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## **TSTA: Senate budget also fails education**

Today, TSTA issued the following press release:

The Texas State Teachers Association today expressed its opposition to SB1, the Senate Finance Committee's version of the new state budget.

"About the only thing positive that can be said about the Senate's budget plan is that it isn't as bad as the House version, and that isn't saying much," said TSTA President Rita Haecker. "The House set a very low bar with a shameful budget that devastates the public schools and other critical public services."

"The Senate plan would still cut about \$4 billion from public education, costing tens of thousands of educators their jobs and robbing tens of thousands of school children of quality educational opportunities," she added.

Haecker said the governor and the Legislature need to put politics aside and realistically address the needs of millions of taxpaying Texans. They need to limit budget cuts by spending all \$9.4 billion in the Rainy Day Fund, close some exemptions to existing taxes and raise new tax revenue.