

**Senate Finance Committee  
Riders - Article III  
Public Education**

**Adopted**

**March 28, 2019**

**Legislative Budget Board**

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Grants for Students with Autism**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/22/19

**Overview**

The purpose of this rider is to direct the Texas Education Agency to use \$10.0 million in each fiscal year for autism grants. These funds are existing in Senate Bill 1 and the rider provides additional direction on their use.

**Required Action**

In the Texas Education Agency bill pattern (Article III), add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Grants for Students with Autism.** Out of General Revenue Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall use \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 to provide grants for innovative services for students with autism. Such innovative services may include the use of interactive technology. These grants shall be made in accordance with Texas Education Code Section 29.026.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2020 are hereby appropriated to fiscal year 2021 for the same purpose.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Rider**  
Requiring TEA to Provide Information  
On Special Education to the Legislative Budget Board

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/22/2019

**Overview**

Prepare a rider that directs the Texas Education Agency to provide information allowing the Legislative Budget Board to deliver a report on the status and funding of special education in Texas.

**Required Action**

On page III-27 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following new rider:

- \_\_\_\_\_. **Provision of Information on Special Education to the Legislative Budget Board.** Out of administrative funds appropriated above, the Texas Education Agency shall provide information sufficient to facilitate a report written by the Legislative Budget Board on the status and funding of special education services to the Eighty-seventh Legislature. The report will summarize the status of corrective actions required by the U.S. Department of Education; the implementation of the Texas Education Agency's Special Education Strategic Plan; agency compliance with special education requirements established in the 2020-21 General Appropriations Act; any new special education initiatives enacted by the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2019; and a listing of fiscal year 2020 expenditures and fiscal year 2021 budgeted amounts by methods of finance for special education services.

By         *David Kelley*        

***Teacher Retirement System, Article III  
Incentive to Shop***

**Overview**

Add a rider directing the Teacher Retirement System to incentivize TRS-Care and TRS-ActiveCare members to shop for lower cost care.

**Required Action**

On page III-42 of the Teacher Retirement System bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Right to Shop Incentive.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Teacher Retirement System incentivize members of TRS-Care and TRS-ActiveCare to shop for lower cost care within the health plans in order to achieve shared savings. Pursuant to the provisions of Insurance Code §1575.109, §1579.052, and Article IX, Sec. 7.12, Notification of Certain Purchases or Contract Awards, Amendments, and Extensions, the agency may contract with a third-party vendor for this purpose.