

### Rider 81. Property Tax Reduction





#### School Finance



"All-in" funding for public education includes:

- Foundation School Program (FSP) formula ٠ funds to school systems to cover their cost to operate (M&O) from a mix of local property taxes and state revenues
- Debt service funds (I&S), primarily from ٠ local property taxes
- Federal funds, primarily for school lunch, ٠ special education, and low-income students
- Direct payments to TRS for teacher ٠ retirement from state revenues
- Funds to school systems for instructional ٠ materials from state revenues
- Other grants and supports from state ۲ revenues



#### **TOTAL ANNUAL FUNDING: \$71,710,051,834**





# Foundation School Program (FSP)

This program establishes **how much funding** school districts and charter schools are entitled to.

**Statutory formulas** (TEC Ch. 46 & 48) consider both student and district characteristics:

Number and type of students

o District size

Local taxable property values

• Tax rates (for Tier I entitlement and for Tier II enrichment)



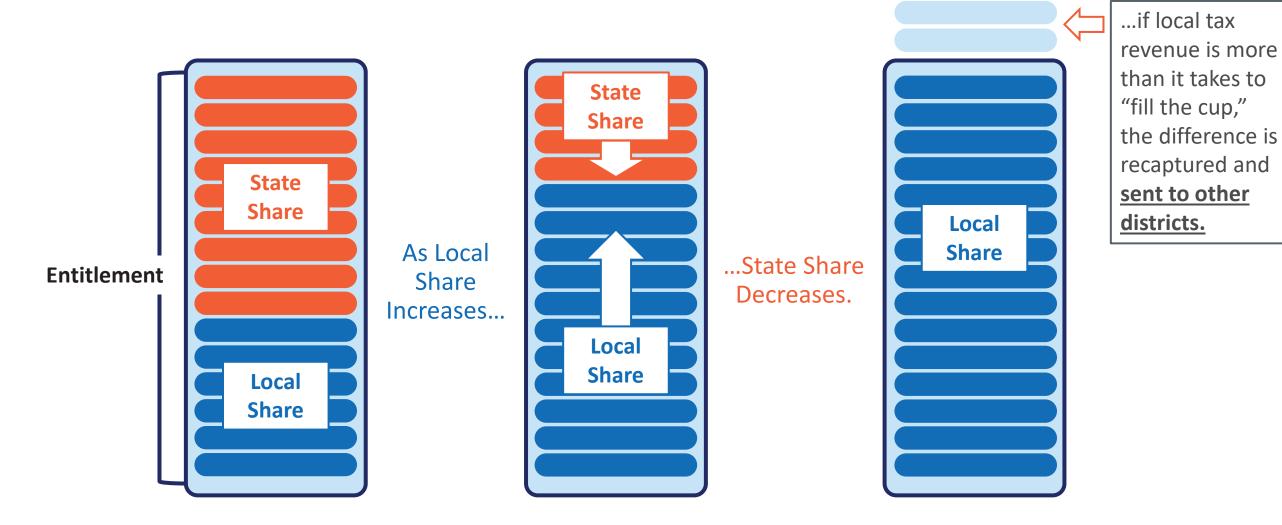
## Foundation School Program (FSP)

In addition to establishing entitlement levels, statutory formulas are used to determine:

- How much a district can generate locally (local share) through property taxes, and
- How much will be provided through state funds to complete the entitlement (state share), or
- How much excess local revenue the district will generate, which will be recaptured and sent to other districts.

### FSP M&O Mechanism







# Tax Compression under HB 3

HB 3 immediately compressed tax rates from \$1.00 to \$0.93 per \$100 of valuation (Tax Year 2019).

For subsequent years, TEA calculates maximum compressed tax rates (MCR) in two ways:

State compression: compares estimated statewide property value growth to 2.5%
Local compression: compares estimated local property value growth to 2.5%

> Districts receive the **lower** of the state or local compressed rate.

>No district can have a rate that is 10% lower than any other district ("equity band").



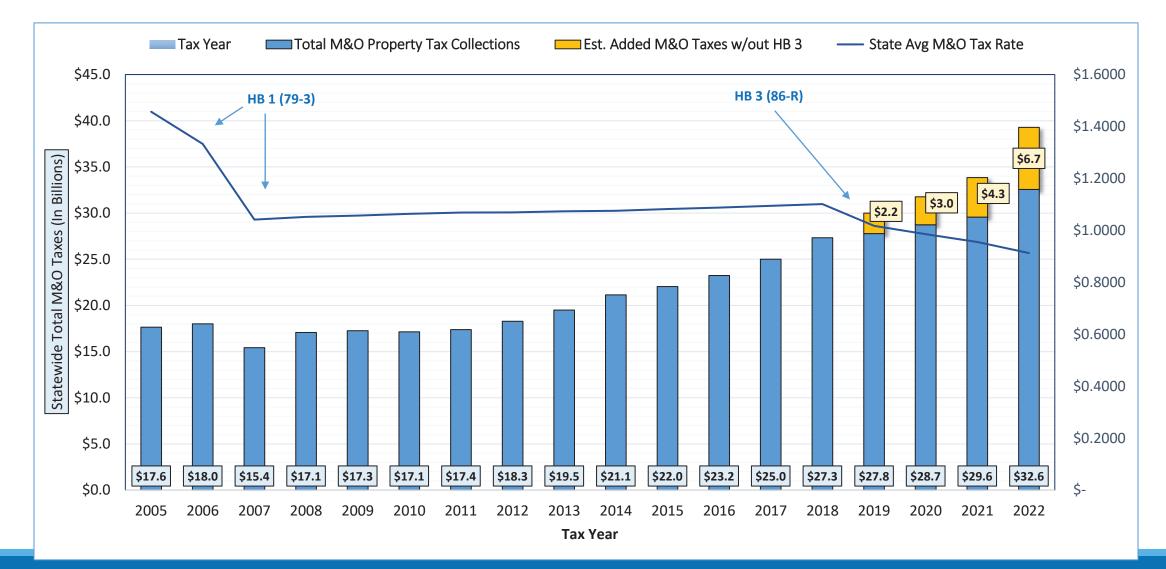
### **Compression Example**

	This Year	Next Year ( <u>no</u> compression)	Percent change
Property values	\$700M	\$742M	+6%
Tax Rate	\$0.9134	\$0.9134	No change in rate
Collections	\$6.39M	\$6.78M	+6%

	This Year	Next Year ( <u>WITH</u> compression)	Percent change
Property values	\$700M	\$742M	+6%
Tax Rate	\$0.9134	\$0.8832	Rate adjusted down
Collections	\$6.39M	\$6.55M	+2.5%

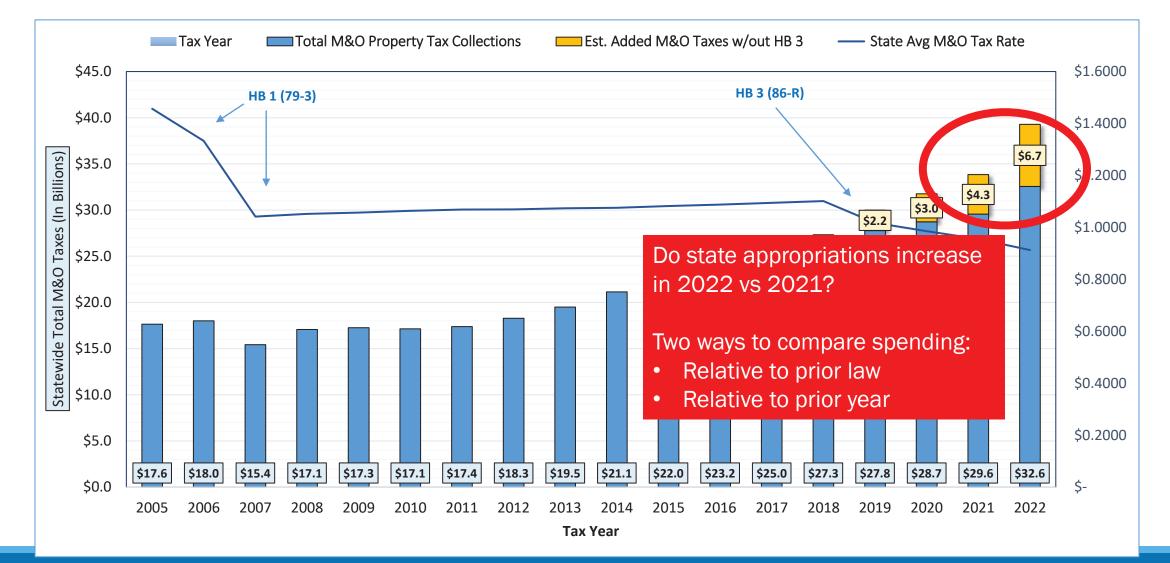


#### **Tax Rates and Tax Collection History**



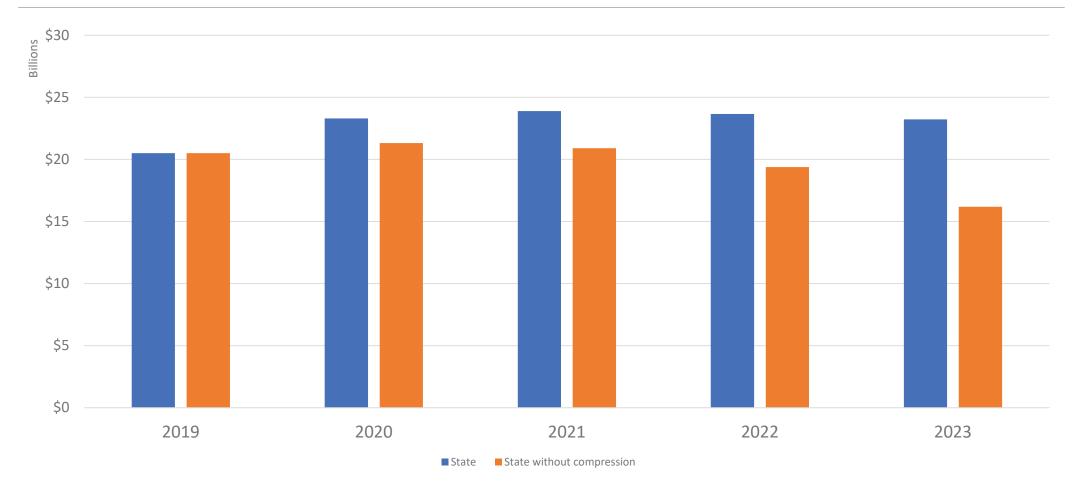


#### **Projecting the Sustainability of Tax Compression**



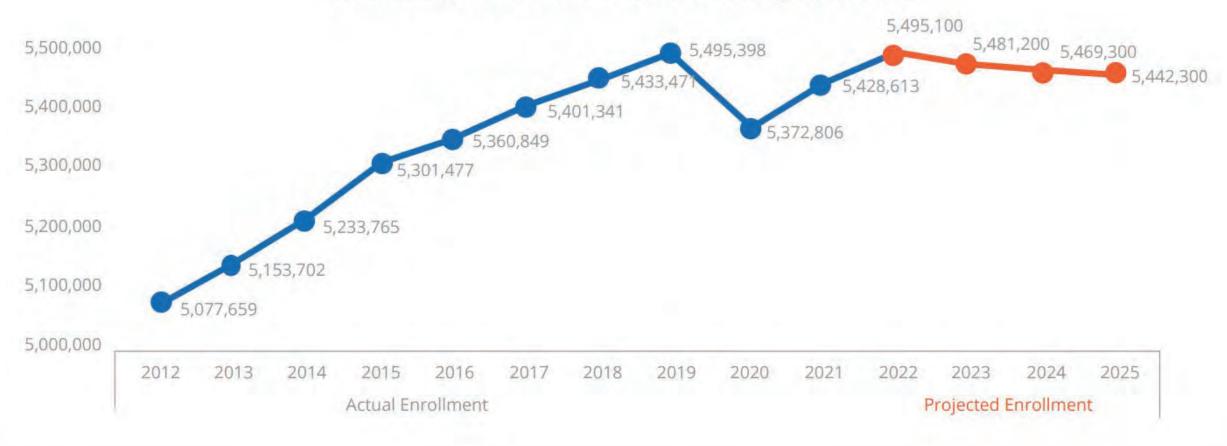


State appropriations for the FSP have not necessarily increased year over year even as property tax rates have been cut, because spending increases are dependent upon enrollment growth





#### **ENROLLMENT TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS**





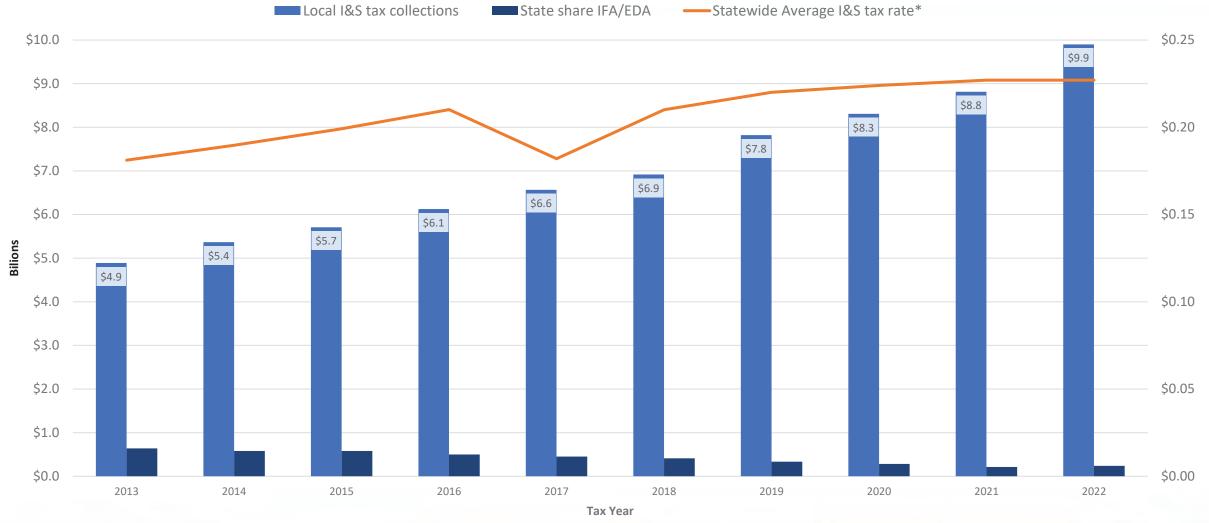
## Reminder...

Tax compression does not affect the calculation of funding that a school district is entitled to.

It only decreases the amount of that funding that is collected through local taxes, as opposed to provided by the state.

>After local taxes are compressed, **the state will fill the gap**, or the district will have less excess local revenue (pay less in recapture).





\*Statewide average I&S tax rate includes districts without an I&S tax rate