

PASSED LEGISLATION from the 89th Legislative Session



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The 2025 89th Legislative Session brought significant legislative victories aligned with Educate Texas' priorities. Explore the passed legislation within our priority areas, along with additional education-related measures, below.

College and Career Readiness



HB 2, ARTICLE VI + HB 120: **Career + Technical Education**

Significantly boosts P-TECH funding from \$50 to \$150 per student. Establishes stronger, more defined standards for demonstrating College and Career Readiness among educationally disadvantaged students. Reinforces that dual credit courses remain free of charge for P-TECH and R-PEP students. Expands Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways by including JROTC course offerings. Passed in both HB 2 & HB 120.



HB 322: JET Program **Expansion**

Expands allowable use of JET funds for technology purposes including acquisition, implementation and maintenance of CTE electronics.



SB 2314: My **Texas Future portal**

Codifies the THECB's My Texas Future portal to facilitate awareness towards postsecondary opportunity.

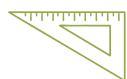
Degree & Credential Attainment



SB 1786: Community **College Finance**

Expands HB 8 (88R) to further reflect community college needs:

- FAST: Expands free dual credit to students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch in the previous four years.
- Transfer Outcomes: Awarding community colleges for successful transfer to private or independent colleges.
- Credential of Value (CoV) Methodology: Refines definition of CoV to allow flexibility of in-demand fields and jobs.



SB 2231: Free College **Application Week**

Establishes the 2nd full week of October as "Free College Application Week". Individuals across the state may apply any institution of higher education for undergraduate admission fee-free.



SB 3039: Transfer Student **Accessibility**

Improves transparency in credit transfers between Texas public colleges and universities by requiring reporting of denied credits, publication of program requirements, and stronger transfer student support.

Effective Teaching Legislation



HB 2: School Finance & Teacher Workforce Support

Omnibus public school finance bill to enhance education operations

- Article I: Increases Teacher Compensation
- Article II: Establishes PREP Allotment for teacher preparation pathways
- Article III: Teacher bill of rights to expand job satisfaction
- Article IV: Special education supports
- Article V: Early Literacy and Numeracy

Other Notable Legislation



SB 2- Education Savings Account

Establishes a statewide program for Education Savings Account (ESA).



HB 20: Applied Sciences Pathway Program

Creates the Applied Sciences Pathway Program, enabling high school juniors and seniors to earn both a diploma and a Level I or II certificate in high-demand trades like welding, HVAC, and IT through partnerships with higher education institutions.



SB 37: Governance of Public Higher Education Institutions

Enhances power of University System regents to direct additional oversight on curricula, degrees and governance.



SB 530: Higher Education Accreditation

Expands eligibility for higher education accreditation to include any recognized accrediting agency.



SB 1191: GPA Reform

Develops a standardized method for calculating high school grade point averages (GPAs) to include dual credit courses.



HB 2768: IT Apprenticeship Credential

Aimed at addressing workforce shortages, the bill creates a state-recognized IT apprenticeship credential at the public junior college and technical institution level.

