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Charge 3: College affordability and accessibility with a focus on middle-class students; tuition, financial aid, student debt

- ["Lt. Governor Patrick Holds Press Conference on Escalating University Tuition Rates and Student Debt \(Charts: Academic Charges vs CPI, Academic Charges vs MHI, Rising Academic Charges\),"](#) Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, April 26, 2016
- ["Who's a Better Steward When it Comes to Texas College Costs? Data Show Lawmakers Hiked Tuition Faster Than Schools,"](#) *Dallas Morning News* (Interactive), April 4, 2016
- [A Guidebook on State Budgeting for Higher Education](#), National Association of State Budget Officers, December 2015
- ["The Role of Financial Aid in Promoting College Access and Success: Research Evidence and Proposals for Reform,"](#) 45 *Journal of Student Financial Aid* 7-22 (Issue 3, Article 3), November 2, 2015
- [Trends in College Pricing 2015, Full Report \(PDF\)](#), Tuition and Fees by State, College Board, November 2015
- [Project on Student Debt: State by State Data, Student Debt and the Class of 2014](#), The Institute for College Access & Success, October 2015
- [Higher Education: State Funding Trends and Policies on Affordability](#), U.S. Government Accountability Office, December 2014
- [A Strategy to Ensure College Affordability for Low and Middle Income Families](#), Education Reform Now, January 5, 2014
- [Doing Away with Debt: Using Existing Resources to Ensure College Affordability for Low and Middle-Income Families](#), The Education Trust, February 2013
- [The Three-Year Bachelor's Degree: Reform Measure or Red Herring?](#), American Association of State Colleges and Universities, September 2012
- [Four Steps to Finishing First: An Agenda for Increasing College Productivity to Create a Better-Educated Society](#), Lumina Foundation, September 1, 2011
- [College Affordability and Transparency Center, State Spending Charts](#), U.S.

Department of Education

- [Tuition and Fee Data](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Senate Select Committee on [Property Tax Reform & Relief](#)

Charge: Property tax process

Charge: Tax burden

- [Senate Select Committee for Property Tax Reform & Relief](#), committee information, video/audio archives, documents and downloads, presentations
- [Interim Hearings - Week of March 21, 2016](#), Senate Select Committee Property Tax Reform & Relief, Legislative Reference Library, March 14, 2016

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House Committee on [General Investigating & Ethics](#)

Charge 2: Contracting practices at major state agencies

- [State of Texas Contract Management Guide](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Updated March 1, 2016
- ["Contract Reform Legislation Headed to Abbott,"](#) *Texas Tribune*, June 1, 2015
- [83rd Texas Legislature Interim Report](#) (Charge 2 - State Contracting), Senate Committee on Government Organization, December 2014
- [State Agency Contract Management Procedures](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- [Senate Bill 20: Centralized State Purchasing Study](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- [Contracts Database and Reporting Information](#), Legislative Budget Board
- [Tribpedia: State Contracts and Contract High](#) (Series on state contracting problems and how the Legislature addressed the issue in 2015), *Texas Tribune*

House Committee on [Public Education](#)

Charge: Teacher-student relationships

- [State Information Request: Teacher-Student Relationships](#) (Recent state policy responses to misconduct, digital solutions), Education Commission of the States, February 29, 2016
- ["Districts Withhold Data from State in 15 Teacher Misconduct Cases,"](#) *Austin American-Statesman*, December 14, 2015
- [Federal Agencies Can Better Support State Efforts to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Abuse by School Personnel](#), U.S. Government Accountability Office, January 2014

Charge: Broadband services for schools, libraries, and institutions of higher education

- *Connecting Anchor Institutions: A Broadband Action Plan*, Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition, Grow2Gig, Benton Foundation, April 2016
- "The Digital Divide in Texas Public Schools" (Blog), *Texas AFT*, March 14, 2016
- "Bridging a Digital Divide That Leaves Schoolchildren Behind," *New York Times*, February 22, 2016
- *Public School Network Capabilities Study*, Texas Education Agency, December 1, 2015
- "Major Effort Underway to Eliminate RGV's Digital Divide," *Rio Grande Guardian*, November 19, 2015
- *The 2015 State of the States: A Report on the State of Connectivity in America's K-12 Public Schools*, EducationSuperHighway, 2015
- *Broadband and Education - Connecting Students in Texas*, Connected Texas, September 2014
- *Report to the 83rd Legislature* (Charge 3 - Barriers to virtual schools), January 2013 and *Committee Handouts/Written Testimony*, October 8, 2012, Senate Committee on Education
- *Broadband Landscape* (maps), Connected Texas

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Charge: Legislative oversight and monitoring (invited testimony only)

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