Executive Summary
of
Legislation Impacting the Alamo Colleges

83rd Legislative Session
SB 1 – Formula Funding Appropriations

A. Goal: ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A.1.1. Strategy: CORE OPERATIONS $ 500,000 $ 500,000

A.1.2. Strategy: STUDENT SUCCESS $ 6,814,491 $ 6,814,491

A.1.3. Strategy: CONTACT HOUR FUNDING $ 56,125,968 $ 56,125,968

Total, Goal A: ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE $ 63,440,459 $ 63,440,459

Note: The FY 14 – FY 15 biennium total of $126.8 million compares to FY 12 – FY 13 formula funding appropriations of $129.2 million. For FY 12 it was $66.0 million and for FY 13 it was $63.2 million.

There is no mid biennium formula funding appropriations adjustment.

Formula Funding Appropriations reflect new methodology adopted that includes core operations, student success funding, and contact hour funding.

SB1 Community College Rider

Methodology for Student Success Points Allocation for the 2016-17 biennium. The Public Community/Junior Colleges and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall jointly develop recommendations for an allocation system for student success points for the 2016-17 biennium. The allocation system should allocate funds to college districts for improvement in student achievement. The allocation system shall be developed in a manner that compares the performance of the college district to itself using the allocation for student success points in the 2014-15 biennium as the baseline for comparison. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report these recommendations to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than August 1, 2014.
Legislative Bills

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HB 5  
**Author:** Aycock | et al.  
**Sponsor:** Patrick | et al.  
Relating to public school accountability, including assessment, and curriculum requirements. Provides for school districts to partner with an institution of higher education to provide career or technology training programs. Each school district shall partner with an institution of higher education in college preparatory courses in Math and English for 12th grade students whose performance does not meet college readiness standards. Courses maybe provided on high school campus or through distance learning.

HB 437  
**Author:** Davis, John | et al.  
**Sponsor:** Seliger  
Relating to career and technical education and workforce development Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant programs.

HB 842  
**Author:** Bell | et al.  
**Sponsor:** Deuell  
Apprenticeship or training hours approved by THECB for which a student may earn course credit simultaneously towards high school and postsecondary academic requirements.

HB 1284  
**Author:** Johnson | et al.  
**Sponsor:** Huffman  
Relating to the offense of making or causing a false alarm or report involving a public or private institution of higher education. Each institution of higher education shall notify all incoming students of the penalty for making a false alarm or report. IHE is not required to comply if IHE determines that prevention notice is not feasible. Legislative bill expires December 31, 2013.

HB 1297  
**Author:** Estes  
**Sponsor:** Gracia  
Not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year, each public community or technical college that provides workforce training shall: conduct a review of the service's or college's training programs to: determine the effectiveness of the programs in improving the wages of participants who complete the programs; and identify strategies for improving the delivery of workforce training in order to more effectively impact economic development in this state; and submit to the commission a detailed written report summarizing the results of the review.
HB 2099  
**Author:** Guillen  
**Sponsor:** Hinojossa | et al.  
Relating to improving access to nursing education programs. THECB to develop and electronic common admissions application for persons seeking admission to an under graduate nursing education program.

HB 2127  
**Author:** Howward | et al.  
**Sponsor:** Watson  
Relating to the eligibility of certain employees of public institutions of higher education to participate in a state group benefits program. An adjunct faculty member at a public institution at a higher education who is a professional librarian is eligible to participate in the group benefits program.

HB 2155  
**Author:** Callegari  
**Sponsor:** Duncan  
Relating to eligibility of certain dependents for coverage under the state employee group benefits program.

HB 2473  
**Author:** Deshotel  
**Sponsor:** Williams  
Relating to use of sales and use tax proceeds by economic development corporations in connection with housing facilities for institutions of higher education.

HB 2474  
**Author:** King, Phil  
**Sponsor:** Estes  
Relating to taxes and bonds for a junior college district branch campus. The proceeds of the junior college district branch campus maintenance tax may be used only to operate and maintain a junior college branch campus.

HB 2550  
**Author:** Patrick, Diane  
**Sponsor:** Zaffirini  
Public high schools identified by the coordinating board to have below the state average the number of graduates enrolled in higher education shall enter into an agreement with an institution of higher education closest to geographic proximity to develop a plan to increase the number of students enrolling in higher education institutions with the aim to increase the number of Hispanic and African American male students enrolled in higher education.

HB 2668  
**Author:** Vo  
**Sponsor:** Davis  
Relating to requirements applicable to meetings of the governing board of certain junior college districts. For any regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board of junior college districts posting of meeting notice on internet and recording the broadcast of the meeting.

HB 2760  
**Author:** Branch | et al.  
**Sponsor:** Birdwell  
Relating to partnerships between the Texas State Technical College System and public junior colleges. May share faculty, facilities, and tuition revenue.
HB 3028  
**Author:** Davis, John  
**Sponsor:** Birdwell  
Relating to the use of the Skills Development Fund and other funds available to the Texas Workforce Commission to support certain joint credit courses offered by school districts under agreements with lower-division institutions of higher education.

HB 3662  
**Author:** Clardy | et al.  
**Sponsor:** Seliger  
Relating to the Texas Workforce Innovation Needs Program; authorizing a fee. Provides institutions of higher education with the opportunity to establish innovative programs designed to prepare students for careers for which there is demand in this state.

SB 15  
**Author:** Seliger | et al.  
**Sponsor:** Branch  
Relating to the governance of public institutions of higher education in this state.

SB 31  
**Author:** Zaffirini  
**Sponsor:** Patrick, Diane  
Relating to formula funding for certain semester credit hours earned for dual course credit.

SB 62  
**Author:** Nelson  
**Sponsor:** Laubenberg  
Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education. Bacterial meningitis vaccination does not apply to students enrolled only on line or who are 22 years of age or older.

SB 146  
**Author:** Williams  
**Sponsor:** Kolkhorst  
Relating to access by a public institution of higher education to the criminal history record information of certain persons seeking to reside in on-campus housing; including pending charges.

SB 215  
**Author:** Birdwell | et al.  
**Sponsor:** Anchia  
Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Semester Credit Hours Required for Associate Degree. To earn an associate degree, a student may not be required by an institution of higher education to complete more than the minimum number of semester credit hours required for the degree by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Coordinating Board shall encourage the transferability of lower division course credit among institutions of higher education.

SB 307  
**Author:** Huffman | et al.  
**Sponsor:** Guillen | et al.  
Relating to the transfer of adult education and literacy programs from the Texas Education Agency to the Texas Workforce Commission.
If an appraisal district increases the number of members on the board of directors of the district or changes the method or procedure for appointing the members, the board of directors by resolution shall provide for the junior college districts that participate in the appraisal district to collectively participate in the selection of directors.

SB 414
Author: Ellis | et al.
Sponsor: Davis, Sarah | et al.
Relating to a study and report regarding authorizing public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs to address regional workforce needs.

SB 441
Author: Birdwell | et al.
Sponsor: Davis, John | et al.
Relating to the establishment of the Texas Fast Start Program to promote rapid delivery of workforce education and development.

SB 497
Author: Seliger | et al.
Sponsor: Branch
Relating to the number of semester credit hours required to earn an associate degree at public institutions of higher education.

SB 498
Author: Seliger | et al.
Sponsor: Guillen | et al.
Relating to applying credit earned by a student at a general academic teaching institution to an associate's degree at a lower-division institution of higher education previously attended by the student. Reduces the number of credit hours from 90 to 66 credit hours for a reverse transfer.

SB 700
Author: Hegar
Sponsor: Kacal | et al.
Relating to energy and water management planning and reporting by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

SB 1061
Author: Van de Putte
Sponsor: Menéndez
Relating to parking privileges of disabled veterans on the property of institutions of higher education.

SB 1158
Author: Van de Putte | et al.
Sponsor: Menéndez
Relating to higher education for veterans and their families.

SB 1159
Author: Van de Putte
Sponsor: Patrick, Diane
Relating to higher education for certain military personnel and their dependents.
SB 1200  Author: Van de Putte  Sponsor: Menéndez  
Relating to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission and strategic planning regarding military bases and defense installations. Public junior colleges are eligible for grants.

SB 1210  Author: Zaffirini | et al.  Sponsor: Branch  
Each institution of higher education shall adopt a policy to allow a student who fails to maintain a grade point average to receive an exemption or waiver in any semester or term on a showing of hardship or other good cause.

SB 1812  Author: Duncan  Sponsor: Otto  
Relating to the determination of state contributions for participation by certain junior college employees in the state employees group benefits program, the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, and the Optional Retirement Program. Establishes 50/50 employee benefits cost sharing between state and community colleges.

SB 1907  Author: Hegar | et al.  Sponsor: Kleinschmidt | et al.  
Relating to the transportation and storage of firearms and ammunition by concealed handgun license holders in private vehicles on the campuses of certain institutions of higher education.