

Senate Bill 1

Senate Finance Committee

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Building a Talent Strong Texas

2022-2030 STRATEGIC PLAN

GOALS

ATTAINMENT
of Postsecondary
Credentials

Postsecondary
CREDENTIALS
OF VALUE

RESEARCH,
Development,
and Innovation

COMMITMENT TO EQUITY

Data will be tracked and
disaggregated by race,
gender, and income



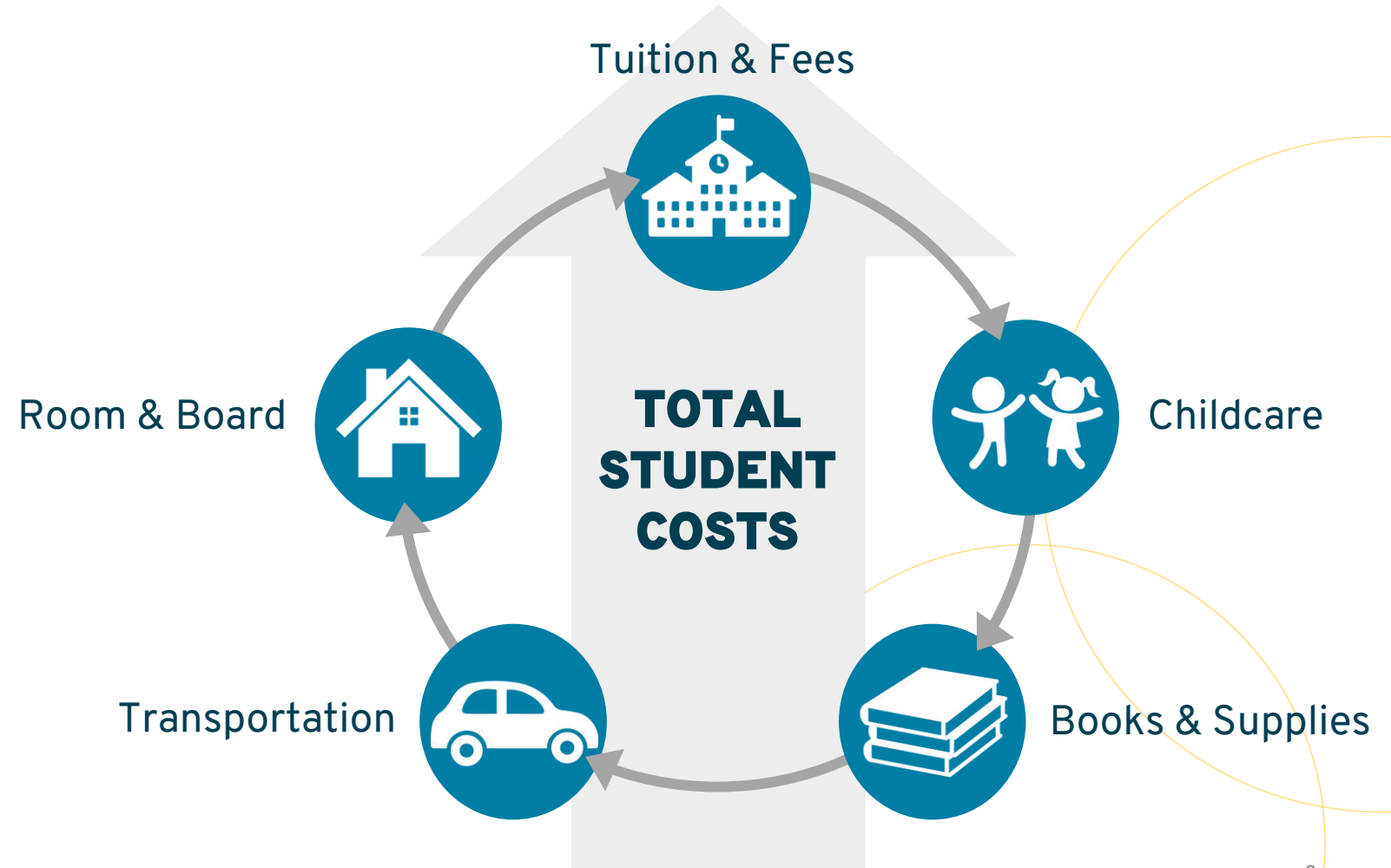
COLLABORATION

Engage public and
private sector stakeholders
to break down historic silos



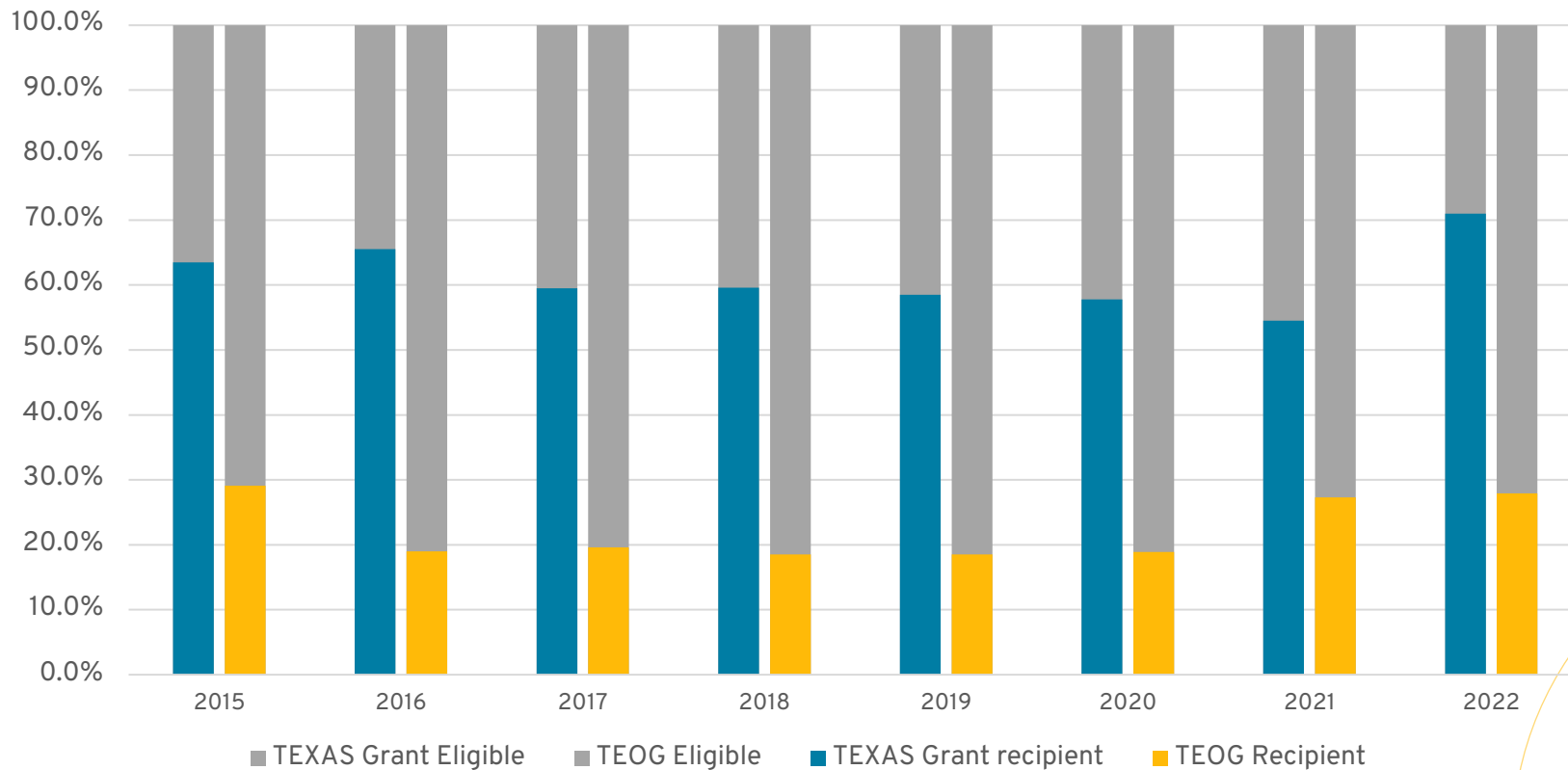
Student costs have risen significantly and include more than tuition

- Costs of attendance include expenses beyond tuition and fees
- Rising costs of living have outpaced increases in student aid



State Financial Aid is Critical for Student Affordability

Percent of Eligible Students served for TEXAS Grants and TEOG



The Coordinating Board administers **over \$600M** annually in state financial aid grant assistance benefitting more than **100,000 Texas students who have financial need.**

Senate Bill 1, as Introduced

Contingency for Higher Education Endowment Funding

Special Provisions, Section 63

- Texas institutions of higher education play a vital role in generating knowledge and innovations through basic and applied research, which powers the state economy while also providing students with incomparable opportunities to advance their education.
- This investment in the state's research and development infrastructure will position Texas as a national leader in higher education, innovation, and economic competitiveness.

Contingency for Community College Finance Legislation

Special Provisions, Section 62

- The 87th Texas Legislature established the Texas Commission on Community College Finance (TxCCCF) through SB 1230, empowering its members “...to make recommendations for consideration by the 88th Texas Legislature regarding the state funding formula and funding levels for public junior colleges in Texas that would be sufficient to sustain viable junior college education and training offerings throughout the state.”
- This rider fully funds the recommendations made by the TxCCCF.

TxCCCF Recommendations

Recommendations will advance the goals outlined in *Building a Talent Strong Texas*, which empowers higher education institutions to offer degrees, certificates, and other credentials that can help both traditional students and adult learners.



**STATE FUNDING
FOR OUTCOMES**



**AFFORDABILITY
FOR STUDENTS**



**INVESTMENTS IN
COLLEGE CAPACITY**

Increased Funding to Support the Texas Healthcare Workforce

The healthcare workforce in Texas continues to struggle in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and its ongoing economic repercussions.

This investment provides additional funding for the following programs:

- Graduate Medical Education (GME) Expansion
- Nursing Shortage Reduction Program
- Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program
- Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program
- Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium

THECB Exceptional Item Requests

Student Financial Aid

**FY24-25
FUNDING
REQUEST:**

\$153M

State need-based student financial aid has proven to be essential to ensure students across the state can afford to enroll in and complete postsecondary credentials of value. Continued investment will ensure the state is advancing access to higher education equitably for the benefit for all Texans.

This funding will:

- Maintain **TEXAS Grants**, **TEOG**, and **TEG** at the levels of eligible students served in 2022
- Continue direct targeted aid to support critical enrollments of transfer students through **Texas Transfer Grants** and high-achieving students who are low-income through the **Texas Leadership Scholars** program

Data Security & Modernization

**FY24-25
FUNDING
REQUEST:**

\$15M

Reliable, secure, and timely data empowers Texas institutions of higher education to better support their students as they earn credentials of value and drive the Texas economy.

This funding will:

- Continue investments in upgrading the state's education and workforce data infrastructure, including **cloud migration**
- Provide **new security software** that will enhance the protection of confidential data and support **innovative platforms**, including **web-based tools** that engage students and key stakeholders
- Allow the agency to rewrite, consolidate, or retire **legacy applications** to make the agency's application portfolio more sustainable, cost effective, and secure

Career & College Advising

**FY24-25
FUNDING
REQUEST:**

\$20M

Advising tools can help accelerate students into and through higher education, and the faster students can earn credentials of value, the more affordable it is to attain those credentials.

This funding will:

- Continue the build out of **My Texas Future**, a one-stop advising tool for all students (adult learners, secondary students, and transfer students), including the incorporation of **ADVi**, an advising chatbot, and **Map My Path**, a tool that allows students to chart a course to earn a credential of value
- Revamp **ApplyTexas** and integrate it into My Texas Future
- Double number of institutions served using the **Advise TX** model of near-peer advisors

Innovation & Collaboration

**FY24-25
FUNDING
REQUEST:**

\$47.5M

Innovation and collaboration in higher education are essential to reducing costs for both students and institutions and achieving the goals of *Building a Talent Strong Texas*.

This funding will:

- Support efforts to increase the availability of **open education resources**, reducing student textbook costs, and institutional **course sharing**, increasing student access to courses and credentials
- Continue the **Accelerating Credentials** grant program to encourage the development of short-term credentials of value for high-demand careers
- Continue research, evaluation, and technical assistance for the **Student Success** grant program to accelerate and scale the use of evidence-based models