

SUBJECT: Revising funding for UT Tyler College of Pharmacy

COMMITTEE: Appropriations — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 16 ayes — Bonnen, C. Bell, DeAyala, Gates, Isaac, Jetton, Martinez, Morrison, Orr, Spiller, Tepper, Thimesch, E. Thompson, VanDeaver, Walle, Wu

0 nays

11 absent — M. González, Allison, Bryant, Gervin-Hawkins, Howard, Jarvis Johnson, Martinez Fischer, Ortega, Rose, Stucky, Toth

SENATE VOTE: On final passage (April 20) — 29 - 0

WITNESSES: None (*considered in a formal meeting May 9*)

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that revising the funding model for The University of Texas at Tyler College of Pharmacy would allow the college to continue to meet critical health care needs in east Texas and help ensure equitable funding between pharmacy schools in the state.

DIGEST: SB 695 would repeal provisions prohibiting The University of Texas at Tyler College of Pharmacy from receiving funding under the General Academic Institution Instruction and Operations and the Infrastructure Support formulas administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2023.

NOTES: According to the Legislative Budget Board, SB 695 would have a negative impact of \$3,259,062 on general revenue funds through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.