

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

**Article XI**

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**Legislative Budget Board**

By Royce West

**Texas Education Agency  
Paid Internship Grant Program**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$10,000,000 from General Revenue to the Texas Education Agency. This rider will provide TEA the tool to help ISD's transition career and technology students into jobs as well as endow students with real-world hands-on experience prior to graduation.

**Required Action**

On page III-142 of the Texas Education Agency's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **TEA Paid Internship Program.** Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 508 or similar legislation by the Eighty-Sixth Legislature, Regular Session, out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall expend \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2020 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 for the TEA Paid Internship Program. The Commissioner shall award grants to schools with high percentages of students at-risk of dropping out of school, as determined by the Commissioner, to implement a paid internship program that increases the number of students graduating with jobs or with job experience by awarding grants to School Districts to reimburse employers up to \$2,500 in compensation per student-intern. The Commissioner shall prioritize issuing awards based on applications that demonstrate a commitment to improved outcomes on clear performance measures.

The Commissioner may require any entity with which the Texas Education Agency contracts for purposes of administering the programs under this rider to provide any expenditure and performance data deemed necessary to assess the success of the program.

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

**Texas Education Agency, Article III**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Athletic Programs for Students with Disabilities**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/24/19

**Overview**

This rider would appropriate \$1.0 million in General Revenue Funds to Strategy A.2.3, Student with Disabilities for organization(s) that provide statewide, Unified Sports, comprehensive early child development to adult transition program with data-based health, social, leadership, transition and athletic programs for students with intellectual disabilities.

**Required Actions**

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, by \$500,000 in General Revenue Funds in both years of the 2020-21 biennium.
2. On page III-27 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Athletic Programs for Students with Disabilities.** Out of funds General Revenue Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, the Commissioner shall provide \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 to organization(s) that provide statewide, Unified Sports, comprehensive early child development to adult transition programs with data-based health, social, leadership, transition and athletic programs for students with intellectual disabilities.

By: Bettencourt

**Texas Education Agency, Article III  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Contingency for Senate Bill 933**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/26/19

**Overview**

The intent of this rider is to provide \$1,000,000 in General Revenue Funds and 5.0 FTEs in the 2020-21 biennium to the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of implementing Senate Bill 933, contingent upon its enactment.

**Required Action**

On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase Strategy B.3.4, Central Administration, by \$500,000 in General Revenue Funds in each fiscal year of the 2020-21 biennium.

On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) by 5.0 in each fiscal year of the 2020-21 biennium.

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

\_\_\_\_\_. **Office of Inspector General.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 933, or similar legislation establishing the office of inspector general at the Texas Education agency, out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.4, Central Administration, the Commissioner shall allocate \$500,000 in General Revenue Funds and 5.0 FTEs in each fiscal year of the 2020-21 biennium to the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency.

By: Hinojosa

**Texas Education Agency  
Modify Rider & Increase Funding  
Recorded Instructional Materials**

**Overview**

The proposed rider modification would increase funding by \$1,000,000 for the biennium. Students who struggle to read or have learning differences are more likely to be poorly positioned for future success and may dropout of school. Funding for this program has not increased in over a decade and the number of students who struggle with reading continues to increase.

**Required Action**

On page III-13 of the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency in Senate Bill 1, revise the following rider:

- 31. Recorded Instructional Materials.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, the Commissioner shall expend an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in fiscal year ~~2018~~ 2020 and \$200,000 in fiscal year ~~2019~~ 2021 to continue a program of providing state-adopted instructional materials using digital audio technology for students with visual impairment and other print disabilities as appropriate in prekindergarten through 12th grade.

Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, the Commissioner shall expend an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 ~~\$1,500,000~~ in fiscal year ~~2018~~ 2020 and \$2,000,000 ~~\$1,500,000~~ in fiscal year ~~2019~~ 2021, for the purpose of conducting an educational outreach program to provide instructional materials in accessible formats to individuals with print disabilities affording reading accommodation and providing instruction and training in the use of accessible instructional materials and related assistive technology; furthermore, out of these funds the Commissioner shall expend no less than \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2020, and no less than \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2021 for the purpose of providing human-read accessible versions of instructional materials, related software, and training from a nonprofit entity having the largest library of human-read audio textbooks for students with visual impairments and other print disabilities as appropriate in prekindergarten through 12th grade.

By: Hinojosa

***Texas Education Agency***  
**Dual Language Programs**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year for the 2020-21 biennium for supplemental funding for all Texas students in Dual Language programs consistent with the provisions of Texas Administrative Code Chapter 89.1227. The Commissioner shall allocate funds on the basis of eligible participating school districts. The funds shall be distributed equally among eligible rural, urban, small, medium or large school districts.

**Required Action**

On page \_\_\_ of the Texas Education Agency's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Dual Language Programs.** Out of General Revenue funds appropriated to programs under District Programs/Grants, \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year for the 2020-21 biennium for the purpose of providing supplemental funds for all Texas students enrolled in Dual Language programs consistent with the provisions of Texas Administrative Code Chapter 89.1227. The Commissioner shall allocate funds on the basis of eligible participating school districts. The funds shall be distributed equally among eligible rural, urban, small, medium or large school districts.

By: Joan Huffman

**Teacher Retirement System,  
Article III  
Proposed Rider and Funding  
Contingency for Pension Reform and Benefit Increase Legislation**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/14/2019

**Overview**

Prepare the following rider to implement SB 12, or similar legislation relating to the contributions to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), contingent upon its enactment, and SB 500, or similar legislation relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations, contingent upon its enactment. The rider specifies that, contingent upon the enactment of the legislation, contribution rates for TRS Public and Higher Education Retirement are increased to \_\_\_ in fiscal year 2020 and \_\_\_ in fiscal year 2021, pursuant to the provisions of the legislation.

**Required Actions**

1. On page III-38 amend Rider 4 as follows:
  
4. **State Contribution to Teacher Retirement Program.** The amounts specified above in Strategy A.1.1, TRS-Public Education Retirement, \$1,838,552,963 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,908,574,620 in fiscal year 2021, and A.1.2, TRS-Higher Education Retirement, \$179,233,677 in fiscal year 2020 and \$189,244,210 in fiscal year 2021 are based on a state contribution of 6.8 percent of payroll in each year of the 2020-21 biennium, estimated.

Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 12, or similar legislation relating to the contributions to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, and contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 500, or similar legislation relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction, including direction regarding reimbursement, and adjustment authority regarding appropriations, by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, the state contribution rate to Strategy A.1.1, TRS-Public Education Retirement, and Strategy A.1.2, TRS-Higher Education Retirement, is increased to \_\_\_ percent of payroll in fiscal year 2020 and \_\_\_ percent of payroll in fiscal year 2021, pursuant to the legislation.