



# STRATEGIC WORKFORCE INITIATIVE SHORTFALL

HIGHER EDUCATION  
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ISSUE BRIEF

## SUMMARY

During the 2017 General Session, the Legislature appropriated \$1,355,300 ongoing FY 18 Education funds to the State Board of Regents Education Excellence line item for the Strategic Workforce Investment program. From that amount \$591,200 was designated by the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee for a number of projects and reallocated one-time to institutions.

During the 2018 General Session, the Legislature reallocated \$1,461,500 ongoing FY 19 Education funds from the State Board of Regents Education Excellence line item for programs approved in 2017. However, the ongoing reallocation of \$1,461,500 is \$106,200 more than what was appropriated and has led to an ongoing structural issue in the Education Excellence appropriation.

The Education Excellence program currently has a \$302,600 one-time fund balance not dedicated for any particular program. The Board of Regents has recommended the Legislature reduce the appropriation by \$302,600 one-time in FY 21 and add \$106,200 on-going funds to correct the structural issue. This would result in a net \$196,400 savings for the Committee and resolve the over-reallocation in FY 19.