

HAZLEWOOD ACT BENEFITS

Proud to be located in “Military City, USA,” UTSA is supportive of the Hazlewood Act but requests assistance to meet the growing financial obligation

OVERVIEW

The Hazlewood Act provides qualified veterans, spouses and dependent children with a generous tuition and fees exemption at any public college or university in Texas. UTSA is consistently ranked among the top Military Friendly Schools in the nation and the largest provider of education to military families. UTSA requests the Texas Legislature to provide additional funding to public universities to address Hazlewood exemptions.

THE CHALLENGE

With the passage of SB 93 in 2009, UTSA continues to experience an enormous growth of students utilizing Hazlewood exemptions. In FY 2022 UTSA waived \$19.6 million in tuition and fees, while state support for these exemptions totaled only \$1.7 million. This left a funding gap of \$17.9 million in unreimbursed costs. The funding gap is projected to reach \$18.7 million by the end of FY 2023, and over \$20.4 million by the end of FY 2024.



\$19.6M **Waived Tuition & Fees**

\$1.7M **State Support**

\$17.9M **Unreimbursed Cost (Gap)**

THE IMPACT

Since FY 2009, UTSA has exempted over \$165 million in tuition and fees as a result of the Hazlewood Act. However, these exemptions are indirectly absorbed by all UTSA students and makes it increasingly difficult to provide students the highest level of service.

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LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

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Number of Students Utilizing Benefits			
Fiscal Year	2022	2023*	2024*
Veterans	341	351	362
Legacy, Spouse, Dependents	2,084	2,142	2,302
Total	2,425	2,493	2,664

Hazlewood Tuition & Fee Exemptions at UTSA			
Veterans	\$2,050,260	\$2,113,244	\$2,178,162
Legacy, Spouse, Dependents	\$17,601,132	\$18,296,606	\$19,923,902
Total	\$19,651,392	\$20,409,850	\$22,102,064

**Projections; these figures assume same percentage change as recorded from FY2021 to FY2022*



TAKEAWAY

UTSA encourages the legislature to increase Hazlewood tuition relief funding to keep pace with the growing number of students utilizing legacy exemptions.