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SB 1/HB 1: Highlights of TEA Article II 2026-27 Budget



Method of Finance	FY 20202021 (Actual)	FY 20222023 (GAA)	FY 2024- 2025 (Base)	FY 20262027 SB 1 HB 1	Biennial Change 2024-25 – 2026-27 SB 1 HB1
State Funds*	\$51.2 B	\$54.0 B	\$64.2 B	\$75.1 B \$75.6 B	\$10.9 B \$11.4 B
Federal Funds**	\$29.4 B	\$11.8 B	\$12.5 B	\$13.7 B	\$1.2 B
All Funds***	\$80.6 B	\$65.8 B	\$76.7 B	\$88.8 B \$89.3 B	\$12.1 B \$11.4 B

* Includes recapture; HB 1 includes an additional \$0.5B in estimated Property Tax Relief

** Includes \$18 B in Coronavirus Relief Funds expended in 20-

*** Does not include Local or Other Funds

- \$51.0 billion for the 2026-27 biennium to provide new tax relief and to maintain tax relief provided by the legislature following the enactment of House Bill 3, Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session.
- \$400M as a contingency for SB 260 relating to the School Safety Allotment under the Foundation School Program.
- \$4.85B for Increased Teacher Compensation including \$50M for Teacher Retirement System to



TEA's 2026-27 LAR: 89th Exceptional Items

1. Complaints & Misconduct Investigations Support: \$17.7M biennial total

To ensure appropriate oversight and reduce the likelihood of harmful statutory violations in our schools, TEA requests \$3.5M per year to expand the overall investigative team, \$4.6M per year to replace lost SBEC fee revenue that funds the existing investigative team, and \$1.4M to deploy a more effective case management software system to handle the growing volume of complaints.

³/₄The volume of general complaints has more than doubled in recent years (1,265 in FY2019 to 2,595 in FY2023)

³/₄There were more than 12,500 educator misconduct matters in FY2023.



2. NEW OER Support: \$1 (TBD via Supplemental Appropriations)
 - ³/₄ HB1605 included Texas Education Code 31.0752 that requires TEA to provide a program to assist school systems in using open education resource instructional materials. This program provides funding that covers the cost of training for teachers, principals, and district leaders on how to best use the state's Bluebonnet Learning instructional materials.
 - ³/₄ Base level funding has been provided given upon estimates of demand at the time HB 1605 was adopted.
 - ³/₄ Demand for this kind of implementation support has come in significantly higher than original estimates (more than 2x).
 - ³/₄ Additional funding would allow the agency to provide funds to more districts who have requested funds to ensure strong implementation of Bluebonnet Learning.

3. Special Education: \$1 (TBD by Legislation)

The 87th Texas Legislature established the Texas Commission on Special Education Funding to evaluate and offer recommendations related to state special education funding.

- $\frac{3}{4}$ Reforming current funding mechanisms and targeting new investments so that funds better match the specific and varied costs of delivering special education services.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ Requires statutory changes



TEA's LAR: Summary of Exceptional Items



4. Teacher Preparation: \$1 (TBD by Legislation)

More than 34% of new teachers in FY2024 were uncertified, up from 13% in FY2020. Evidence shows that certain teacher preparation pathways lead to greater teacher retention and better student outcomes. Governor Abbott's 2023 Teacher Vacancy Task Force report identified training and support as a critical area in need of attention, especially for those entering the teaching profession.

³/₄ Improving initial teacher preparation, including expanding investments in the teaching (r) (tt21 (s1-m

6. Windham School District: \$14.7M biennial total
Windham is requesting to continue funding the expansion of their academic, life skills and career and technical