

Session Summary - 78th Texas Legislature

TACC Summer
Conference

July 25, 2003

Session Overview

- Total Bills Filed - 9,232
- Total Bills Passed - 1,403
- TACC Master Tracking List - 600+
- Consolidated LAR that was virtually ignored by the 78th Legislature
- 7% cut for FY 2003 in formula appropriation
- Building blocks, zero-based budget, Initial General Revenue (IGR), 12.5% cut
- Governor: Cut \$200 million from cc group insurance; proposal - state pay 35%

TACC Legislative Priorities

- Appropriations
- Workforce Development
- Annexation
- Deregulation

Session in Perspective

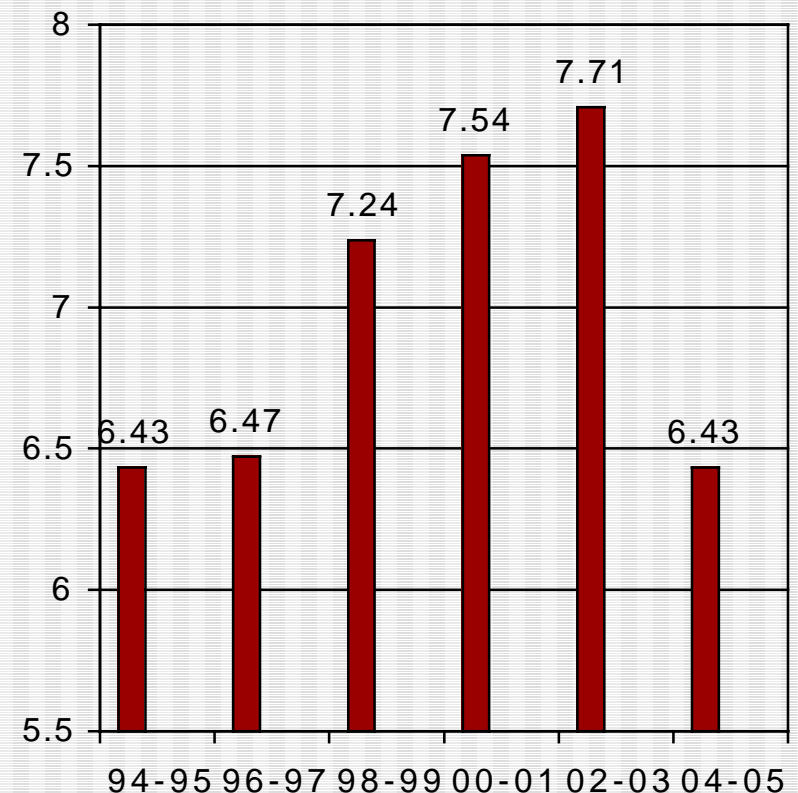
- 10,000 state jobs eliminated through layoffs, retirements, and attrition.
- Approximately 160,000 children currently enrolled in CHIP will not be enrolled in the next year.
- In-home assistance hours for the frail and elderly program were cut by 15%.
- The personal needs allowance for low-income seniors in nursing homes was cut from \$60 to \$45 a month.
- Public school textbook funding was cut \$172 million.
- Public school teachers will lose \$500 of the \$1,000 they received last session for health insurance.

Formula Appropriations

- 04-05 Appropriation is \$1.5 billion
- 04-05 Appropriation is 52% of formula
- Reduction of 4.3% from 02-03
- An additional reduction of 1/4% to 1/2% due to last minute changes to HB 1.
 - Rider 56, Article III, page III-273
- Different formula rates for CC's/TSTC/Lamar institutions.

Appropriation per Contact Hour

- The Appr/CH for 2004-05 is \$6.43
- Matches the Appr/CH received in 1994-95
- Translates into a 16.6-percent reduction in Appr/CH from 2002-03



Higher Education Appropriation

	Amount	% HE	% change
Community Colleges	\$1,732	18.8%	-2.7%
TSTC/Lamar	\$171	1.9%	-9.4%
General Academics	\$3,940	42.7%	.5%
TX Excellence/Univ Research	\$0	0%	-100%
Health Related	\$2,080	22.6%	-4.5%
HEAF/AUF	\$350	3.8%	-18.6%
A&M Serv Agencies	\$295	3.2%	-11.2%
Coordinating Board	\$611	6.6%	-1.8%
<i>Tuition Equalization Grant (private colleges)</i>	<i>\$141</i>		<i>-14.0%</i>

Appropriation Per FTSE

	04-05	02-03	\$ diff	% diff
Community Colleges	\$5,823	\$6,984	-1,161	-16.6%
TSTC	\$12,627	\$12,820	-192	-1.5%
Lamar 2-yr	\$14,282	\$15,677	-1,395	-8.9%
Universities	\$8,975	\$9,820	-845	-8.6%

Group Insurance

- Appropriation is \$253.4 million
- Reduction of 12.9% from 02-03
- No funding for physical plant employees
- New program rates
- Local options:
 - 1st 90 days = college can pick up the cost
 - Part-time = college can supplement to 100%
 - Adjunct faculty = college can provide; Sept 2004
- Ray Hymel, ERS

Other Appropriations

- Dramatic Enrollment Growth
 - Funded at \$18 million
 - First draw to new campuses: Cisco, Houston, Laredo, and North Harris Montgomery
 - Second draw to nursing growth
 - Last draw to enrollment growth
- VCT/STARLINK - \$1.27 million (up)
- Inmate Education - \$12 million (down)
- Library Consortium - \$15.8 million (down)
- Interim Study: House committee to study higher education funding.

New Reporting Requirements

- Benefits Proportional by Fund Report
 - Report due by November 20 for preceding fiscal year
 - Format will be prescribed by the Comptroller
- Financial Information Reporting Requirement
 - In addition to the financial information required (§2101.011 Govt Code), each institution “shall continue to provide to the THECB financial data related to the operation of each [institution] as was reported in the 2001 financial report.”
 - Report due: January 1 of each year

Workforce Development

- Skills Development Fund - \$24.7 million
- High Priority Program Development Fund - \$0
- Governor's Enterprise Fund - \$295 million

Annexation

- SB 1292 - Statewide effort (Ratliff)
 - Passed Senate Higher Education
 - Did not pass Senate Education
- SB 315 - Del Mar College (Hinojosa)
 - Passed both Senate and House
 - Vetoed by the Governor
- Interim Study by Senate

Deregulation

- HB 415 - Concurrent Enrollment (Flores)
 - Clarifies funding between cc's and public schools.
- HB 1621 - Tuition Issues (Flores)
 - Allows colleges to waive part of the tuition or fees for concurrent enrollment students.
 - Increases the amount of tuition that can be pledged to revenue bonds from \$15 to 25 percent of tuition collected.
 - Clarifies that any out-of-district charge is a fee, not tuition.

Deregulation

- **SB 286 - TASP/Baccalaureate (Shapleigh)**
 - Reauthorizes the Coordinating Board
 - Reforms TASP
 - Pilot Study: Technical Baccalaureate degree
- **SB 1546 - Fee Issues (Janek)**
 - Laboratory fee = \$24/SCH or cost of materials
- **SB 1652 - Deregulation of Higher Education (Shapiro)**
 - Relating to institutions of higher education, including the administration, operation, governance, and financing of those institutions.
- **HB 3015 - University Tuition Deregulation (Morrison)**
 - Relating to the tuition charged to students of institutions of higher education.

“And the rest is poetry...”

- Community College Bills
- Other Key Bills
- R.I.P. Bills
- Other Higher Education Bills

Community & Technical College Legislation

- HB 898 -Relating to the use of state travel services by public junior colleges and school districts. (Hamilton)
- HB 1566 - Relating to lower-division and upper-division courses at Texas A&M University-Texarkana. (Telford)
- SB 437 - Relating to the service area of the North Harris Montgomery Community College District. (Lindsay)

Community & Technical College Legislation

- SB 968 - Relating to a program to promote participation by public junior college students in individual development account programs. (Shapleigh)
- SB 976 - Relating to high school completion and the creation of middle college education pilot program. (Shapiro)

Other Key Legislation

- HB 1460 - Relating to the income method of appraisal of real property for ad valorem tax purposes. (Eiland)
- HB 2359 - Relating to the programs and systems administered by the Employees Retirement System of Texas. (Ritter)
- HB 3126 - Relating to increasing the number of registered nurses and other health care professionals. (Truitt)

Other Key Legislation, cont'd

- HB 3237 - Relating to return-to-work provisions for retirees of the Teachers Retirement System of Texas. (Smith)
- SB 275 - Relating to the abolition of the Texas Department of Economic Development. (Nelson)
- SB 280 - Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Workforce Commission. (Nelson)
- SB 281 - Relating to the continuation of the Council on Workforce and Economic Competitiveness as the Texas Workforce Investment Council. (Nelson)

R.I.P. - Bills that Died

- HB 318 - Relating to certification to teach school of individuals who hold bachelor's degrees. (Grusendorf)
- HB 872 - Relating to the dates on which elections may be held. (Denny)
- HB 1026 - Relating to regulating the use of social security numbers by institutions of higher education. (Hupp)
- HB 2723 - Relating to certification to teach school of individuals who hold master's degrees. (Gutierrez)

R.I.P. - Bills that Died

- HB 3223- Relating to limiting the maximum average annual increase in the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes to five percent. (Bohac)
- SB 86 - Relating to the eligibility of a high school graduate for automatic admission to an institution of higher education. (Wentworth)
- SB 1200 - Relating to the creation of the TexasNextStep grant program. (Lucio)
- SB 1243 - Relating to systems and programs administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. (Armbrister)

Other Higher Educ Legislation

- HB 85 -Relating to the establishment of an undergraduate medical academy at Prairie View A&M University. (McClendon)
- HB 256 - Relating to excused absences for religious holy days for students in institutions of higher education. (Hochberg)
- HB 261 - Relating to the eligibility of armed forces personnel and their family members to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided to Texas residents. (Hupp)
- HB 264 - Relating to supplemental contributions to the optional retirement program by institutions of higher education. (Brown)
- HB 453 - Relating to a pilot program for early childhood teacher education and retention. (Villarreal)

Other Higher Educ Legislation

- HB 944 - Relating to the admission to public institutions of higher education of students with nontraditional secondary educations.(King)
- HB 1055 - Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi. (Luna)
- HB 1537 - Relating to a fee for statues of Barbara Jordan and Cesar Chavez and related scholarships at The University of Texas at Austin. (Dukes)
- HB 1649 - Relating to student fees charged at The University of Texas at San Antonio. (Mercer)
- HB 1650 - Relating to student fees charged at The University of Texas at San Antonio. (Mercer)

Other Higher Educ Legislation

- HB 1817 - Relating to certain fees for students attending institutions in the Texas State University System. (Ritter)
- HB 1887 - Relating to funds received by institutions of higher education to cover overhead expenses of conducting research. (Morrison)
- HB 1890 - Relating to tuition rebates to certain undergraduate students who graduate from an institution of higher education without excessive semester credit hours. (Morrison)
- HB 2169 - Relating to the payment of retirement benefits to retirees who are employed by certain public educational institutions. (Telford)
- HB 2379 - Relating to the recreational facility fee charged at The University of Texas at Dallas. (Hill)

Other Higher Educ Legislation

- HB 2457 - Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. (Rangel)
- HB 2522 - Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for the Southwest Texas State University Multi-Institution Teaching Center. (Krusee)
- HB 3526 - Relating to the establishment of the research development fund to promote research at certain institutions of higher education and to the abolition of the Texas excellence fund and the university research fund. (Hamric)
- SB 258 - Relating to the tuition charged by institutions of higher education for high school students enrolled in college-level courses. (West).
- SB 800 - Relating to the establishment of Texas A&M University--San Antonio. (Madla)

Other Higher Educ Legislation

- SB 814 - Relating to an exemption for certain military personnel and veterans from the requirements of the Texas Academic Skills Program. (Averitt)
- SB 1007 - Relating to student eligibility for a TEXAS grant based on preliminary high school transcripts. (West)
- SB 1230 - Relating to authorizing an environmental service fee at Southwest Texas State University. (Wentworth)
- SB 1297 - Relating to financing a multi-institutional education center in Williamson County for Southwest Texas State University. (Ogden)
- SB 1331 - Relating to procurement procedures for construction-related services for public school districts, institutions of higher education, and the Texas Building and Procurement Commission. (Ratliff)

Other Higher Educ Legislation

- SB 1366 - Relating to eligibility under the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program. (Bivins)
- SB 1367 - Relating to student union fees at component institutions of the Texas Tech University System. (Duncan)
- SB 1588 - Relating to exempting college savings plan accounts from attachment, execution, and seizure for the satisfaction of debts. (Whitmire)
- SB 1642 - Relating to the establishment of a geriatric education and care research center at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. (Staples)
- SCR 12 - Urging public and private institutions of higher education in the State of Texas to adopt service learning as an important pedagogical tool and a central form of engagement, civic outreach, and citizenship education. (Shapiro)