Priorities for the 84th Texas Legislature

Support Construction of Classrooms and Laboratories for Students
- Meet the needs created by student enrollment growth since 2006
- Create buildings for 21st century education and replace aging buildings

Fund or Limit Cost of Tuition for Veterans under Hazlewood Act Exemption
- In FY 2014 the cost of the exemption for all institutions of higher education totals $169.1 million, of which $42.1 million is attributed to UT System institutions
- The Legislative Budget Board (LBB) estimates the total cost will increase to approximately $379.1 million by FY2019 ($94.4 million for UT System institutions)

Fund Research
- Enhance the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund
- Clear backlog of unmatched gifts and fund Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP)
- Enhance research formula for health institutions
- Authorize additional bonds for Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)
- Provide stable funding for Research Development Fund (RDF)

Provide Better Basic Funding
- Restore formulas to historic rates
- Implement outcomes-based funding with additional appropriations

Help Produce More Engineers and Computer Scientists for Texas
- Match UT System seed funding for faculty recruitment

Build the Health Care Workforce
- Fund Graduate Medical Education formula and continue special GME funding
- Continue special funding for nursing education
- Establish special funding for other health professions

Support Student Success with Financial Aid
- Allow every eligible student a TEXAS grant
- Allocate more work-study funding

Ensure the Progress of the New Medical School at UT Rio Grande Valley
- Fund the $20 million annual exceptional item for UTRGV

Continue Telecommunications Discount for Educational and Health Care Providers

Improve the Health of Texas

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