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UNIVERSITY  
89<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATURE

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*SENATE BILL 1*

*CONFERENCE REPORT DECISION DOCKETS*

*MAY 28, 2026*

# SENATE BILL 1(SB 1) DECISION DOCKET

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- The 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature has less than one week left in the regular session.
- On 5/27/2025 the Legislative Budget Board released the Conference Committees decision dockets for each budget article.
- The conference committee decision document is a compilation, by article, of the final decisions determined by the Senate and House conferees of each state agencies exceptional item request(s)

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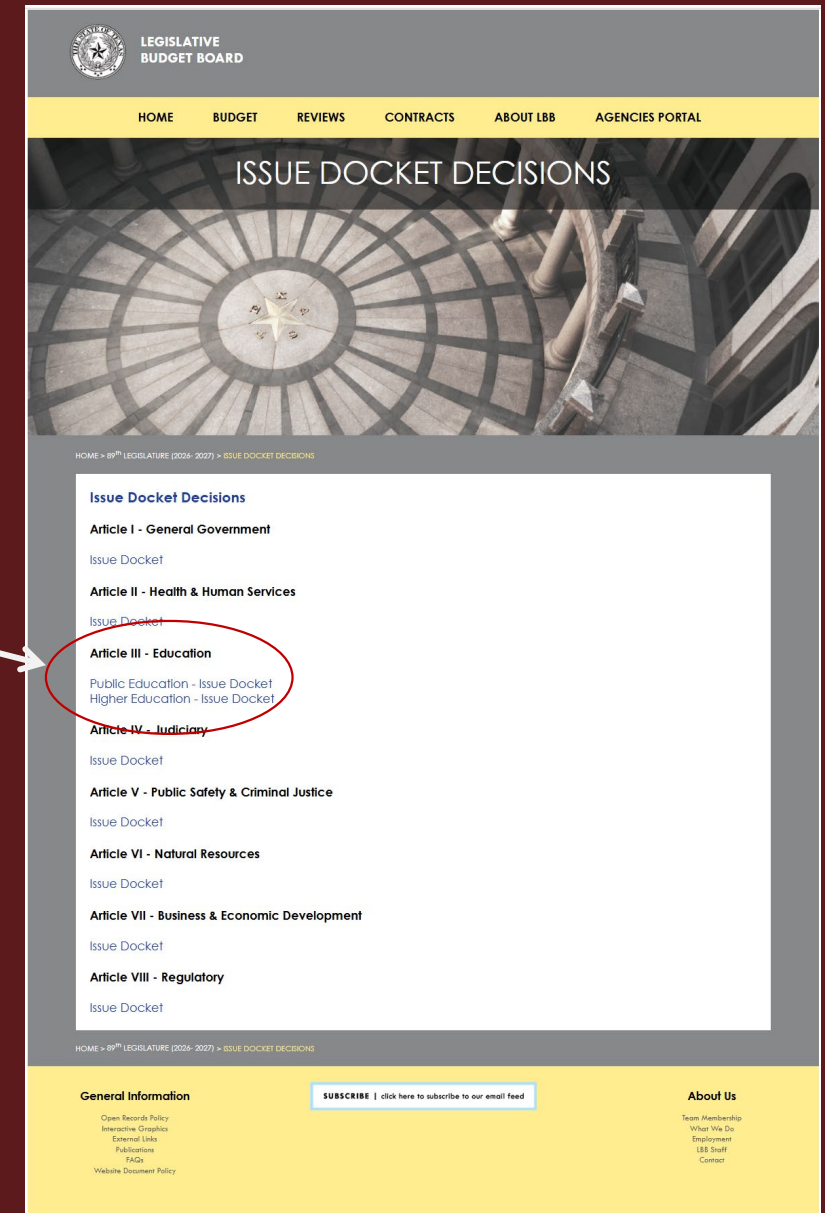
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- Texas Southern University is an education agency of Texas government. The Legislature places its budget pattern in Article III - Education



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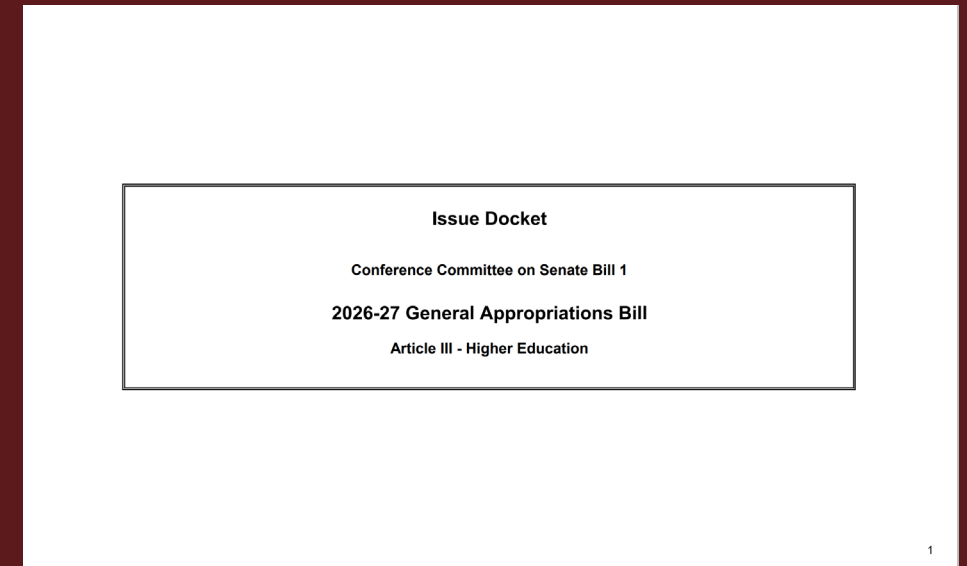
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- Issue Docket: Article III – Higher Education contains all the Conference Committee’s final decisions for each agency of higher education
- For brevity, I will only present the decisions relating to Texas Southern University. However, by clicking on the image to the right, another window will open to the entire document for your review.



# SENATE BILL 1(SB 1) DECISION DOCKET

- Brief overview of the components of the decision docket:

*Column 1: Agency*

*Column 2/3: Senate Recommendation*

*Columns 4/5 : House Recommendation*

*Columns 6/7: Conference Committee Decision*

*Column 8: Explanation*

Decisions as of May 26, 2025 at 8:00am

LBB Analyst: Colin Brock

Article III, Higher Education General Academic Institutions, System Offices, Lamar State Colleges, and Texas State Technical Colleges SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
	Senate 2026-27 Biennial Total GR & GR- Dedicated		House 2026-27 Biennial Total GR & GR- Dedicated		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total GR & GR- Dedicated		Explanation	
	All Funds		All Funds		All Funds			
University of Houston - Clear Lake								
1.) No Issues.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
University of Houston - Downtown								
1.) No Issues.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
University of Houston - Victoria								
1.) No Issues.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
University of North Texas System Administration								
1.) No Issues.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
University of North Texas								
1.) No Issues.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
University of North Texas at Dallas								
1.) No Issues.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
Texas Southern University								
1. Tiger Fleet Modernization. House provides \$5.0 million in General Revenue to support aircraft fleet modernization.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000		HOUSE
a. See House Rider #5.			Ill-152, Rider #5 Rider Packet page Ill-18					
2. Tiger Success Unlimited. House provides \$4.5 million in General Revenue to support expansion of staff and faculty to improve and expand education programs for K-12 educators.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ -	\$ -		SENATE
a. See House Rider #6.			Ill-152, Rider #6 Rider Packet page Ill-18					

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- Conference Committee adopts House recommendation to fund modernization of Tiger Fleet at \$5 million

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<b>3. Thurgood Marshall School of Law.</b> In addition to monies from the General Revenue Fund identified above for the operation and maintenance of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, all salaries and the revenue generated through contributions to the School of Law, including Texas Public Education Grants and Emergency Loans under Education Code, Chapter 56 (Student Financial Aid Assistance), shall be allocated for use by the School of Law and may only be expended for purposes related to the operation and maintenance of the School of Law and its students.	
<b>3. Governing Board.</b> Out of the funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed \$30,000 in each year of the biennium shall be for all expenses associated with the governing board's duties, including, but not limited to travel, entertainment, lodging, and expenses of state employees who provide services for the governing board.	
A separate report of the board's expenditures shall be laid and retained in the same manner as the fiscal records of the institution's board's books. No funds may be used for the governing board's expenses except for the specific amounts designated above. Funds appropriated for the governing board's expenses may be used for any other purpose created by the Act.	
<b>4. Academic Development Initiatives.</b> Funds appropriated above in Strategy D 1.1, Academic Development Initiatives, in the amount of \$13,090,262 in fiscal year 2026 and \$13,090,262 in fiscal year 2027, are to be used for (1) proven academic success programs, (2) existing graduate programs, (3) undergraduate education, and (4) initiatives to support enrollment growth. The University shall submit to the Texas Southern University Board of Regents, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor a report describing the use of the funds appropriated that states the goals to be achieved through use of the funds and monitoring facilities and institutions for showing progress in meeting the goals. The report shall include projected actions to be taken in the next biennium as well as that. The report shall be due with the submission of the Legislative Appropriations Request in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board and submitted no later than the year the funding was provided, the status of programs funded with the appropriation, major accomplishments achieved, future goals, and the impact on programs should funding be discontinued. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, (continued to be \$0) appropriated by the Legislature for the Academic Development Initiatives, are appropriated to Texas Southern University for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.	
<b>5. Tiger Fleet Modernization.</b> Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C 1.5, Tiger Fleet Modernization, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support aircraft fleet modernization. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.  This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 7(b), the legislature finds the item is a documented need for the Tiger Fleet Modernization at Texas Southern University and that such appropriation may be used for the construction of such facilities.	
<b>6. Tiger Success Unlimited.</b> Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C 1.6, Tiger Success Unlimited, \$2,200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Tiger Success Unlimited Texas Enterprise Excellence program. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.	
<b>7. Center for Nursing Education, Research, and Maternal-Infant Health.</b> Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C 1.7, Nursing & Maternal-Infant Health, \$1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Center for Nursing Education, Research, and Maternal-Infant Health program. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.	
<b>8. Pharrnet Satellite Campuses.</b> Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C 1.8, Pharrnet Satellite Campuses, \$4,517,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,517,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to enhance pharmacy programs at satellite campuses to address the need for healthcare professionals in Texas. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.	
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				III-1-52, Rider #5 Rider Packet page III-1-8			
2. Tiger Success Unlimited. House provides \$4.5 million in General Revenue to support expansion of staff and faculty to improve and expand education programs for K-12 educators. a. See House Rider #6.		\$ - \$	\$ - \$	4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ - \$	SENATE
				III-1-52, Rider #6 Rider Packet page III-1-8			

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- The Conference Committee adopted two other items for Texas Southern University:
  - Increase in Non-Formula Pharmacy support to \$1,329,594 from \$51,976 per biennium*
  - \$10,000,000 to begin 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the TMSL Center’s facility transformation*

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	GR & GR- Dedicated		GR & GR- Dedicated		GR & GR- Dedicated		
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23. Texas Southern University - Facilities Passthrough.					\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	ADOPT
24. Texas Southern University - Pharmacy Funding Increase.					\$ 1,329,594	\$ 1,329,594	ADOPT
25. Angelo State University - Center of Excellence for AI					\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	ADOPT
26. Lamar University - Nursing and Allied Health.					\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	ADOPT
27. Sam Houston State University - Forensic Training Center.					\$ 3,750,000	\$ 3,750,000	ADOPT
28. Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College - Academic Program Development Support.					\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	ADOPT
29. Texas State University - Student Success Initiative					\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	ADOPT
30. Texas State University - Pedestrian Bridge					\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	ADOPT
31. General Academic Institutions - Institutional Enhancement					\$ 422,151,916	\$ 422,151,916	ADOPT
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 6,500,931,252	\$ 6,500,931,252	\$ 6,624,839,020	\$ 6,624,839,020	\$ 7,446,467,040	\$ 7,446,467,040	
					<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents					49471.8	49471.8	

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The decision docket did not have the proposed rider language for the pharmacy non-formula support and TMSL rebuild adopted items. The Conference Committee will have these riders in their SB 1 Conference Committee Report. However, here the proposed riders that Texas Southern University Government Affairs submitted earlier this session for these two requests.

<p><b>Texas Southern University, Article 9</b> <b>C.1.3. Strategy: ACCREDITATION – PHARMACY</b> <b>Accreditation Continuation - Pharmacy.</b></p> <p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>The following action adds a new rider that directs \$2,000,000 in FY2026 and \$2,000,000 in FY2027 for C.1.3 Strategy: ACCREDITATION – PHARMACY. Funding for the pharmacy program will facilitate the continued accreditation of the PharmD program, increase the level of student success by preparing PharmD students to pass their professional licensure exam on their first attempt, and ensure increasing levels of professionalism as pharmacists.</p> <p><b>Required Action</b></p> <p>On page X-XXX of Texas Southern University’s bill pattern, add the following new rider:</p> <p>_____ Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$2,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2027 in Strategy C.1.3 ACCREDITATION – PHARMACY Accreditation Continuation – Pharmacy, for the pharmacy program to facilitate the continued accreditation of the PharmD program, increase the level of student success by preparing PharmD students to pass their professional licensure exam on their first attempt, and ensure increasing levels of professionalism as pharmacists.</p> <p>It is the Texas Legislature’s intent for the Texas Southern University’s PharmD program to receive an appropriation for the fiscal year 2026 and the fiscal year 2027 for the expressed purpose of ensuring that the institution’s PharmD program maintains its accreditation, positions its PharmD students to pass their professional licensure exam on their first attempt, and that PharmD graduates pursue the practice of pharmacy with a</p> <p>Page 1 of 1</p>	
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<p><b>Texas Southern University</b> <b>Contingency Rider</b> <b>Thurgood Marshall School of Law Reporting Contingency</b></p> <p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>The following action adds a new rider that directs Texas Southern University to develop a plan for the ongoing operations of the current and newly-constructed law school and submit the plan in writing to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Texas Senate Committee on Education and the Chair of House Higher Education. The rider is contingent upon adoption of funding for the Texas Facilities Commission in an amount estimated to be \$120,000,000 in General Revenue to support the construction of a new law school for Texas Southern University.</p> <p><b>Required Actions:</b></p> <p>1. On page III-160 of House Bill 1 – Introduced, within the Texas Southern University’s bill pattern, add the following rider:</p> <p>_____ <b>Contingency for the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Renovation and Construction, Contingent on funding appropriated to the Texas Facilities Commission to support the construction and renovation of facilities for the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law and out of those appropriated funds, Texas Southern University shall develop a plan for the ongoing operations of the current and newly-constructed law school and submit the plan in writing, not later than August 31, 2026 to the Legislative Budget Board, the Chair of the Texas Senate Committee on Education, and the Chair of House Higher Education.</b></p> <p><b>The plan shall:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Indicate a long-term plan in writing for the most efficient use of allocated resources to improve and renovate the educational facilities; and</b></p> <p>b. <b>Provide facility coordination assessments and deferred maintenance reports for each of the relevant Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law facilities.</b></p>	
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# SENATE BILL 1 (SB 1) DECISION DOCKET RECAP

Conference Committee adopted 3 items requested by Texas Southern University

- Phase 1 Design TMSL Center Transformation: \$10 mil; this adoption really emerged from the Senate, with Chair Huffman reviving it and placing it in Art. 11 & most important, Sen West's leadership - PERIOD
- Tiger Fleet Modernization \$5 mil
- Substantial increase in Pharmacy Accreditation Non-Formula support to \$1,329,594/biennium; the methodology and adoption of this item emerged from the Senate

Big Take Aways:

- There is a bicameral, bipartisan, multi-regional majority coalition that wants to advocate substantively on behalf of Texas Southern University
- Remain humble and stay hungry