

Amend CSHB 1 as follows:

Tarleton State University
Central Texas Center

Article III-84

Overview

Tarleton-CT has been assigned the responsibility to extend quality public higher educational access to the Killeen/Ft. Hood area, one of the fastest growing areas of the state. The Central Texas Center was the first campus created by the State of Texas using the Pathway Model.

Since its creation in the Fall of 1999, Tarleton-CT has experienced phenomenal growth. Enrollment in Spring of 2003 was 1722, a 36% increase since the Center's beginning in Fall 1999.

Standard state funding for operations through its formula system is not adequate. Student educational demand is outgrowing current facilities, and facility costs that have been provided at discount by the community will now be at cost. Without increased funding, the Center will not be able to continue its current level of course offerings.

Compared to the start-up funding appropriated for other university's centers, Tarleton-Central Texas is significantly under-funded.

This amendment moves appropriated funds that were recommended by the full HAC committee to a strategy that will allow higher education to continue to be offered to Fort Hood soldiers and their dependents, as well as citizens throughout the Killeen area.

Required Actions

Delete **Strategy C.3.2. TOTAL FUNDING HOLD HARMLESS** and move funds appropriated from that strategy (\$1,157,500 each year FY 2004-2005) to **Strategy C.1.1 CENTRAL TEXAS CENTER** (*currently funded at \$21,875 each year of the 04-05 biennium; new total would reflect funding of \$1,179,375 for FY 04 and \$1,179,375 for FY 05*).