instructional Funds (Art. III)***

## \$1.745 Billion Instructional Funds Appropriation (HB 1)



- TACC’s Student Success model for funding community college instruction (Core Operations-Student Success Points-Contact Hour Funding) was initially adopted by the 83rd Texas Legislature for the 2014-15 biennium.
- The 84th Legislature continued this pattern of funding instruction at community colleges in the 2016-17 biennium.
- Overall, HB 1 provides \$1.745 billion in instructional funds.

	2016-17 Final	2014-15	% diff
Student Success Points	980,204	929,188	+5.5%
Base Year Contact Hours	282,919,371	292,410,192	-3.2%

- The Student Success Points appropriation was based on the March update (5.5% increase in student success points from the previous biennium; additional detail on pages 5 and 6 of this document).

- The Contact Hour appropriation was based on a modified March update (3.2% decline in base year contact hours from previous biennium; see page 4 for detailed contact hour information).
- In addition, HB 1 provides a 90% hold harmless for 6 colleges; \$3.96 million. Each college's funding for 2016-17 is no less than 90% of the college's 2014-15 instructional appropriation.

	<b>2016-17 Final</b>	<b>2016-17 Initial</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
<b>Instructional Funds</b>	<b>1,745,647,151</b>	<b>1,690,955,352</b>	<b>1,770,152,918</b>
Core Operations	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000
Student Success Points	169,168,401	164,095,535	172,015,292
Contact Hour	1,522,515,612	1,476,859,817	1,548,137,626
Hold Harmless	3,963,138		

*HB 1 Conference Committee:*

- TACC requested that the HB 1 conference committee add \$130 million to the community college instructional appropriation.
- Going into HB 1 Conference Committee deliberations, the House and Senate had similar funding amounts but different approaches to distributing the funds.
  - HB 1, passed by the Senate, fully funded student success points (\$185 per point).
  - HB 1, passed by the House, maintained the 90%/10% split between contact hour funding and student success points.
- The conference committee maintained the the 90% contact hour and 10% student success point split.
- The conference committee added \$12.2 million in instructional funds to community colleges. The net result was a 3-percent increase in the instructional formula over the base bill. Three percent increases were provided to formulas for all sectors of higher education.
- The overall instructional appropriation was \$24.2 million less than the 2014-15 appropriation (-1.4%).
  - The final instructional appropriation in HB 1 was \$54.7 million more than the introduced version of HB 1 (+3.2%).
  - 33 colleges received an instructional appropriation in HB 1 that was less than the 2014-15 instructional appropriation.
  - 4 colleges received less in the final appropriation for 2016-17 than the instructional appropriation in the introduced version of HB 1.
- Detail of instructional funds by college is provided on page 3; a summary of base year contact hours by college follows on page 4.

## Summary by College, HB 1

College District	Core	Student Success Pts	Contact Hour	Hold Harmless	Instructional TOTAL
Alamo	1,000,000	13,306,406	105,595,463	-	119,901,869
Alvin	1,000,000	1,315,758	12,094,563	-	14,410,321
Amarillo	1,000,000	2,507,111	24,080,445	-	27,587,556
Angelina	1,000,000	1,178,711	12,592,130	-	14,770,841
Austin	1,000,000	9,831,755	76,751,327	-	87,583,082
Blinn	1,000,000	4,970,357	41,420,771	-	47,391,128
Brazosport	1,000,000	946,441	8,132,874	-	10,079,315
Central Texas	1,000,000	3,566,336	31,601,567	919,635	37,087,538
Cisco	1,000,000	1,038,127	8,320,929	-	10,359,056
Clarendon	1,000,000	439,818	3,697,763	-	5,137,581
Coastal Bend	1,000,000	1,100,084	10,742,762	-	12,842,846
College of the Mainland	1,000,000	1,007,421	9,668,942	-	11,676,363
Collin	1,000,000	6,641,985	59,847,475	-	67,489,460
Dallas	1,000,000	14,838,972	154,616,241	-	170,455,213
Del Mar	1,000,000	2,383,742	25,688,378	-	29,072,120
El Paso	1,000,000	8,244,795	54,981,812	-	64,226,607
Frank Phillips	1,000,000	342,883	3,546,301	-	4,889,184
Galveston	1,000,000	607,312	5,715,401	-	7,322,713
Grayson	1,000,000	1,282,708	12,174,067	-	14,456,775
Hill	1,000,000	1,222,893	10,827,985	9,571	13,060,449
Houston	1,000,000	12,968,945	126,021,909	-	139,990,854
Howard	1,000,000	1,078,612	9,930,207	796,815	12,805,634
Kilgore	1,000,000	1,697,415	17,263,929	-	19,961,344
Laredo	1,000,000	2,187,139	17,132,716	-	20,319,855
Lee	1,000,000	1,529,274	15,662,963	-	18,192,237
Lone Star	1,000,000	13,847,747	133,338,544	-	148,186,291
McLennan	1,000,000	2,232,557	20,985,717	3,338	24,221,612
Midland	1,000,000	1,243,028	12,353,330	563,350	15,159,708
Navarro	1,000,000	2,851,806	26,680,939	-	30,532,745
North Central Texas	1,000,000	2,519,480	18,914,066	-	22,433,546
Northeast Texas	1,000,000	869,597	7,286,761	-	9,156,358
Odessa	1,000,000	1,142,914	13,083,944	-	15,226,858
Panola	1,000,000	627,979	7,741,430	-	9,369,409
Paris	1,000,000	1,649,695	14,323,980	-	16,973,675
Ranger	1,000,000	530,209	5,635,506	-	7,165,715
San Jacinto	1,000,000	6,955,859	65,016,967	-	72,972,826
South Plains	1,000,000	2,407,789	24,487,052	-	27,894,841
South Texas	1,000,000	7,341,471	67,214,385	-	75,555,856
Southwest Texas	1,000,000	1,453,596	11,520,211	-	13,973,807
Tarrant	1,000,000	11,700,058	99,880,244	-	112,580,302
Temple	1,000,000	1,376,321	12,915,807	-	15,292,128
Texarkana	1,000,000	1,055,241	11,823,603	-	13,878,844
Texas Southmost	1,000,000	1,507,442	8,146,651	1,670,429	12,324,522
Trinity Valley	1,000,000	2,156,735	19,130,791	-	22,287,526
Tyler	1,000,000	3,194,531	29,117,384	-	33,311,915
Vernon	1,000,000	877,019	9,310,211	-	11,187,230
Victoria	1,000,000	1,035,451	9,536,542	-	11,571,993
Weatherford	1,000,000	1,516,129	15,477,041	-	17,993,170
Western Texas	1,000,000	727,848	5,374,333	-	7,102,181
Wharton	1,000,000	2,112,899	15,111,253	-	18,224,152
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,000,000</b>	<b>169,168,401</b>	<b>1,522,515,612</b>	<b>3,963,138</b>	<b>1,745,647,151</b>

## Base Year Contact Hours

College District	81st 2010-11	82nd 2012-13	83rd 2014-15	84th 2016-17	% difference 84th to 83rd
Alamo	20,764,942	24,051,268	21,401,611	19,914,819	-6.9%
Alvin	2,215,871	2,577,674	2,276,004	2,191,992	-3.7%
Amarillo	4,529,823	5,240,042	4,813,973	4,255,534	-11.6%
Angelina	2,178,410	2,699,871	2,321,839	2,203,979	-5.1%
Austin	13,436,414	16,562,594	15,297,910	14,457,219	-5.5%
Blinn	6,878,985	7,605,626	7,725,463	7,964,123	3.1%
Brazosport	1,458,761	1,752,796	1,604,523	1,530,863	-4.6%
Central Texas	5,995,532	7,180,266	6,891,265	5,871,955	-14.8%
Cisco	1,600,211	1,984,350	1,620,726	1,526,894	-5.8%
Clarendon	637,330	827,346	660,932	667,122	0.9%
Coastal Bend	1,845,314	2,166,135	1,887,327	1,903,416	0.9%
College of the Mainland	1,721,740	2,148,090	1,909,533	1,779,207	-6.8%
Collin	9,242,515	11,125,777	11,348,951	11,393,363	0.4%
Dallas	28,009,138	32,634,406	30,055,499	29,033,166	-3.4%
Del Mar	5,068,308	5,700,315	4,837,467	4,588,257	-5.2%
El Paso	9,747,312	11,407,071	11,215,309	10,371,750	-7.5%
Frank Phillips	690,666	656,850	609,647	669,634	9.8%
Galveston	933,909	1,144,266	1,051,330	988,420	-6.0%
Grayson	2,067,754	2,631,791	2,283,359	2,150,092	-5.8%
Hill	1,962,059	2,413,120	2,312,886	2,012,996	-13.0%
Houston	20,392,956	25,890,022	24,009,975	23,946,366	-0.3%
Howard	2,314,374	2,803,851	2,280,804	1,789,528	-21.5%
Kilgore	3,494,266	3,936,105	3,355,199	3,086,251	-8.0%
Laredo	3,392,694	3,889,603	3,489,198	3,148,115	-9.8%
Lee	2,815,368	3,257,753	2,703,939	2,878,989	6.5%
Lone Star	17,718,451	23,111,797	24,731,339	25,178,499	1.8%
McLennan	3,943,261	4,895,891	4,344,287	3,790,198	-12.8%
Midland	2,618,438	2,973,630	2,705,909	2,302,170	-14.9%
Navarro	4,301,515	5,642,639	5,408,468	4,872,998	-9.9%
North Central Texas	3,039,821	3,494,817	3,697,145	3,541,147	-4.2%
Northeast Texas	1,173,763	1,504,610	1,425,667	1,323,939	-7.1%
Odessa	2,137,696	2,364,901	2,264,402	2,372,528	4.8%
Panola	1,018,653	1,148,533	1,246,249	1,338,265	7.4%
Paris	2,465,730	3,157,709	2,694,306	2,619,222	-2.8%
Ranger	419,089	710,069	973,183	1,026,821	5.5%
San Jacinto	10,887,189	12,783,041	12,301,986	11,905,556	-3.2%
South Plains	4,275,507	4,880,197	4,446,580	4,503,294	1.3%
South Texas	8,560,304	11,444,350	11,795,665	12,389,139	5.0%
Southwest Texas	2,134,211	2,680,456	2,330,417	2,162,248	-7.2%
Tarrant	15,288,837	19,029,956	18,644,911	18,887,174	1.3%
Temple	2,285,854	2,649,032	2,416,735	2,306,493	-4.6%
Texarkana	2,594,643	2,671,701	2,051,326	2,122,093	3.4%
Texas Southmost	3,635,841	4,072,708	1,882,508	1,467,758	-22.0%
Trinity Valley	3,314,210	3,929,905	3,650,539	3,470,927	-4.9%
Tyler	5,106,379	6,069,385	5,324,663	5,203,292	-2.3%
Vernon	1,496,074	1,938,913	1,616,146	1,583,667	-2.0%
Victoria	1,788,150	1,998,290	1,853,066	1,666,469	-10.1%
Weatherford	2,177,732	2,654,575	2,537,300	2,727,621	7.5%
Western Texas	1,146,642	1,225,365	1,191,472	1,028,546	-13.7%
Wharton	2,428,439	2,971,443	2,911,254	2,805,257	-3.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>259,351,081</b>	<b>312,290,901</b>	<b>292,410,192</b>	<b>282,919,371</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>



### ***Student Success Points***

- A new allocation system for Student Success Points was proposed for the 2016-17 biennium: *student success points should be funded at a rate that is no less than the rate funded in the 2014-15 biennium (\$185 per point)*. The goals of the new allocation system were to: 1) reward colleges for student improvement and 2) to allocate funds so that each district would be compared to itself, not each other.
- The Student Success appropriation for the 2016-17 biennium is \$169.2 million; 10 percent of the instructional funds appropriated to community colleges (after first deducting the core amount).
- Student success points were funded at \$173 per point; not funded at a level to reward student improvement and maintain the “compete against yourself” system (\$185 per point).
  - 43 college districts had an increase in student success points from the 83rd legislative session.
  - 19 of the 43 colleges received a smaller Student Success Point appropriation than the institution received in the 2014-15 biennium.
  - All colleges received less dollars per point.
- The distribution of the 2016-17 Student Success appropriation is based on the three-year average (FY 12-13-14) of student success points for each college district (detail by college in chart on page 6).
  - The FY 12-13-14 three-year average is the number of student success points submitted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to the Legislative Budget Board in March 2015.
  - The Metrics Taskforce identified an anomaly with FY 2014 student success point data and the Coordinating Board agreed to let colleges re-certify their data. Updated FY 12-13-14 student success point data was submitted to the Legislative Budget Board on April 30, 2015.
  - The HB 1 conference committee based the 2016-17 Student Success appropriation on the March 2015 data.

### ***Core Operations Funding***

- \$50 million is appropriated for Core Operations funding in the 2016-17 biennium. In HB 1, each college district receives \$1.0 million for the biennium.
- The \$50 million operation represents 2.9% of the total \$1.745 billion instructional appropriation.
- The core operations appropriation represents a wide variation of the total appropriation among districts (from less than 1% to more than 20%).

## Student Success Points

College District	84th	83rd	# difference 84th to 83rd	% difference 84th to 83rd
Alamo	77,101	73,621	3,480	4.7%
Alvin	7,624	7,033	591	8.4%
Amarillo	14,527	12,836	1,691	13.2%
Angelina	6,830	6,785	45	0.7%
Austin	56,968	59,848	-2,881	-4.8%
Blinn	28,800	23,172	5,628	24.3%
Brazosport	5,484	5,185	299	5.8%
Central Texas	20,664	20,865	-201	-1.0%
Cisco	6,015	5,888	127	2.2%
Clarendon	2,548	2,504	45	1.8%
Coastal Bend	6,374	6,035	340	5.6%
College of the Mainland	5,837	5,383	455	8.4%
Collin	38,485	36,557	1,929	5.3%
Dallas	85,981	85,271	710	0.8%
Del Mar	13,812	14,420	-608	-4.2%
El Paso	47,772	43,312	4,460	10.3%
Frank Phillips	1,987	1,797	190	10.5%
Galveston	3,519	3,096	423	13.7%
Grayson	7,432	6,467	966	14.9%
Hill	7,086	6,869	217	3.2%
Houston	75,145	69,775	5,371	7.7%
Howard	6,250	6,427	-177	-2.8%
Kilgore	9,835	9,936	-101	-1.0%
Laredo	12,673	12,574	98	0.8%
Lee	8,861	8,510	351	4.1%
Lone Star	80,237	78,843	1,394	1.8%
McLennan	12,936	12,360	576	4.7%
Midland	7,202	7,352	-150	-2.0%
Navarro	16,524	14,430	2,094	14.5%
North Central Texas	14,599	12,311	2,288	18.6%
Northeast Texas	5,039	5,001	38	0.8%
Odessa	6,622	6,561	61	0.9%
Panola	3,639	3,316	323	9.7%
Paris	9,559	8,286	1,273	15.4%
Ranger	3,072	2,197	876	39.9%
San Jacinto	40,304	39,028	1,276	3.3%
South Plains	13,951	12,401	1,550	12.5%
South Texas	42,538	36,678	5,861	16.0%
Southwest Texas	8,423	7,998	425	5.3%
Tarrant	67,793	61,413	6,380	10.4%
Temple	7,975	7,521	454	6.0%
Texarkana	6,114	5,626	488	8.7%
Texas Southmost	8,735	13,865	-5,130	-37.0%
Trinity Valley	12,497	10,026	2,471	24.6%
Tyler	18,510	16,861	1,649	9.8%
Vernon	5,082	4,252	830	19.5%
Victoria	6,000	5,790	210	3.6%
Weatherford	8,785	7,852	933	11.9%
Western Texas	4,217	3,907	311	8.0%
Wharton	12,243	11,150	1,092	9.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>980,204</b>	<b>929,188</b>	<b>51,017</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

***Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) Instructional Funds (Art. III)***

	2016-17	2014-15	\$ change
<b>BAT Instructional Funds</b>	2,142,624	1,510,266	632,358
Brazosport	406,076	200,772	205,304
Midland	126,344	184,548	-58,204
South Texas	1,610,214	1,124,946	485,268

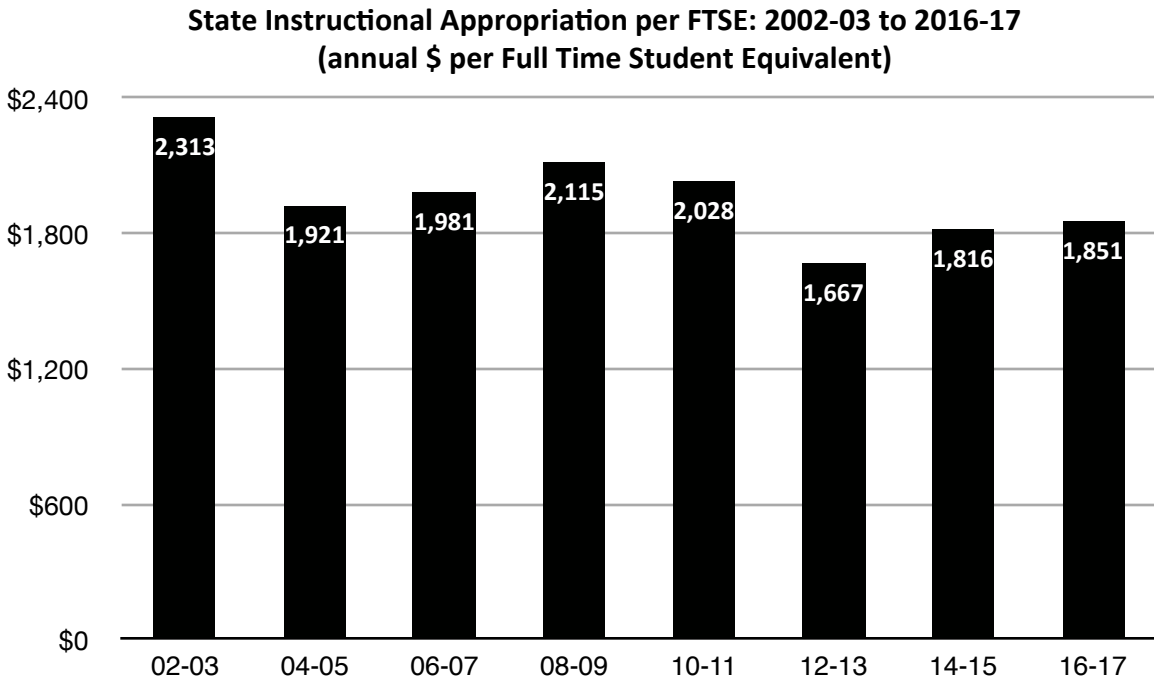
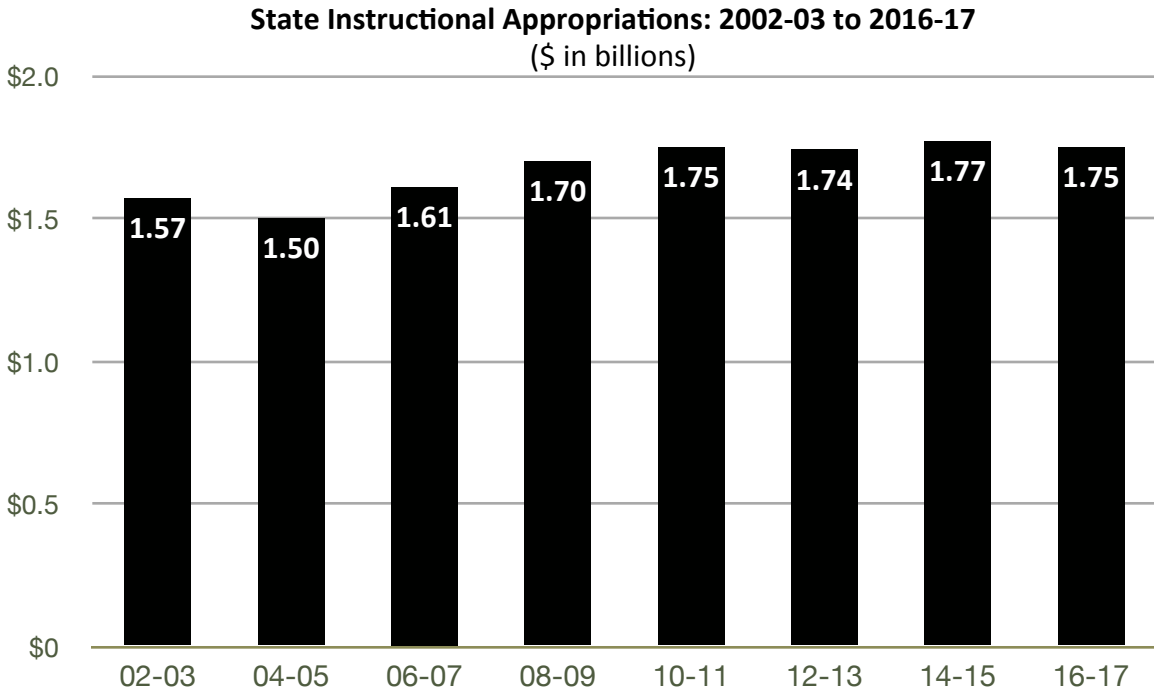
***Community College Appropriations - Non-Formula Funds (Art. III)***

Non-Formula Items	2016-17	2014-15	\$ change
New Mathways Project	2,400,000	2,400,000	0
STARLINK	642,408	642,408	0
Virtual College of Texas	962,500	712,500	250,000
Southwest Institute for the Deaf (Howard)	5,302,586	5,302,586	0
Southwest Institute for the Deaf: HVAC	1,992,158		1,992,158
Small Business Development Center (Dallas)	3,634,189	3,634,189	0
Import/Export Center	331,140	331,140	0
Museums	1,613,000	1,931,303	-318,303
Star of Republic (Blinn)	900,000	507,653	392,347
Heritage Museum/Genealogy Center (Hill)	713,000	713,000	0
American Airpower Heritage (Midland)		710,650	-710,650
Permian Basin Petroleum Museum (Midland)	710,650		710,650
4-year Degree Program (Brazosport)	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Viticulture Center (Grayson)	400,000	50,000	350,000
Veteran's Assistance Centers (Alamo)	8,900,000		8,900,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,088,631</b>	<b>16,004,126</b>	<b>12,084,505</b>

***Rider #23 for Community Colleges in HB 1 - New Reporting Requirement***

**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.



## Instructional Appropriations: 2010-11 to 2016-17 (by college district)

College District	2010-11	2012-13	2014-15	2016-17
Alamo	137,114,315	132,030,900	126,880,918	119,901,869
Alvin	16,074,313	14,729,178	14,761,824	14,410,321
Amarillo	32,604,870	30,579,220	30,556,916	27,587,556
Angelina	15,980,169	15,611,249	15,221,994	14,770,841
Austin	88,442,258	90,065,459	91,657,438	87,583,082
Blinn	44,385,950	40,966,404	44,975,226	47,391,128
Brazosport	10,944,147	9,648,314	10,355,030	10,079,315
Central Texas	40,264,997	39,650,192	41,208,376	37,087,538
Cisco	10,715,945	11,069,796	10,528,510	10,359,056
Clarendon	5,079,695	5,106,363	4,970,186	5,137,581
Coastal Bend	12,955,963	12,986,749	12,581,436	12,842,846
College of the Mainland	12,083,396	12,038,692	12,207,078	11,676,363
Collin	60,511,567	60,045,696	66,272,150	67,489,460
Dallas	186,269,395	179,910,759	174,292,054	170,455,213
Del Mar	35,466,782	33,175,896	30,386,838	29,072,120
El Paso	63,961,113	62,040,184	67,516,616	64,226,607
Frank Phillips	5,407,382	4,113,843	4,561,064	4,889,184
Galveston	8,988,588	6,731,978	7,518,416	7,322,713
Grayson	14,143,292	15,162,835	14,903,384	14,456,775
Hill	13,126,643	13,384,659	14,511,610	13,060,449
Houston	133,698,386	140,653,008	138,297,870	139,990,854
Howard	16,747,462	16,054,149	14,228,482	12,805,634
Kilgore	23,892,595	22,497,382	21,166,162	19,961,344
Laredo	24,025,655	21,786,535	21,898,800	20,319,855
Lee	19,549,392	18,661,396	17,360,216	18,192,237
Lone Star	117,120,791	126,470,829	144,951,400	148,186,291
McLennan	26,778,151	27,791,808	26,912,902	24,221,612
Midland	18,491,929	16,956,088	16,844,120	15,159,708
Navarro	28,813,238	31,219,873	32,524,626	30,532,745
North Central Texas	19,977,417	19,170,263	22,638,254	22,433,546
Northeast Texas	8,044,295	8,571,157	9,724,236	9,156,358
Odessa	16,106,497	13,522,798	14,702,272	15,226,858
Panola	7,272,681	6,767,894	8,631,452	9,369,409
Paris	17,624,757	17,803,686	16,992,774	16,973,675
Ranger	3,971,876	4,423,337	6,709,330	7,165,715
San Jacinto	73,910,635	72,201,351	74,285,706	72,972,826
South Plains	28,721,507	27,209,741	26,797,276	27,894,841
South Texas	57,475,927	63,770,669	70,668,392	75,555,856
Southwest Texas	14,644,696	14,613,935	14,623,488	13,973,807
Tarrant	100,687,287	103,507,598	108,793,962	112,580,302
Temple	15,729,479	15,641,382	15,708,772	15,292,128
Texarkana	17,680,875	15,365,882	13,362,880	13,878,844
Texas Southmost	26,577,982	22,765,006	13,693,914	12,324,522
Trinity Valley	22,691,719	22,276,018	22,668,982	22,287,526
Tyler	34,514,360	34,942,112	33,576,074	33,311,915
Vernon	11,208,562	11,699,859	11,022,932	11,187,230
Victoria	12,955,962	11,764,104	12,490,636	11,571,993
Weatherford	15,651,268	15,349,016	16,399,380	17,993,170
Western Texas	7,625,588	7,125,333	7,841,984	7,102,181
Wharton	16,166,244	17,047,416	18,475,732	18,224,152
<b>CC TOTAL</b>	<b>1,752,877,993</b>	<b>1,736,677,990</b>	<b>1,769,860,070</b>	<b>1,745,647,151</b>

**Community College Appropriations - Employee Benefits (Art. III)**

	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>\$ change</b>
Group Health Insurance	318,843,856	286,087,633	32,756,223
Retirement (TRS & ORP)	113,940,140	116,072,125	-2,131,985

- SB 1812 (by Duncan, 83rd Legislature) established an agreement to share the cost of employee benefits between community colleges and the Legislature concerning the funding of employee benefits. The state funds 50 percent of the costs; community colleges pay the remaining 50 percent of the costs.
- SB 1812 (by Duncan, 83rd Legislature) stipulated that the number of employees “may not be adjusted in a proportion greater than the change in student enrollment at each college during the reporting period except that a college that experiences a decline in student enrollment may petition the Legislative Budget Board to maintain the number of eligible employees up to 98 percent of the level of the prior biennium.”
- The HB 1 conference committee accepted all college petitions but adopted a stepped hold harmless for employee benefits based on the decline in enrollment at each college district.
  - For college districts with a base year contact hour decline of more than 2 percent and up to 5 percent, employee levels were reduced 2 percent.
  - For college districts with a base year contact hour decline of more than 5 percent and up to 10 percent, employee levels were reduced 5 percent.
  - For college districts with a base year contact hour decline of more than 10 percent and up to 15 percent, employee levels were reduced 10 percent.
  - For college districts with a base year contact hour decline of more than 15 percent, employee levels were reduced 15 percent.
- Group Health Insurance Rates for Community Colleges (50% of state rates)

	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
Member Only	\$ 288.16	\$ 308.82
Member & Child	398.64	427.22
Member & Spouse	453.17	485.66
Member & Family	563.65	604.06
Opt-Out	60.00	60.00

- TRS Retirement Rate: Employer share is 6.8 percent for FY 2016 and FY 2017 (an increase from the previous rate of 6.4 percent for FY 14 and FY 15). The state share is 3.4 percent; the community college share is 3.4 percent.
- ORP Retirement Rate: Employer share is 6.6 percent for FY 2016 and FY 2017 (same rate as FY 14 and FY 15). The state share is 3.3 percent; the community college share is 3.3 percent.

## Higher Education Group Health Insurance (HEGI)

College District	2014-15	FY 2016	FY 2017	2016-17
Alamo	20,600,968	10,963,367	11,746,858	22,710,225
Alvin	2,686,370	1,424,145	1,525,624	2,949,769
Amarillo	6,222,531	3,243,021	3,475,404	6,718,425
Angelina	2,485,146	1,307,556	1,401,308	2,708,864
Austin	16,360,645	9,147,910	9,802,892	18,950,802
Blinn	6,029,545	3,430,679	3,676,323	7,107,002
Brazosport	2,355,588	1,298,105	1,391,079	2,689,184
Central Texas	4,565,180	2,373,472	2,543,508	4,916,980
Cisco	1,598,645	864,761	926,715	1,791,476
Clarendon	805,876	461,935	495,055	956,990
Coastal Bend	2,033,958	1,017,354	1,090,297	2,107,651
College of the Mainland	3,768,067	2,067,611	2,215,605	4,283,216
Collin	7,426,650	4,149,801	4,446,482	8,596,283
Dallas	28,283,229	15,424,767	16,529,713	31,954,480
Del Mar	6,700,707	3,604,876	3,863,047	7,467,923
El Paso	10,966,246	5,880,152	6,301,100	12,181,252
Frank Phillips	753,888	398,610	427,139	825,749
Galveston	1,342,152	716,006	767,342	1,483,348
Grayson	2,524,231	1,360,544	1,457,913	2,818,457
Hill	1,824,597	919,527	985,415	1,904,942
Houston	19,286,870	10,596,777	11,355,196	21,951,973
Howard	2,619,356	1,317,518	1,411,833	2,729,351
Kilgore	3,835,506	1,559,133	1,670,821	3,229,954
Laredo	5,643,025	3,124,721	3,348,515	6,473,236
Lee	3,474,075	1,730,096	1,853,939	3,584,035
Lone Star	17,899,818	10,098,951	10,821,768	20,920,719
McLennan	4,803,228	2,480,876	2,658,524	5,139,400
Midland	3,338,066	1,740,843	1,865,661	3,606,504
Navarro	2,877,680	1,576,659	1,689,462	3,266,121
North Central Texas	2,670,099	1,450,430	1,554,426	3,004,856
Northeast Texas	1,607,187	840,151	900,390	1,740,541
Odessa	3,476,644	1,925,131	2,063,008	3,988,139
Panola	1,550,585	870,813	933,199	1,804,012
Paris	2,116,676	1,170,506	1,254,329	2,424,835
Ranger	788,296	410,080	439,483	849,563
San Jacinto	12,921,234	7,002,459	7,504,294	14,506,753
South Plains	5,775,912	3,281,281	3,516,549	6,797,830
South Texas	8,671,154	4,641,377	4,973,753	9,615,130
Southwest Texas	2,393,932	1,284,416	1,376,316	2,660,732
Tarrant	21,986,421	12,260,138	13,138,339	25,398,477
Temple	2,493,620	1,332,463	1,427,861	2,760,324
Texarkana	2,508,816	1,370,733	1,468,915	2,839,648
Texas Southmost	3,449,957	719,730	771,232	1,490,962
Trinity Valley	3,173,795	1,705,374	1,827,600	3,532,974
Tyler	6,026,555	3,272,273	3,506,847	6,779,120
Vernon	1,857,774	1,018,888	1,091,892	2,110,780
Victoria	2,398,142	1,288,040	1,380,265	2,668,305
Weatherford	2,703,816	1,477,000	1,582,850	3,059,850
Western Texas	1,246,112	618,295	662,627	1,280,922
Wharton	3,159,063	1,692,438	1,813,354	3,505,792
<b>Total</b>	<b>286,087,633</b>	<b>153,911,789</b>	<b>164,932,067</b>	<b>318,843,856</b>

## Summary of HB 1, Public Community Colleges

Source of Funds	2016-17	2014-15	\$ change
Instructional Funds	1,745,647,151	1,770,152,918	-24,505,767
BAT Instructional Funds	2,142,624	1,510,266	632,358
Group Health Insurance	318,843,856	286,087,633	32,756,223
Retirement (TRS/ORP)	113,940,140	116,072,125	-2,131,985
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>2,180,573,771</b>	<b>2,173,822,942</b>	<b>6,750,829</b>
Non-Formula Funds	28,088,631	16,004,126	12,084,505
New Mathways Project	2,400,000	2,400,000	0
STARLINK	642,408	642,408	0
Virtual College of Texas	962,500	712,500	250,000
TX Educational Opportunity Grant	86,472,917	27,811,600	58,661,317
Skills Development Fund	48,591,714	48,915,561	-323,847
Self-Sufficiency Fund	5,247,279	5,227,047	20,232
Inmate Education	3,838,088	3,838,088	0
Nursing Graduates (Total Pool)	33,750,000	33,750,000	0
Accelerate Texas Grants (ABE)	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>209,988,629</b>	<b>139,546,422</b>	<b>70,442,207</b>

## Summary of HB 1, Article III, Public Higher Education

(General Revenue; \$ in millions)

Public Higher Education	2016-17	2014-15	\$ change	% change
Public Community Colleges	\$1,778.5	\$1,790.0	-11.5	-0.6%
Lamar State Colleges	\$52.4	\$51.9	0.5	1.0%
Texas State Technical College	\$138.1	\$124.0	14.1	11.4%
General Academic Institutions	\$4,773.9	\$4,389.7	384.2	8.8%
Health-related Institutions	\$2,742.8	\$2,532.7	210.1	8.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,347.6</b>	<b>\$8,764.3</b>	<b>583.3</b>	<b>6.7%</b>

Source: Summary of House Bill 1: Conference Committee Report, Legislative Budget Board, May 2015



## Key Bills

### Campus Carry

***SB 11 by Birdwell*** - *Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education.*

Allows for the CEO of a community college (after consulting with students, faculty, and staff) to create reasonable rules and/or regulations regarding the carrying of concealed weapons on the campus of a college by citizens with a Concealed Handgun License (CHL). These rules cannot generally prohibit (or have the effect of generally prohibiting) the carrying of concealed weapons on a college campus. In establishing these regulations and rules the college CEO will take into consideration the nature of the student population, safety concerns, and the uniqueness of the campus. Not later the 90th day after the rules and regulations are created the Board of Trustees must review the provisions and the board may change/amend them with a vote of at least two-thirds.

Any regulations or rules must be published on the college's Website. The college must give effective notice under Section 30.06 of the Penal code related to any portion of the campus where license holders may not carry. By September 1st of each even-numbered year each college must submit a report to the Legislature that describes the provisions limiting the carrying of concealed weapons and explains the reasons why they have been established. For community colleges the provisions of the Act do not take effect until August 1, 2017.

The open carrying of handguns by CHL holders will not be allowed anywhere on the campuses of institutions of higher education.

### Baccalaureate Degree Expansion

***HB 3348 by Clardy*** - *Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.*

Requires the Coordinating Board to create a pilot project to examine the feasibility and effectiveness of authorizing Tyler Junior College to offer a baccalaureate in Dental Hygiene. By January 1, 2017 the Coordinating Board must deliver a progress report on the pilot. By January 1, 2019 the Coordinating Board must give a final report including recommendations for legislative action. If the Legislature does not act the provisions sunset after the fall of 2019.

### Block Scheduling

***HB 1583 by Clardy*** - Relating to block scheduling for associate degree and certificate programs at public junior colleges.

Requires colleges to block schedule 5 programs (which are not currently block scheduled) across the areas of Career and Technical Education, Allied Health and Nursing. A hardship petition process will be developed at the Coordinating Board with input from community colleges. This will allow colleges an opportunity to seek exceptions from the bills provisions if it is too difficult to block 5 programs.

By November 1, 2018, the Coordinating Board must prepare a report on the effectiveness of block scheduling and any recommendations for legislative action. Provisions of the bill become effective in Fall 2016. Language was also included for a sunset provision of August 1, 2019.

### Transfer

***SB 1189 by Seliger*** - Relating to the establishment of a multidisciplinary studies associate degree program at each public junior college.

Creates a new multidisciplinary studies associate degree program at each community college. Each community college would be required to begin offering the multidisciplinary studies associate degree program by the 2016 fall semester. Students working toward this degree would be required to successfully complete the 42 hour core curriculum as well as courses in a student's selected degree plan.

Student must complete core and meet with an advisor at 30 hours to plan degree with specific consideration of the university that the student wants to attend after completing an Associate degree. The degree plan also would emphasize the student's transfer to the particular university of the student's choosing and preparation for the student's intended field of study or major at the chosen college or university.

### Dual Credit / Early College

***HB 18 by Aycock*** - Relating to measures to support public school student academic achievement and high school, college, and career preparation.

Removes limits on number of total dual credit hours a student can enroll in high school in each semester of year, as well as limits on the total number of hours in which a high school student can enroll.

Amends Education Code, section 130.008, to require that a dual credit course be

taught by a qualified instructor approved or selected by the junior college. The bill prescribes the minimum degree requirements for an instructor to be qualified. By the 60th day after receipt, a community college shall approve or reject an application for approval to teach a course at a high school that is submitted by an instructor employed by the school district, organization, or other person that operates the high school with which the community college entered an agreement to offer the course

***HB 505*** by Rodriguez - *Relating to a prohibition of limitations on the number of dual credit courses or hours in which a public high school student may enroll.*

Removes limits on number of total dual credit hours a student can enroll in high school, each year or semester, and at what grade level. Repeals current subsection 130.008(f) of the Education Code which limits the number of hours a high school student can take from a community college outside their home college's service area.

***HB 1992*** by Zerwas - *Relating to the granting of undergraduate course credit by advanced placement examination at public institutions of higher education.*

Amends Education Code as it relates to the minimum score on an AP examination for granting of undergraduate course credit at public institutions of higher education. The bill would require the Coordinating Board to conduct a study on the performance of undergraduate students at institutions of higher education who receive undergraduate course credit for achieving required scores on one or more Advanced Placement examinations. The bill requires the Board to submit a progress report and recommendations for legislative or administrative action no later than January 1, 2017 and report the results of the study and recommendations for legislative or administrative action by January 1, 2019.

***HB 2812*** by Springer - *Relating to the limit on junior college courses that a high school student may enroll in for dual credit.*

Repeals current subsection 130.008(f) of the Education Code which limits the number of hours a high school student can take from a community college outside their home college's service area.

***SB 1004*** by Bettencourt - *Relating to courses and programs offered jointly by certain public junior colleges and independent school districts.*

Bracketed to Harris county. Effects Houston Community College System, Lee College, Lonestar College System, and San Jacinto College. These colleges must enter

into agreements with each ISD to offer at least one dual credit course. High school students within Harris County could choose courses offered at any of the four community colleges.

The bill does not change colleges' ability to charge tuition to students outside a service area.

***HB 1054*** by Clardy - *Relating to developmental education programs under the Texas Success Initiative for public institutions of higher education.*

Amends Section 51.3062 (Success Initiative), Education Code, to add a "Basic Academic Skills" (BASE) level to the remediation definitions of the TSI assessment statute.

***HB 1613*** by Guillen - *Relating to the use of performance on certain assessment instruments designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to satisfy requirements concerning high school end-of-course assessment.*

Amends Education Code to require the State Board of Education, by January 1, 2016, to develop and by rule adopt a chart that clearly indicates the alignment of the college readiness standards and expectations with the essential knowledge and skills. The bill adds language to provide that a student enrolled in a college preparatory mathematics or English language arts course who satisfies the Texas Success Initiative college readiness benchmarks prescribed by the Higher Education Coordinating Board on an assessment instrument designated by the Board administered at the end of the course satisfies the requirements concerning and is exempt from the administration of the Algebra I or English I and II end-of-course assessment instruments, as applicable, even if the student did not perform satisfactorily on a previous administration of the applicable end-of-course assessment instrument.

### Boards of Trustees

***HB 382*** by Canales - *Relating to public junior college district branch campuses, including a requirement that the South Texas Community College District adopt and implement a plan to expand opportunity for instructional programs in a certain location.*

Requires the South Texas College Board of Trustees to adopt and implement a plan to expand opportunity for instructional programs consisting of postsecondary courses leading to an associate degree offered in a classroom setting within the corporate limits of the municipality of Edcouch or Elsa.

***HB 2621*** by Raney - *Relating to the board of trustees of the Blinn Junior College District*

Requires the Blinn College Board to add two members to the Board. These additional members will be appointed by the County Commissioner's Court of Brazos County from an existing advisory committee to the Board. Terms will be for two years with the possibility of reappointment for one term. The additional members will not be allowed to vote on any tax related issues nor serve as officers of the Board. All provisions sunset in 2019.

Workforce / TWC

***SB 1351*** by Hinojosa - *Relating to transferring to the Texas Workforce Commission certain duties of the comptroller related to the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant Program.*

Makes the statutory changes necessary to move the JET program from the Comptroller's Office to TWC. No funds appropriated to JET program in HB 1.

Service Area Changes

***SB 495*** by Watson - *Relating to the service areas of certain junior college districts.*

Makes agreed changes to the service areas of Austin Community College, Central Texas College, and Victoria College.

TSTC

***HB 658*** by Zerwas - *Relating to the creation of a campus of the Texas State Technical College System in Fort Bend County.*

***HB 1051*** by Wray - *Relating to the creation of a campus of the Texas State Technical College System in Ellis County.*

## Other Bills

**HB 699** by Nevarez - *Relating to requiring public institutions of higher education to establish a policy on campus sexual assault.*

Requires each institution of higher education to adopt a policy on campus sexual assault and make this information available to students, faculty, and staff members. The institutions would be required to post this information on the institution's website and require entering freshman or undergraduate transfer students to attend an orientation on the institution's campus assault policy.

**HB 1378** by Flynn - *Relating to the fiscal transparency and accountability of political subdivisions.*

Amend the Local Government Code to require a political subdivision (including community colleges) to compile and report certain debt information. Permits a college to submit the financial information to the Comptroller, who would be required to post the debt obligation information on the Comptroller's website.

**HB 1887** by Munoz - *Relating to the establishment of a regional center for public safety excellence in the Rio Grande Valley.*

Amends the Education Code to establish the regional center for public safety excellence to develop and provide education and training for law enforcement personnel in the Rio Grande Valley. The bill requires South Texas College to administer the regional center in partnership with political subdivisions and participating school districts in the Rio Grande Valley.

**SB 386** by Taylor - *Relating to the appointment of school marshals by public junior colleges.*

Amends the Education Code to authorize the governing board of a community college to appoint one or more school marshals. The bill authorizes the governing board of a college to select for appointment as a school marshal an applicant who is an employee of the college and certified by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement as eligible for appointment.

**SB 806** by Campbell - *Relating to the College Credit for Heroes program.*

Amends the Labor Code to require TWC, not later than November 1 of each year, and after consultation with the Coordinating Board, to report to the legislature and

the governor on the results of any grants awarded under the College Credit for Heroes program.

***SB 1750** by West - Relating to the requirements for employment positions provided through the Texas college work-study program.*

Requires that at least 20 percent, but not more than 50 percent, of the employment positions through the Texas college work-study program in an academic year are provided by employers who are providing employment located off campus. The bill requires the Coordinating Board to submit a biennial report on the work study program.

## Bills Not Passed

### *TACC/CCATT Priorities:*

**HB 61** by McClendon - *Relating to a single common course numbering system for public institutions of higher education in this state.*

**SB 271** by Ellis / **HB 1384** by Davis - *Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.*

### *Others*

**HB 916** by Spitzer - *Relating to the governing board of the Trinity Valley Community College District.*

**HB 921** by Price - *Relating to limitations on increases in fees and designated tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.*

**HB 1155** by Alvarado - *Relating to the creation of the Recruit Texas Program to facilitate the relocation to or expansion in this state of employers offering complex or high-skilled employment opportunities.*

**HB 1475** by Aycock - *Relating to telecommunications service discounts for educational institutions, libraries, hospitals, and telemedicine centers.*

**HB 1903** by Raney - *Relating to the distribution of funds to campuses in the Blinn Junior College District service area.*

**HB 2231** by Fletcher - *Relating to the service areas of certain junior college districts.*

**HB 2361** by Bell - *Relating to the service areas of certain junior college districts.*

**HB 3521** by Faircloth - *Relating to the establishment of limited purpose public junior college districts by certain independent school districts.*

**HB 3572** by Zerwas - *Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain military personnel and their dependents.*

**SB 182** by Bettencourt - *Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rates of certain taxing units.*

**SB 1819** by Campbell - *Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.*



## Resources

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