



PROPOSED TEXAS CHILDREN’S BUDGET FOR 2012-13

For the 2012-2013 biennium, legislative proposals would cut the state budget overall by more than 15 percent compared to 2010-11, and are at least 30 percent below the General Revenue levels needed to main critical services such as education, health and human services, and public safety. This brief analysis focuses on House Bill 1’s proposed 12 percent overall cut (from 2010-11 levels) to services that primarily benefit children. Much of the decrease is due to the failure to restore General Revenue to services that were temporarily supported in 2010-11 by federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

Proposed Biennial Spending on Children: \$77 Billion in 2012-13

HEALTH: \$19.5 Billion

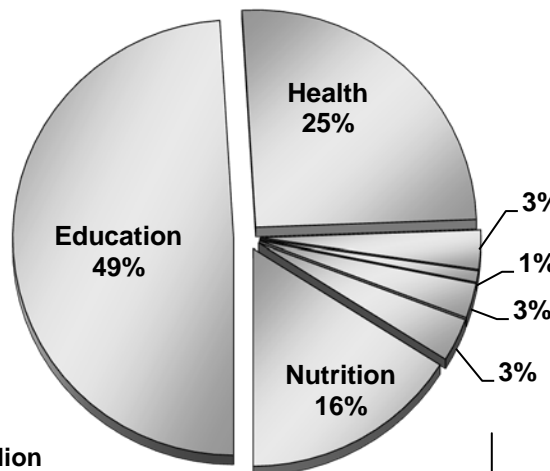
Children’s Medicaid • CHIP • Texas Health Steps Medical & Dental • EPSDT Comprehensive • Immunizations • Tobacco Education/Prevention • Women & children’s health • Medically Dependent Children Waiver • Children with Special Health Care Needs • Substance abuse prevention, intervention, & treatment • Mental health - community services

EDUCATION: \$37.6 Billion

PreK-12: Foundation School Program, Operations & Facilities • Statewide Programs • Achievement of Students at Risk • School Improvement & Support • Assessment & Accountability • Technology/Instructional Materials • Health and Safety • Improved Educator Quality/Leadership • Teacher Quality Grants Program

PROTECTIVE SERVICES: \$2.2 Billion

Child protective services/ investigations • Foster care & adoption payments • Child abuse/neglect prevention programs • Family violence services • Communities in Schools



JUVENILE JUSTICE: \$645 Million

Juvenile probation • Texas Youth Commission

NUTRITION: \$12.3 Billion

PreK-12 school lunch & breakfast • Support for school programs • Special Milk Program • Child & Adult Care Food • Summer Food Service • Food Distribution • Commodity Supplemental Food • Emergency Food Assistance • Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) • Women, Infants, & Children’s (WIC) Program

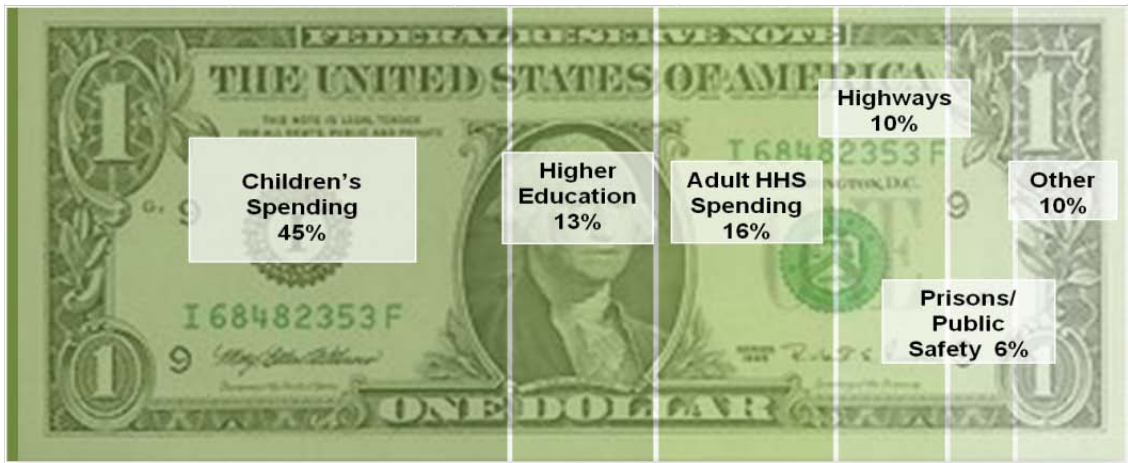
SPECIAL NEEDS: \$2.5 Billion

PreK-12 education of students with disabilities • School for the Blind and Visually Impaired • School for the Deaf • Early Childhood Intervention comprehensive & respite services • Habilitative services for blind/visually impaired

INCOME SUPPORT: \$2 Billion

Child support enforcement • Workforce Investment Act: Youth Programs • Child care subsidies for low-income families • Child care regulation • TANF cash assistance

Spending on Children vs. Other Areas of Proposed State Spending in 2012-13



The figure above shows how the \$71 billion in proposed appropriations for children's services in the 2012-13 budget compares to other major areas of state services. When \$6 billion in nutrition benefits (SNAP/Food Stamps) that is not appropriated is taken into account, the proposed children's "budget" increases to the \$77 billion shown on the previous page. Adult health and human services spending is mainly health care (Medicaid) for elderly and disabled Texans and for low-income pregnant women, and community care and other long-term care services. Higher education is the share of the state budget supporting public universities, teaching hospitals, and community and junior colleges. Highways, prisons/public safety, and other functions (such as environmental protection, state parks, and the judiciary) provide services benefiting children and adults but have not been included in estimates of child spending.

The table below distinguishes total proposed support for children's services in HB 1 from federal funds, and also shows changes from the 2010-11 budget. Increased federal funds, primarily for education and health care, were available from 2009 to 2011 through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, but are not expected to continue.

	All Funds (billion \$)			Federal (billion \$)		
	2010-11	2012-13	Biennial Change	2010-11	2012-13	Biennial Change
Education	\$44.7	\$37.6	-16%	\$8.2	\$4.2	-49%
Health	22.7	19.5	-14	15.4	11.4	-26
Nutrition	11.6	12.3	+5	11.1	11.7	+5
Special Needs	2.6	2.5	-6	2.3	2.2	-6
Protective Services	2.4	2.2	-10	1.5	1.3	-16
Income Support	2.1	2.0	-5	1.5	1.4	-7
Juvenile Justice	0.8	0.6	-18	0.037	0.027	-28
Total	\$87.0	\$76.6	-12%	\$40.0	\$32.1	-20%

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