



Do the Texas Two-Step for Education!

CSHB2

**\$7.7 billion increase
in public education funding
for a total of \$82.5 billion in public
education funding**

- Increases the basic allotment (BA) to \$6,555 — a \$395 increase
- Includes an ongoing, automatic increase to the BA every biennium, tying it to the growth of property values
- Automatic teacher pay increases, as 40% of new BA funding must go to salaries, prioritizing teachers with 10+ years then 5+ years of experience
- Adds pre-K to the early education allotment, increasing funding to districts and incentivizing more full-day pre-K options for families
- \$450M for enhancing bilingual education
- One-time funding to expand teacher certifications ensuring better prepared teachers



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**The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops
supports the Texas Two-Step!
CSHB 2 increases funding for public
schools, which includes increases for the
basic allotment (BA) and teacher pay.
CSSB 2 establishes an education savings
account (ESA) program to expand parental
choice that includes accountability
measures, strong religious liberty
protections, and prioritization of the poor
and vulnerable.**

CSSB2

**\$1 billion
for Education Savings Account (ESA) program**

- ESA amount = 85% of the average state and local funding per student (~\$10k)
- Students with disabilities eligible to receive up to \$30k
- Amount for homeschool students = \$2k
- Funds remaining in a student's ESA account roll over to the next year
- If applications exceed available positions, prioritization is as follows:
 - a. Students with a disability AND family income at or below 500% of the federal poverty level (FPL)*
 - b. Students whose family income is at or below 200% of the FPL
 - c. Students whose family income is between 200% and 500% of FPL
 - d. Students whose family income is above 500% of FPL; this category limited to 20% of total program

*For a family of four, the federal poverty level (FPL) is \$32,150; 200% = \$64,300; 500% = \$160,750



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