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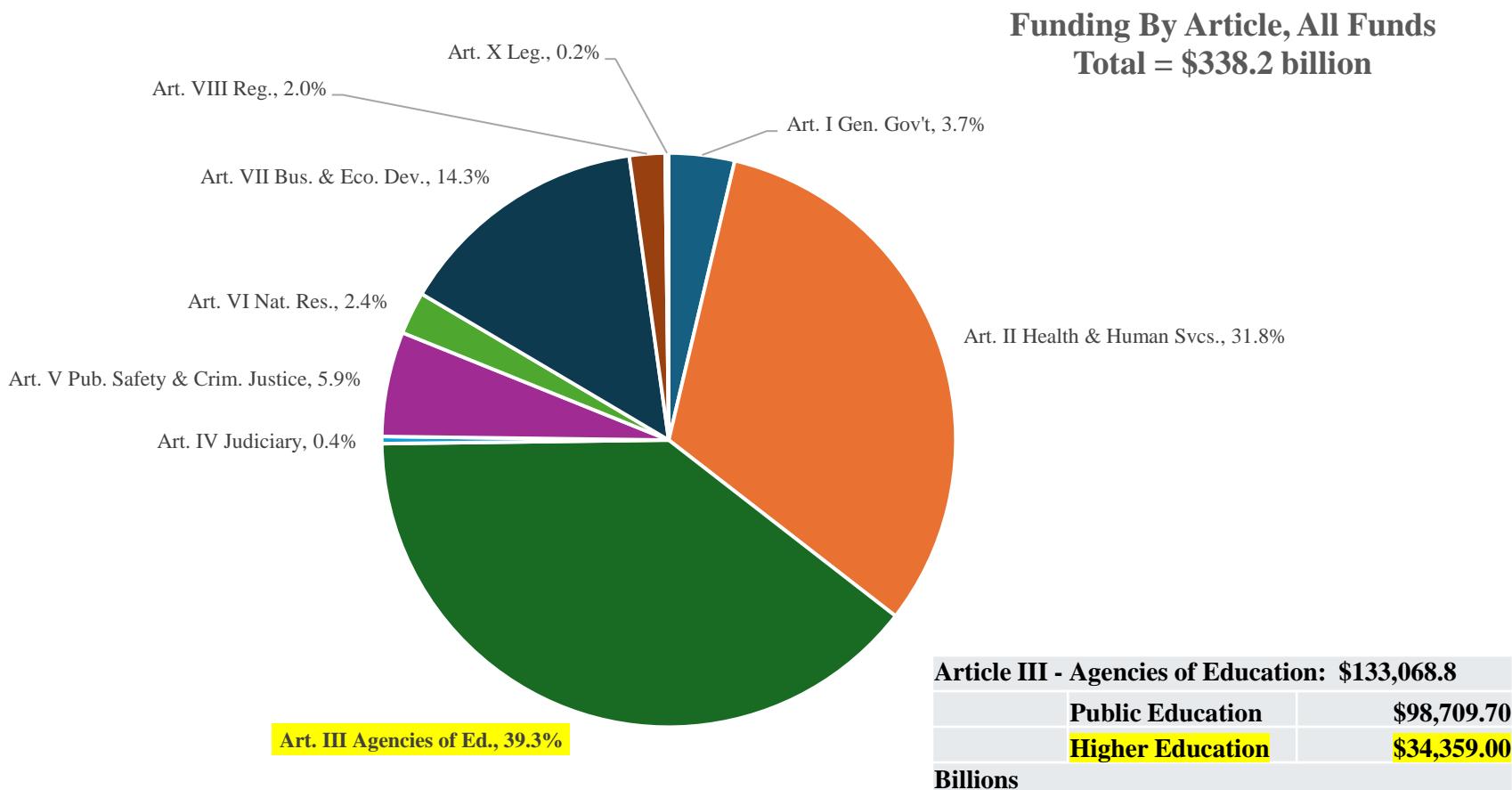
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FY2026-2027: FISCAL SIZE UP

- This publication, (658 pages) the Fiscal Size-up, continues a long-standing responsibility of the LBB staff to report on the budget and other fiscal actions of each Legislature and to provide contextual information about the structure, operation, and fiscal condition of Texas state government.
- The Fiscal Size-up serves to inform members of the Legislature, state entities, and Texas taxpayers with a comprehensive review of how tax dollars were directed by the 89th Legislature during the Regular and Called sessions in 2025.

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FY2026-2027: FISCAL SIZE UP HIGHLIGHTS

- General academic institutions (GAI) Instruction and Operations (I&O) formula rate is increased to \$60.67 from \$59.08 per weighted semester credit hour (SCH); GAI Infrastructure formula rate is increased to \$5.94 from \$5.75 per predicted square foot
- Appropriations for the [Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success Grant program](#), which supports students attending public universities, total \$1,233.9 million, **an increase of \$177.3 million (14.4%)**.
<https://tsu.edu/admissions/financial-aid/types-of-aid/grants.php>; intended to support approximately 67.5% of eligible students and guaranteeing an award for eligible students in the top 25% of their graduating high school class.
- Annual appropriations for Higher Education Funding (HEF)-eligible institutions are included in the Texas Education Code, Chapter 62, Subchapter B. Allocations are updated for a 10-year period starting in fiscal year 2026, and total annual funding increases from \$393.8 million to \$590.6 million for the 2026–27 biennium.

Texas Southern University's Previous Biennium & Forward Biennia HEF Allocation

FY24-25	FY26-35
\$12,072,906	\$12,750,829

FY2028-2029 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

February 2026 - Budget Structures: Goals, objectives, strategies, define their performance measures

February 2026 - Cybersecurity Certification: Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Section 2056.002(b)(12), this is to certify that the agency has complied with the cybersecurity training required pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Sections 2054.5191 and 2054.5192.

March 2026 - Base Reconciliation: process enables state agencies to reconcile their original appropriations by method of finance & full-time-equivalent positions to the final fiscal year 2025 expended, the fiscal year 2026 estimated, and the fiscal year 2027 budgeted amounts. This will become the basis for the GR-Funds and GR- D Funds limits provided to state agencies for preparing their baseline requests for the 2026–27 biennium.

June 2026 – Governor, Lieutenant Governor, & Speaker: Policy Letter: Statewide leadership's policy decisions to guide Legislative Appropriations Requests (LAR) for the 2028-29 biennium.

June 2026 – LAR Training Session/Entry & Submission Portal Opens

July/August 2026 LAR 1st Submission Deadline

August 2026/September 2026: President briefs Joint Budget Board

Late September 2026/October 2026 2nd Submission Deadline: State statute requires institutions of higher education to submit a2nd LAR after institutions confirm tuition revenues

FY2027 – Federal Budget Cycle

By February 2026 CD-18 should have representation in the U.S. Congress

Striving for high-value discussions with Administration and Congressional representation