



TACC/CCATT Policy Priorities: 88th Texas Legislature

Policy issues TACC and CCATT will proactively advocate for in the upcoming legislative session.

1. **Community College Finance Reform** – Support legislation developed from the final recommendations of the Texas Commission on Community College Finance.
2. **Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG)** – Support flexibility for the required matching funds community colleges must meet to access Texas Education Opportunity Grants, with an eye toward equal requirements with TEXAS Grants.
3. **Cybersecurity and IT Modernization** – To the extent available, utilize one-time funding opportunities for critical IT infrastructure modernization at community colleges. Avoid unfunded mandates for community colleges to meet state cybersecurity requirements with the Department of Information Resources.
4. **Clinical Nursing Sites** – Address the shortage of clinical sites and hours for community college nursing students statewide.
5. **Texas Transfer Framework** – Seek statutory authority for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to improve implementation and accountability of the new Texas Transfer Field of Studies initiative, specifically with acceptance and applicability of credit hours upon transfer.

TACC and CCATT will monitor the following issues:

- **Capital Construction Assistance Projects:** Community colleges access to future state funds for construction of facilities.
- **Property Taxes:** Maintain current authority of community college governance boards with regard to property taxes.
- **Community College Safety and Security:** Community college campuses included in state efforts to upgrade facilities in an effort to increase safety and security.
- **Mental Health Services for Students:** State funding for improved student mental health services should include community college students.
- **Second Chance Pell:** Support the efficient implementation in Texas.