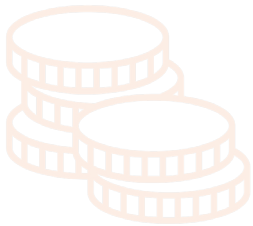




## 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Texas community colleges commit to delivering affordable, high-quality education that prepares students for in-demand jobs and careers that lead to economic mobility. To continue meeting these goals and train the next-generation workforce, TACC member institutions request support for the following legislative priorities:

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST



Advocate for a supplemental appropriations request for the current biennium (FY 2024-2025), fully supporting the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's final recommendation. This funding will:

- Reinforce the outcomes-based funding model established by House Bill 8, granting more Texans the opportunity to earn credentials of value.
- Enable institutions to sustain real-time progress and deliver measurable results that drives economic growth.

### FORMULA FUNDING FOR FY 2026-2027



Support the formula funding recommendation made by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for public junior colleges for the next biennium. This critical investment will:

- Empower institutions to adapt to the evolving needs of students and alignment with the state's expanding workforce.
- Solidify Texas community colleges as statewide leaders in affordable and high-quality education.

### INCLUSION OF PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN PERFORMANCE TIER



Amend the State Funding Performance Tier of House Bill 8 to include students who transfer to one of Texas' private or independent institutions of higher education after completing 15 semester credit hours at a public junior college. This adjustment will:

- Ensure the outcomes-based funding model reflects and recognizes multiple student success pathways.
- Foster stronger transfer pathways, expanding opportunities for students to seamlessly continue their education across all types of higher education institutions.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

are the **LARGEST SECTOR** of higher education, serving as the primary gateway to opportunity and workforce development across the state.

As hubs of innovation, they prepare students for in-demand careers, driving economic growth and meeting the evolving needs of Texas industries.

With a commitment to **BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION WORKFORCE**, community colleges play a pivotal role in shaping Texas' future.

SERVING MORE THAN

# 700,000

STUDENTS



IN 2023, AWARDED

# 125,215

CERTIFICATES & DEGREES

PROVIDING

# 96%

OF ALL CAREER & TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION CERTIFICATES AND  
DEGREES



## HOUSE BILL 8 IN ACTION

Statewide Data on the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) Program



## 1.46M

semester credit hours of dual credit have been provided **at no cost to students.**



## 22%

**increase in dual credit enrollment** compared to 2022.



## 260K

**students with financial need** have been served by this program.



## \$79.6M

in funding has been **disbursed to institutions** participating in FAST.