

Article III-79

Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education

\_\_\_\_\_. **A&M Service Agencies' Infrastructure Outside Brazos County.** Additional funding identified as Infrastructure Support Outside Brazos County for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Forest Service, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Transportation Institute, and Texas Engineering Extension Service is to be applied to each agency's infrastructure needs outside Brazos County as calculated under the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's recommended formulas for each of the A&M service agencies and funded based on additional available General Revenue funds.

1 The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as directed by the 77th Legislature, developed a facilities model specifically for the A&M System service agencies. The model is similar to the one used for general academics.

2 The above rider is no cost to the Appropriations Bill. However, it would establish a funding mechanism using the Coordinating Board's facilities model should additional General Revenue funds become available. The intent is not to re-direct existing appropriations within the agencies' budgets, but rather adopt the facilities model recommended by the Coordinating Board.

3 Although headquartered in College Station, these agencies have facilities throughout the state. Most of these facilities are state-owned and more than 25 years old. The agencies receive no direct appropriation to maintain and operate these facilities.