



Patrick Francis, MPA

Patrick Francis joined The University of Texas System in the Office of Health Affairs in October 2003. His portfolio includes review of academic program changes, tuition and fees, student and faculty affairs, state funding, compensation, and endowed appointments. He serves as Health Affairs liaison to the UT System Student and Faculty Advisory Committees, and UT System Advisory Committee on Library Affairs.

Before joining the UT System, Mr. Francis worked at the Texas Legislative Budget Board (LBB), serving as manager of the Public and Higher Education Teams for the 2001 and 2003 legislative sessions. The LBB his teams assisted the legislature in establishment of state-funded health insurance for elementary and secondary school employees;

modifications to elementary and secondary education funding; appropriations for higher education, including creation of endowments to increase research efforts.

Prior to working at the LBB, Mr. Francis served as education advisor to Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock. During his time with Lt. Gov. Bullock there were changes in school finance resulting from property tax reductions, authorization of the first charter schools in Texas, statewide changes in higher education funding and admissions, and mandatory performance reviews of tenured faculty.

His previous work experience includes the Texas Association of School Boards and Texas State Auditor's Office.

Mr. Francis received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and a master's from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT Austin.

He is recognized for expertise on higher education funding, including formula and non-formula initiatives supporting Graduate Medical Education and nursing.

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