

**SUBJECT:** Appropriating matching funds to Prairie View A&M University

**COMMITTEE:** Higher Education — committee substitute recommended

**VOTE:** 8 ayes — Rangel, F. Brown, Farabee, Goolsby, Morrison, E. Reyna, Uher, West  
0 nays  
1 absent — J. Jones

**WITNESSES:** For — None  
Against — None  
On — Charles A. Hines, Prairie View A&M University

**DIGEST:** CSHB 2365 would require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to include in its appropriation formula for Prairie View A&M University an appropriation equal the amount of matching funds required to receive the maximum federal funds available under the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 and an additional 10 percent to enable the university's programs to qualify for additional funds that became available under the act or for matching funds from other sources.

This 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, 2001.

**NOTES:** The committee substitute differs from the filed version by requiring the Coordinating Board to include matching funds in its appropriations formula rather than requiring the Legislature to appropriate the funds. According to the bill's fiscal note, the bill would have no fiscal impact for the state in fiscal 2002-03 but would cost \$1.36 million annually thereafter.

The companion bill, SB 1013 by West, was considered in a public hearing by the Senate Finance Committee on March 29 and left pending.

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