

House Bill 8 and the Upcoming Legislative Session

Laredo College, Spring Convocation



Texas Association of
Community Colleges



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Texas Association of Community Colleges

For over seven decades, TACC has focused its primary mission on improving statewide educational opportunities in community colleges through **advocacy and policy change**.

TACC serves as a comprehensive association focused on:

- facilitating communication between participating colleges and institutions;
- providing research and policy development, advocating for favorable legislation; and
- developing and disseminating important information about the status of community colleges across Texas.





Texas Association of Community Colleges

Primarily focused on advocacy and state legislation; working closely with college presidents & chancellors, business leaders, relevant state agencies, and national organizations.



Texas Success Center

Primarily focused on student success and guided pathways; working closely with college chief academic officers, philanthropic partners, and the Student Success Network.



Community College Association of Texas Trustees

Primarily focused on professional development and informed governance; working closely with college board of trustees and national organizations.

Texas Higher Education Enrollments

Sector	Certified Fall 2023 Enrollment	* Preliminary Fall 2024 Enrollment	Fall 2023 to Fall 2024 Percent Change
Public Universities	676,467	691,224	2.2%
Public Community Colleges	665,565	701,766	5.4%
Texas State Technical Colleges	17,781	16,477	-7.3%
Lamar State Colleges	12,327	12,528	1.6%
Health-related Institutions	31,540	32,829	4.1%
Independent Colleges Universities	127,544	129,855	1.8%

FAST FACTS



Texas community colleges are the **largest sector** of higher education in Texas.



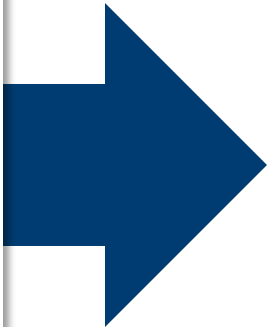
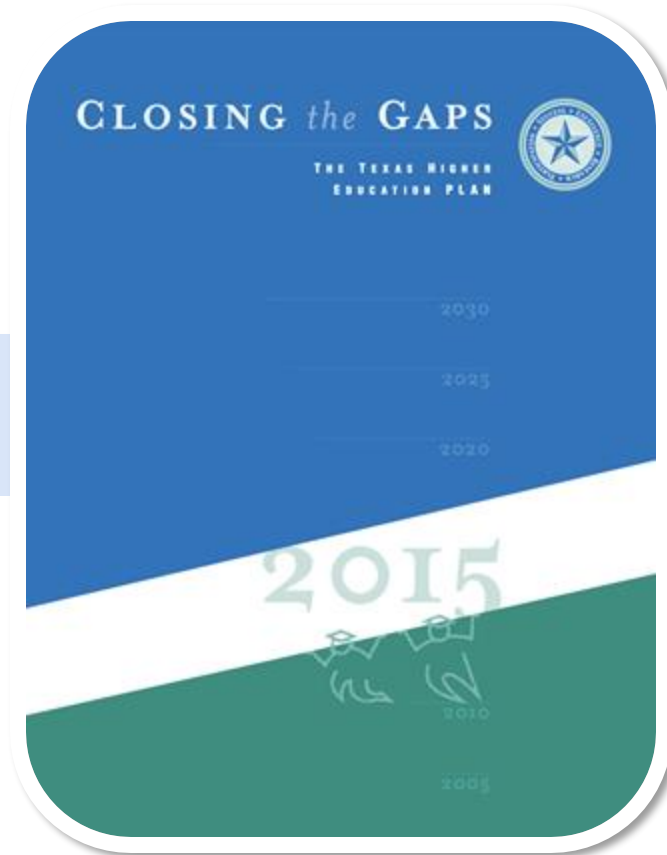
Texas community colleges saw a 5.4 percent increase from last year, the **largest jump since the pandemic**.



Overall, the State of Texas saw a 3.4 percent **increase in higher education enrollment** from Fall 2023 to Fall 2024.



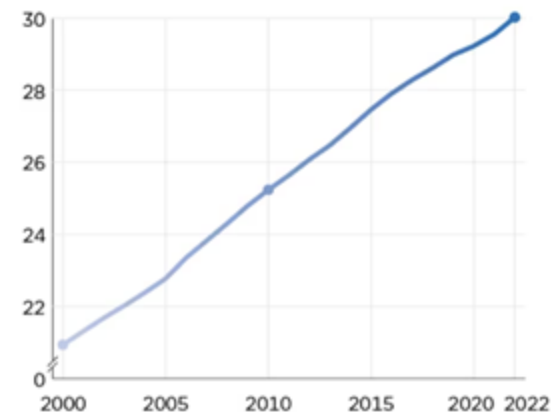
Higher Education Evolution: Retention to Post-Graduate Success



In 2022, Texas gained more residents than any other state, breaking the **30 million** threshold.

A Closer Look at the Population of Texas: 2000–2022

Texas Population
(In millions)



The population of Texas increased by **43.4%**, making it the **fourth fastest-growing state** between 2000 and 2022.

Top 5 Fastest-Growing Counties in Texas

	July 1, 2000	July 1, 2022	Percent change
Rockwall County	43,755	123,208	182.6
Hays County	99,267	269,225	171.2
Williamson County	255,379	671,418	162.9
Fort Bend County	358,738	889,146	147.9
Kaufman County	72,270	172,366	138.5

Texas gained more residents (**9,085,073**) than any other state between 2000 and 2022.

Top 5 Largest-Gaining Counties in Texas

	July 1, 2000	July 1, 2022	Numeric change
Harris County	3,414,239	4,780,913	1,366,674
Tarrant County	1,456,919	2,154,595	697,676
Bexar County	1,398,834	2,059,530	660,696
Collin County	499,118	1,158,696	659,578
Denton County	438,791	977,281	538,490

412,958
Average number of residents added annually since 2000.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000–2010 Intercensal Estimates (2000–2009), Vintage 2020 Estimates (2010–2019), and Vintage 2022 Estimates (2020–2022).

TEXAS

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NUMBERS



8TH LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD*

*IF TEXAS WERE A NATION

#1 U.S. EXPORTER

FOR 21 YEARS IN A ROW
IN 2022



26 COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS

19 SEA PORTS

22 INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

34 FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

58 FREIGHT RAILROADS

367 MILES OF COASTLINE

NO PERSONAL OR CORPORATE INCOME TAX



TEXAS IS THE LARGEST ENERGY-PRODUCING STATE IN THE NATION

MORE THAN

15

MILLION

PEOPLE IN THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE



TEXAS IS THE LEADING DESTINATION FOR COMPANIES RELOCATING FROM OTHER STATES



90% GRADUATION RATE



TEXAS' HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE IS AMONG THE TOP 5 HIGHEST IN THE NATION, WITH A 90% COMPLETION RATE

TEXAS LED THE NATION IN HIGH TECH EXPORTS FOR THE 10TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR



IN 2022

NUMBER 1 JOBS CREATOR

IN 2022, TEXAS ADDED 650,100 JOBS



THE LONE STAR STATE IS HOME TO

55

FORTUNE 500 COMPANY HQs



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All Eyes ON TEXAS

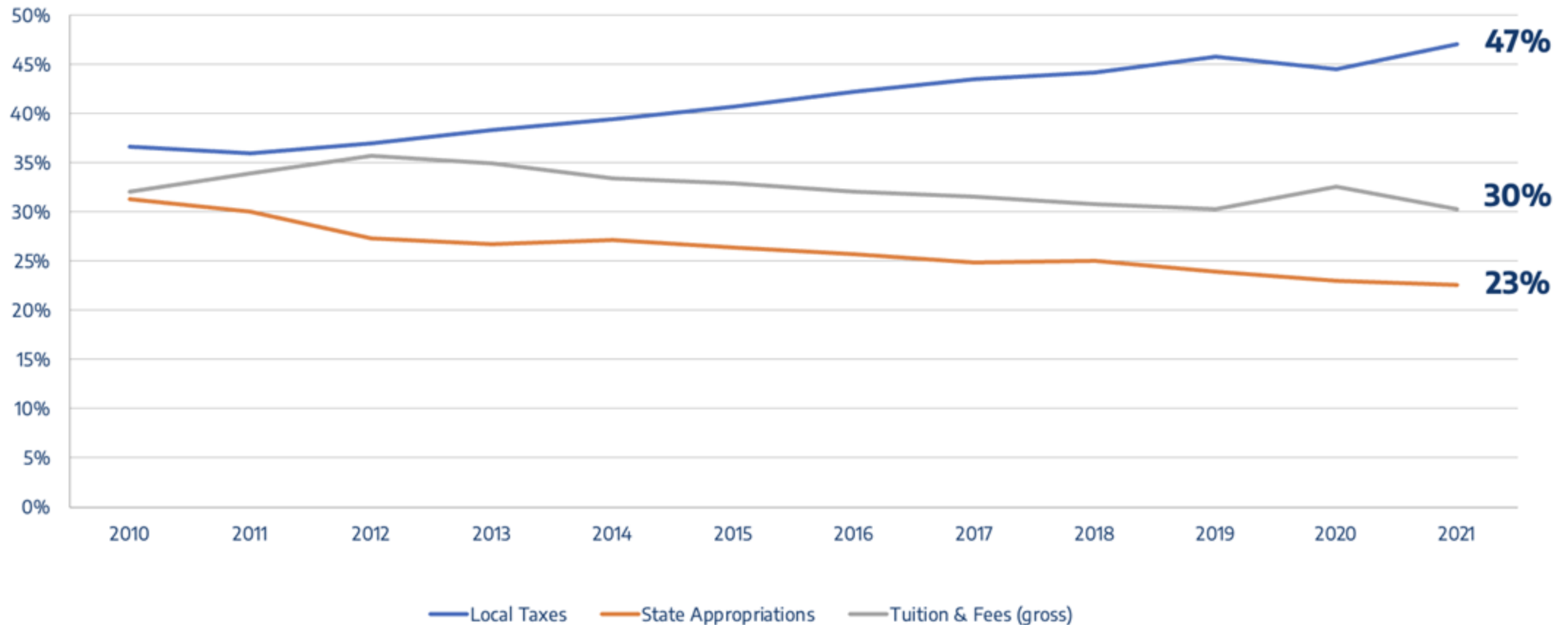
Community Colleges Focus on Preparing
the Workforce of Tomorrow



“Many of the more than 4 million jobs the state expects to add in the next 15 years will require a bachelor’s degree or more. But there will also be continued need for what some call “middle-tier” workers—those **with more than a high school diploma but less than a four-year college degree.**”

Funding streams have significantly changed

Relative composition of primary revenue sources, 2010-2021

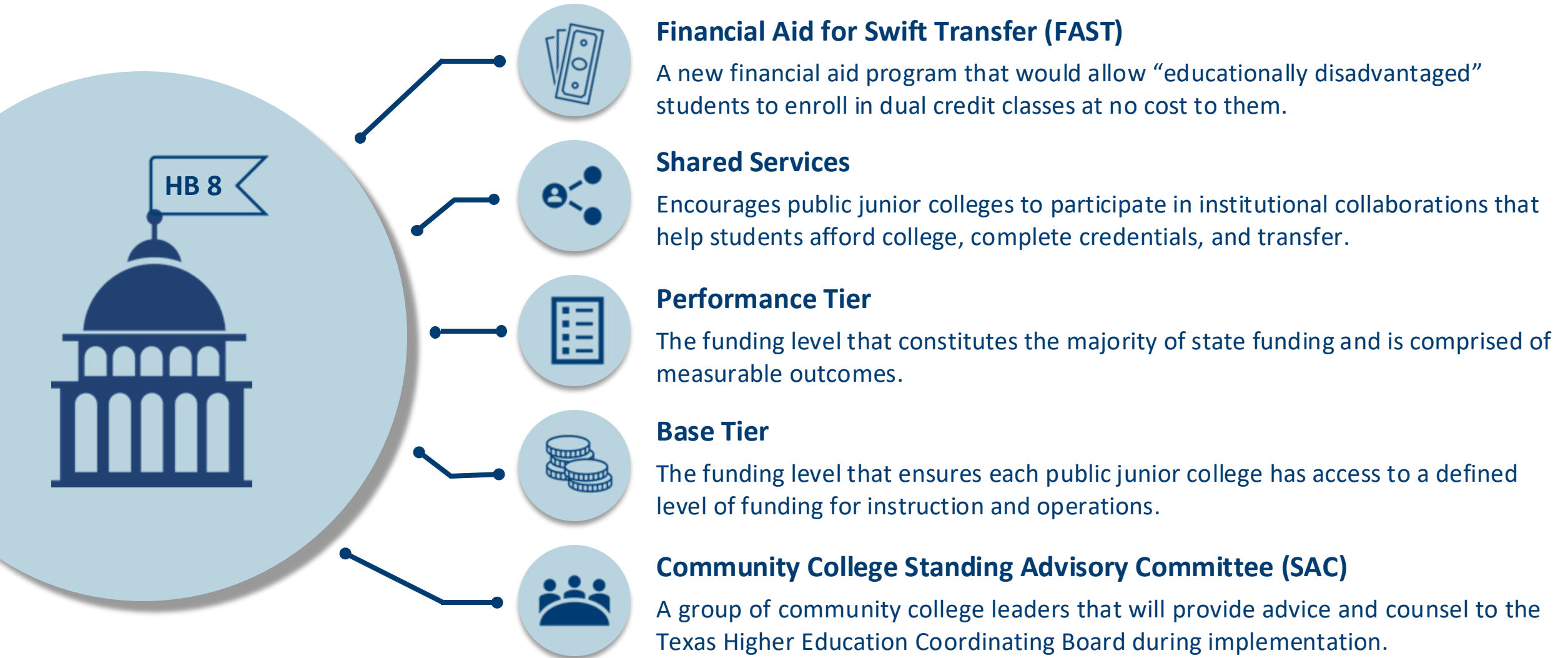


Texas Commission on Community College Finance

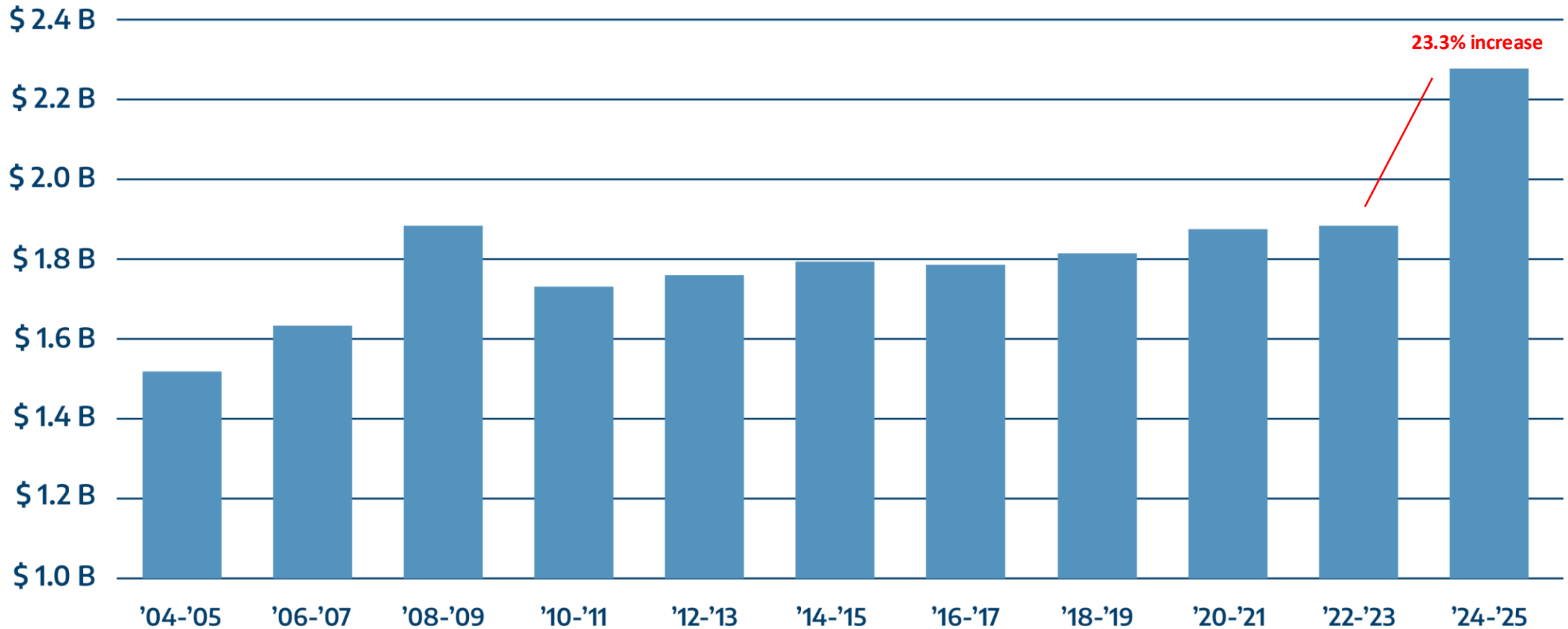


- **Inaugural meeting** – November 15, 2021
- The full Commission met a total **7 times**
- Commission broke into **three workgroups** to further explore topics:
 - College Operations
 - Student Supports
 - Workforce Policy
- **Final report timeline:**
 - **September 12, 2022** – Commission issued first draft of report
 - **October 18, 2022** – Commission presented updated draft and unanimously approved the recommendations
 - **November 17, 2022** – Final report published and made public

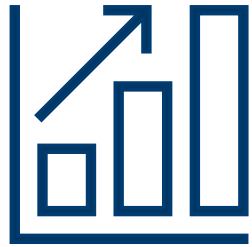
Key Components of House Bill 8



State Investment in Community Colleges

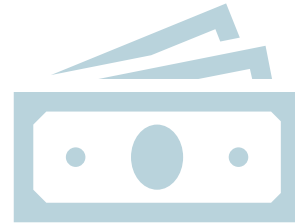


State Investment in Community Colleges



Formula Funding

\$2.2 Billion



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\$133.5 Million



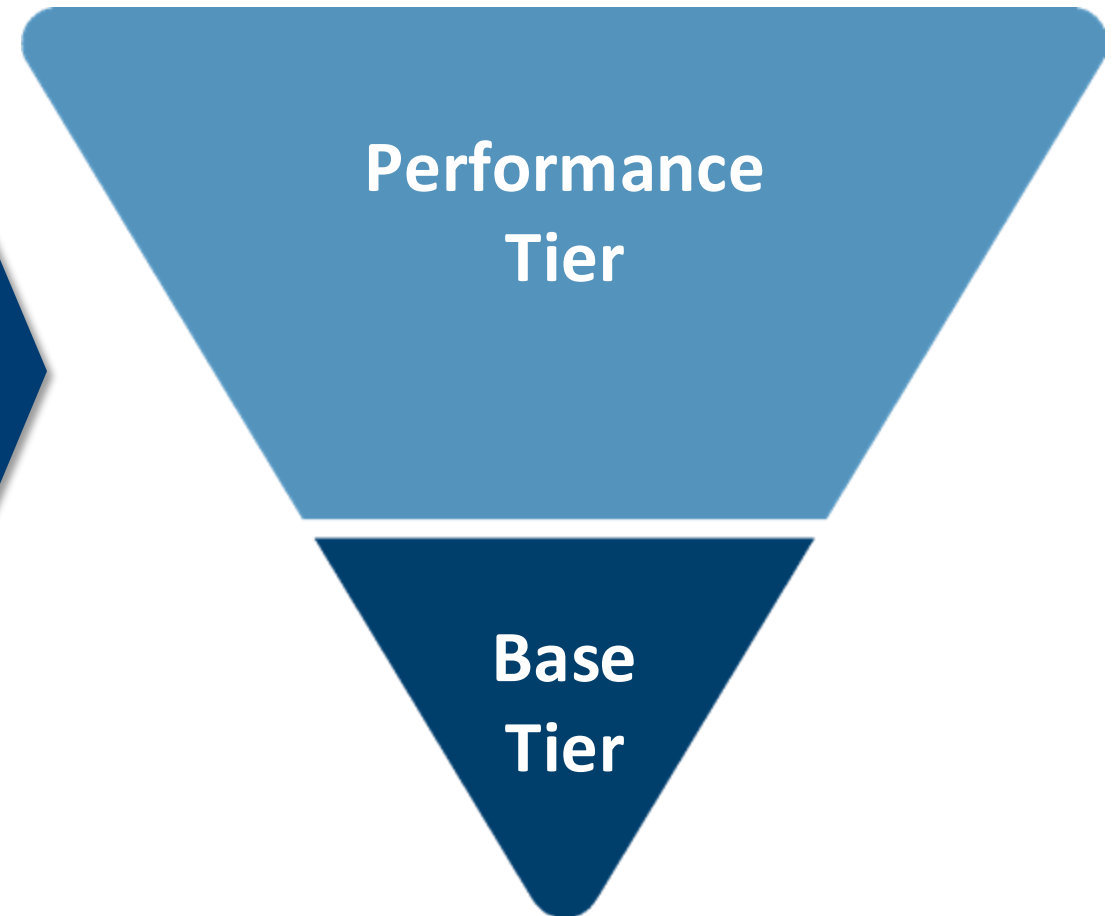
FAST Program

\$78.6 Million

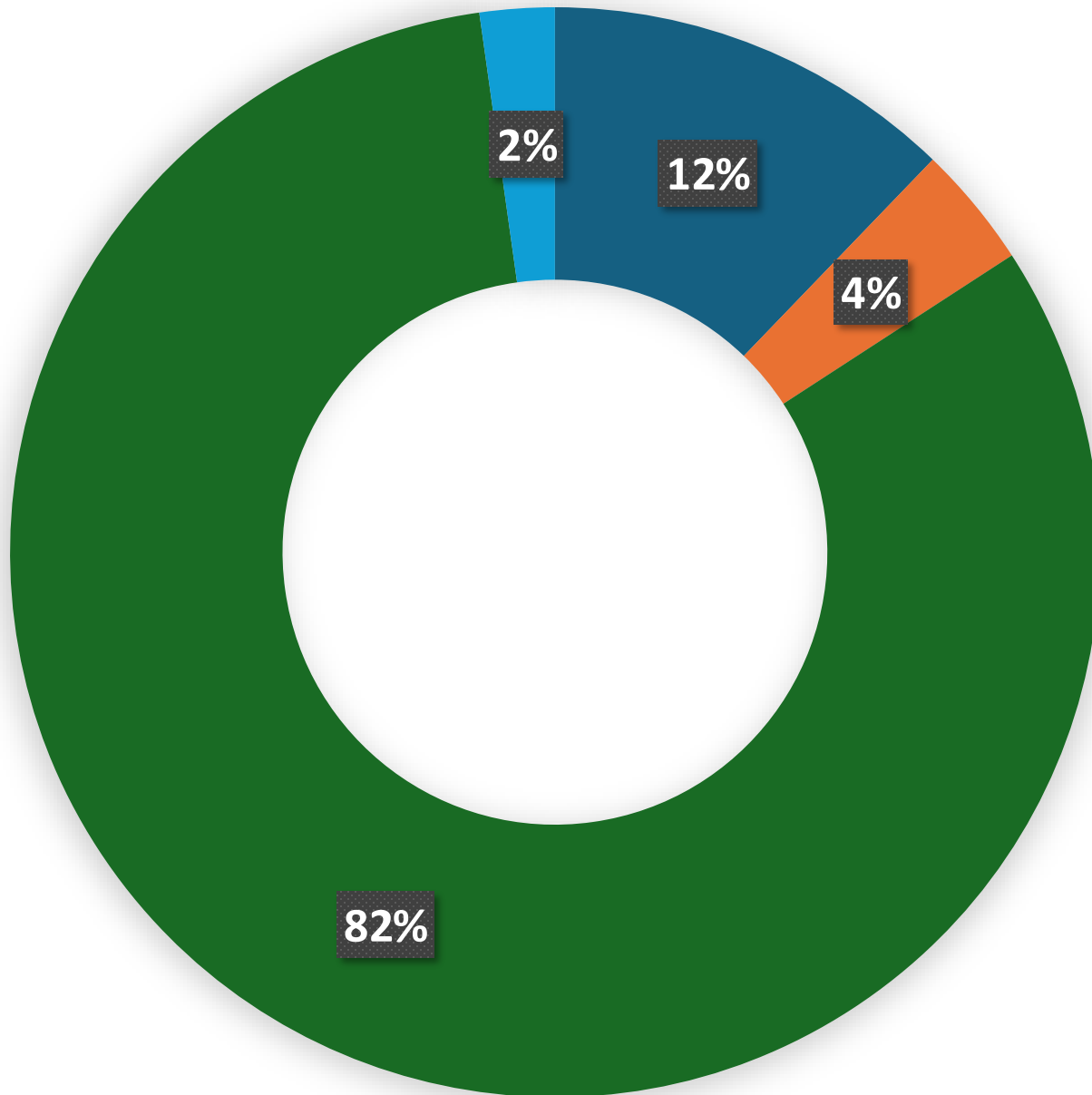
Legacy Funding Model



HB 8 Funding Model



Formula Funding **BEFORE** House Bill 8



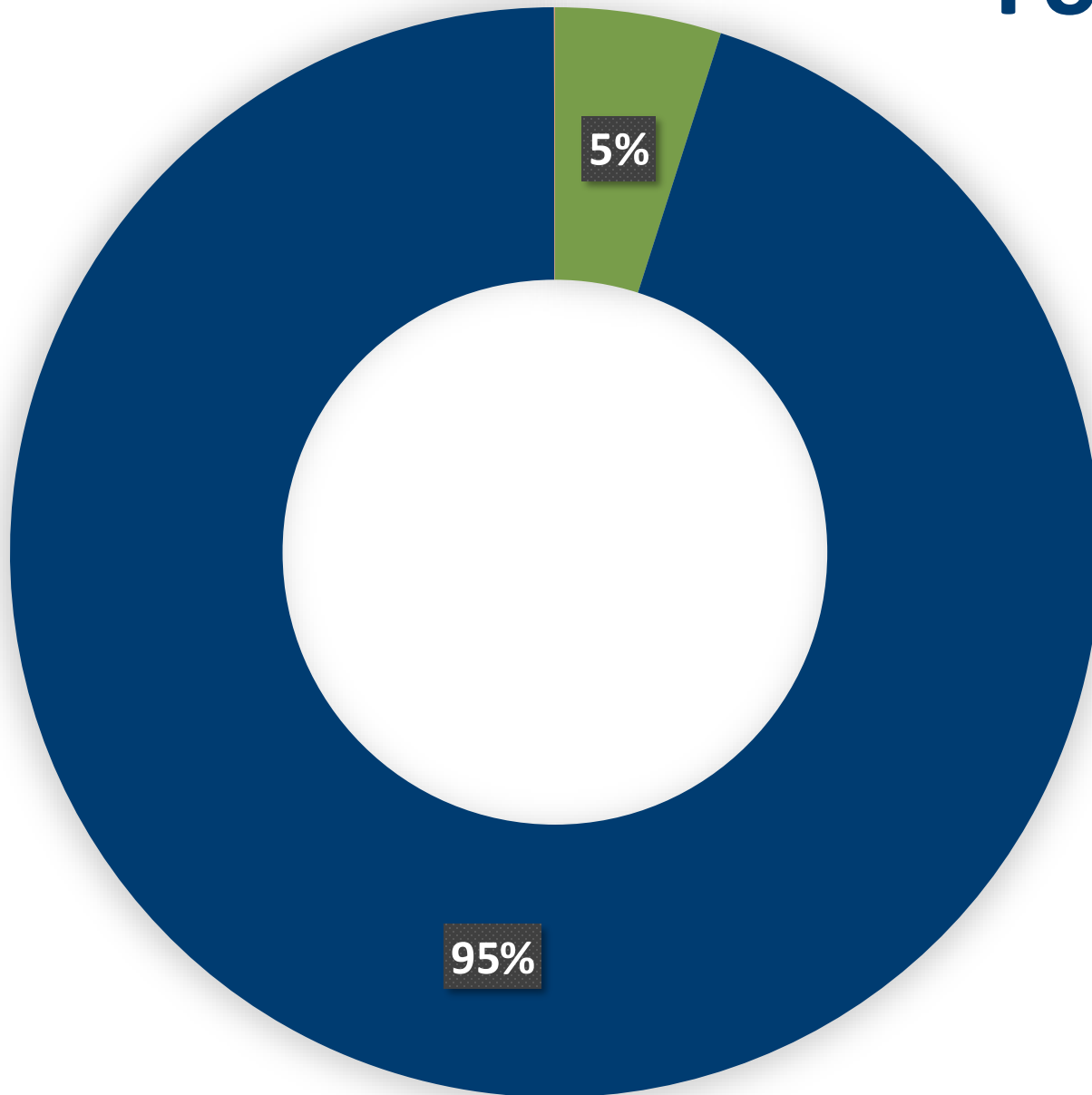
■ Student Success

■ Core Operations

■ Contact Hours

■ Other

Formula Funding **AFTER** House Bill 8



■ Base Tier

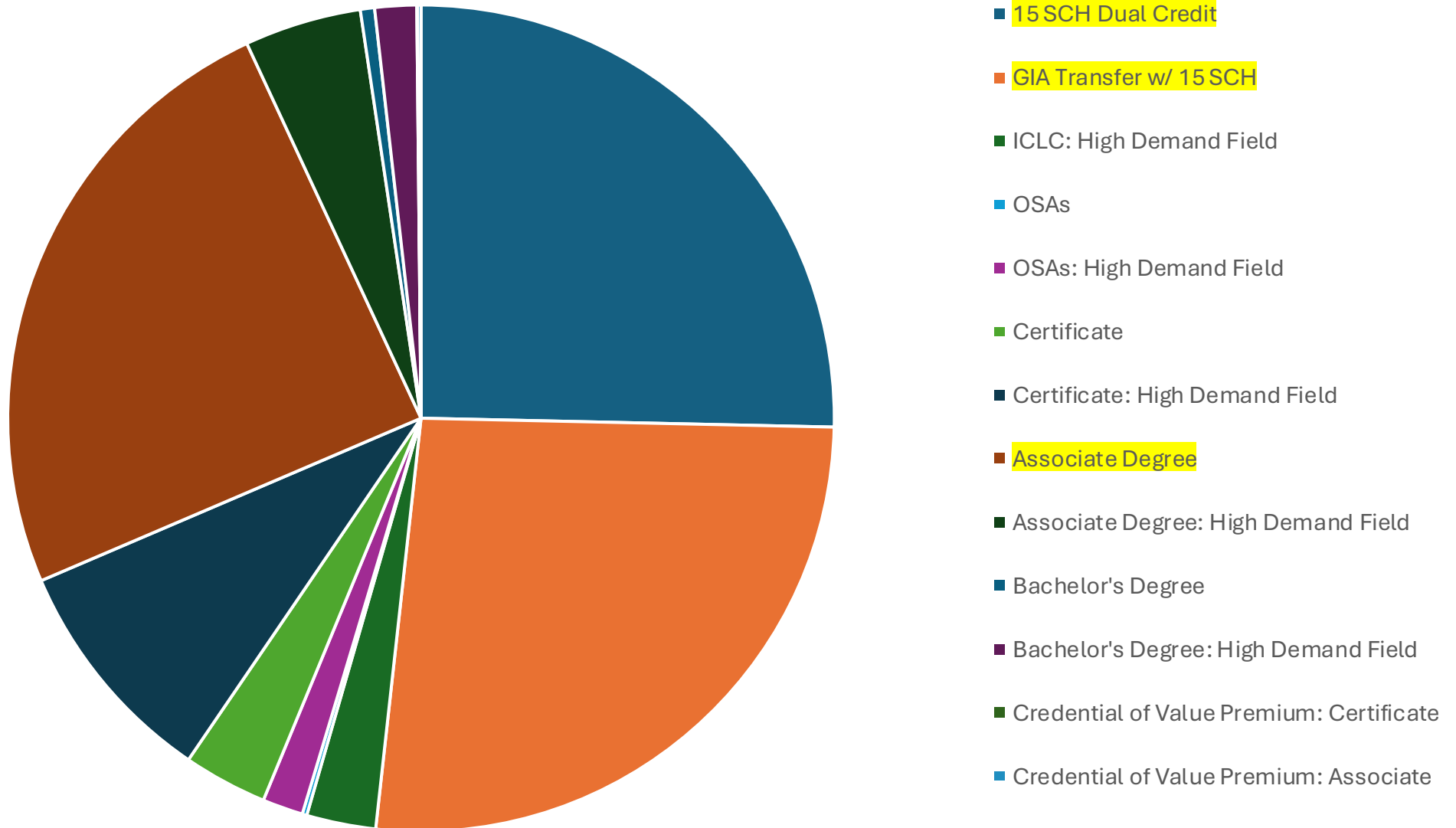
■ Performance Tier

■ Hold Harmless

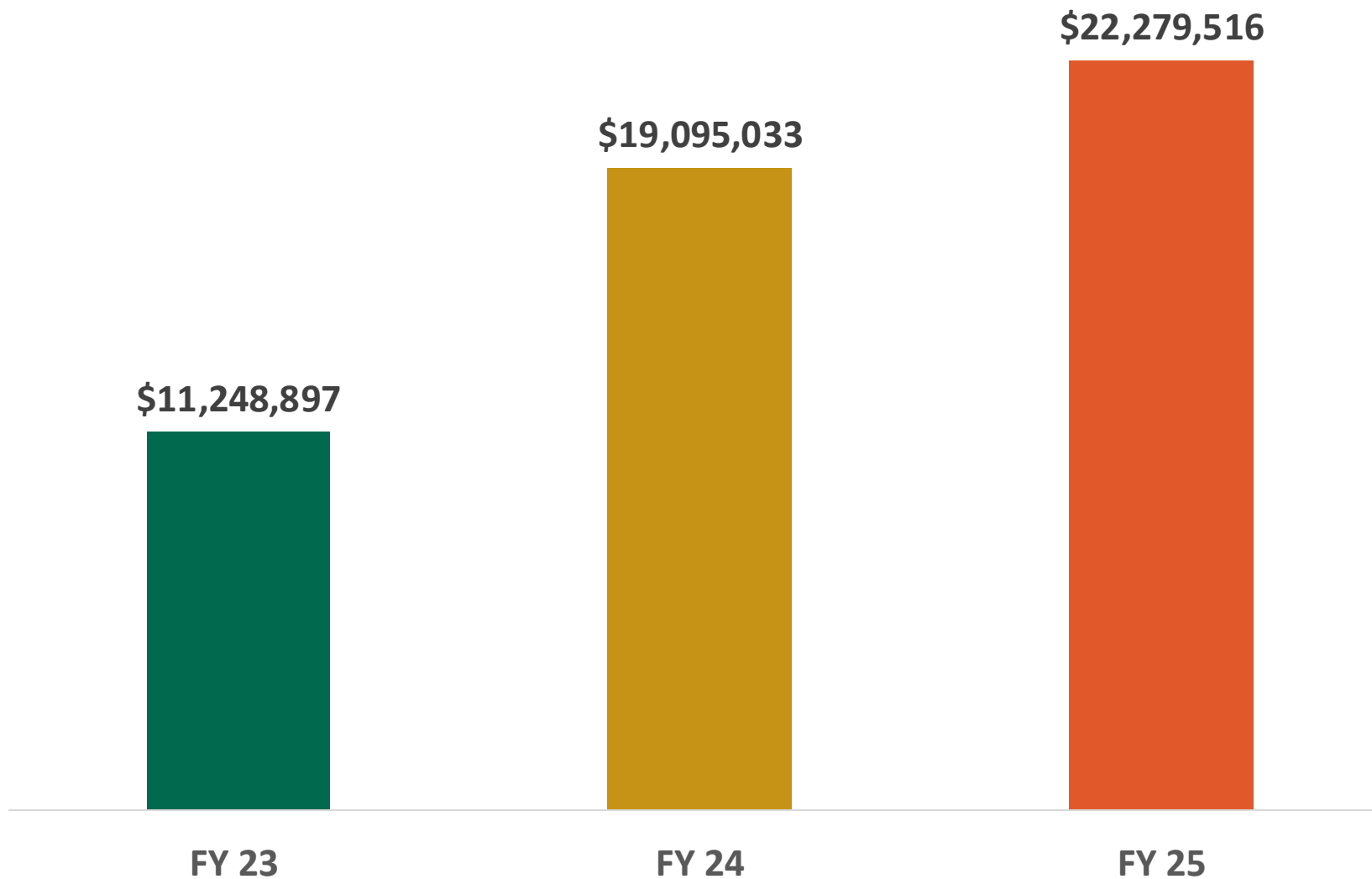
PERFORMANCE TIER INPUTS	STANDARD VALUE	HIGH-DEMAND FIELD VALUE
Dollars per Weighted Outcome Completion		
15 SCH Dual Credit	\$ 3,500	N/A
GAI Transfer with 15 SCH	\$ 3,500	N/A
GAI Co-enrollment with 15 SCH	\$ 3,500	N/A
Institutional Credential leading to Licensure or Certification (ICLC)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,250
Occupational Skills Award	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,250
Certificate	\$ 1,750	\$ 3,500
Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC)	\$ 1,750	\$ 3,500
Certificate Credential of Value Premium	\$ 437	N/A
Associate Degree	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,500
Associate Degree Credential of Value Premium	\$ 875	N/A
Bachelor's Degree	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,500
Bachelor's Degree Credential of Value Premium	\$ 875	N/A
Outcome Completion Weights		
Academic Disadvantage	0.25	0.25
Economic Disadvantage	0.25	0.25
Adult Learner	0.50	0.50
Dollars per Weighted Outcome Completion (Funded Beginning with FY25 Outcomes)		
Opportunity High School Diploma	\$ 3,500	N/A
Third Party Credentials	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,250

Financial Value = Final Weighted Count x Performance Outcome Rate

Performance Tier Funding FY25 **\$22,279,516**



State Allocations FY 23, FY 24, FY 25



FAST: Dual Credit Program



1.46M

semester credit hours of dual credit have been provided
at no cost to students.



260K

students with financial need
have been served by this
program.



\$79.6M

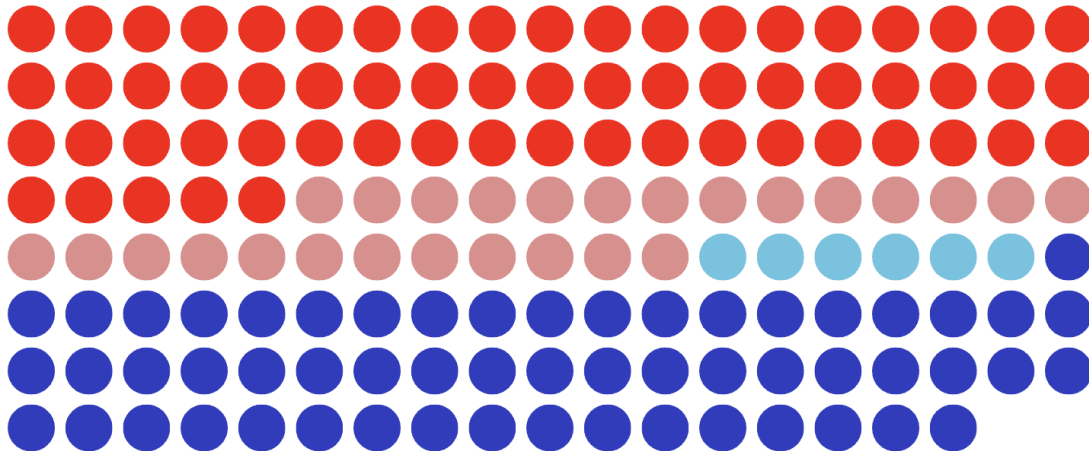
in funding has been **disbursed to institutions** participating in FAST.

Upcoming Legislative Session

89th Texas Legislature: Composition

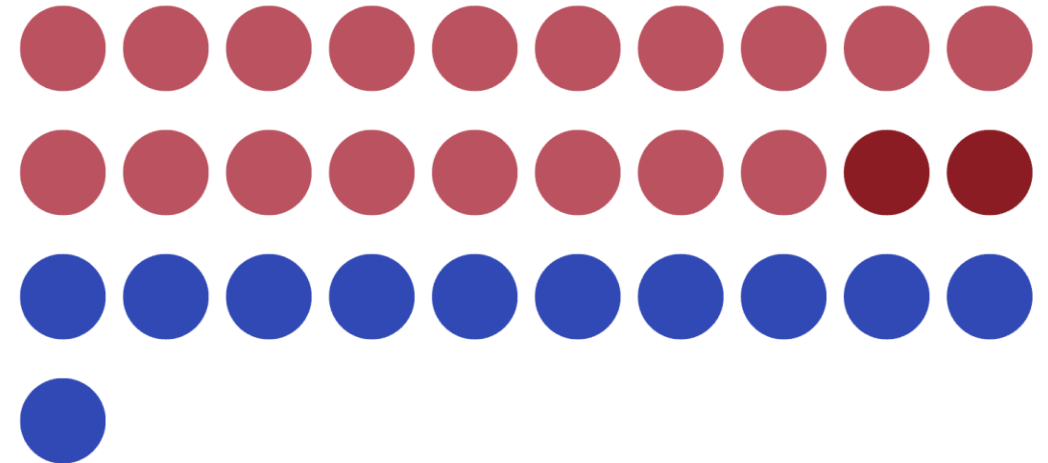
Texas House of Representatives (150 members)

● Republican ● Newly elected Republican ● Newly elected Democrat
● Democrat



Texas Senate (31 members)

● Republicans ● New Republicans ● Democrats



89th Texas Legislature: TACC Policy Priorities



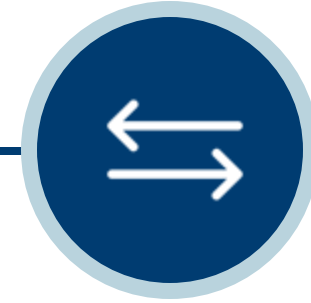
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Advocate for a supplemental appropriations request for the current biennium, fully supporting the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's final recommendation.



FORMULA FUNDING

Support the formula funding recommendation made by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for public junior colleges for the next biennium.



PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN PERFORMANCE TIER

Amend the State Funding Performance Tier of House Bill 8 to include students who transfer to one of Texas' private or independent institutions of higher education after completing 15 semester credit hours at a public junior college.



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