Financial Condition Analysis for Community Colleges

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Financial Condition Analysis of Texas Public Community College Districts

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Background

Directed by GAA, Rider 12 (page III-216)

"Financial Information Reporting Requirement. Each community college shall provide to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board financial data related to the operation of each community college using the specific content and format prescribed by the Coordinating Board. Each community college shall provide the report no later than January 1st of each year.

The Coordinating Board shall provide an annual report due on May 1 to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office about the financial condition of the state's community college districts."



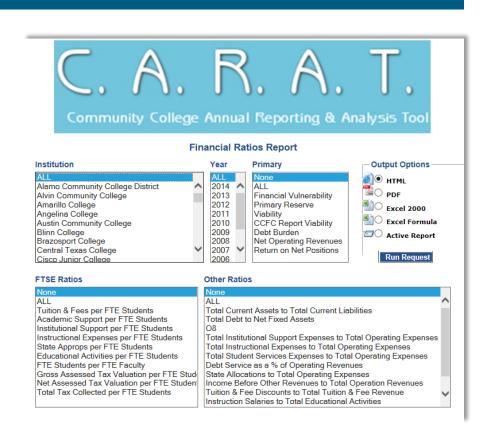
Key Questions

- Are resources sufficient and flexible enough to support the mission?
- Are resources, including debt, managed strategically to advance the mission?
- Does asset performance and management support the strategic direction?
- Do operating results indicate the institution is living within available resources?



Community College Annual Reporting and Analysis Tool (CARAT)

- Developed collaboratively
- Based on institutionally reported data
- Informed updates
- Creates indicators
- Creates digestible, yet detailed, information





Metrics

of successfully carrying out current programs?

Is the institution...

- Composite Financial Index (CFI)
 - Primary Reserve Ratio*
 - Viability Ratio*
 - Return on Net Position*
 - Operating Margin*
 - Equity Ratio
 - Leverage Ratio

Able to carry out intended programs well in the future?



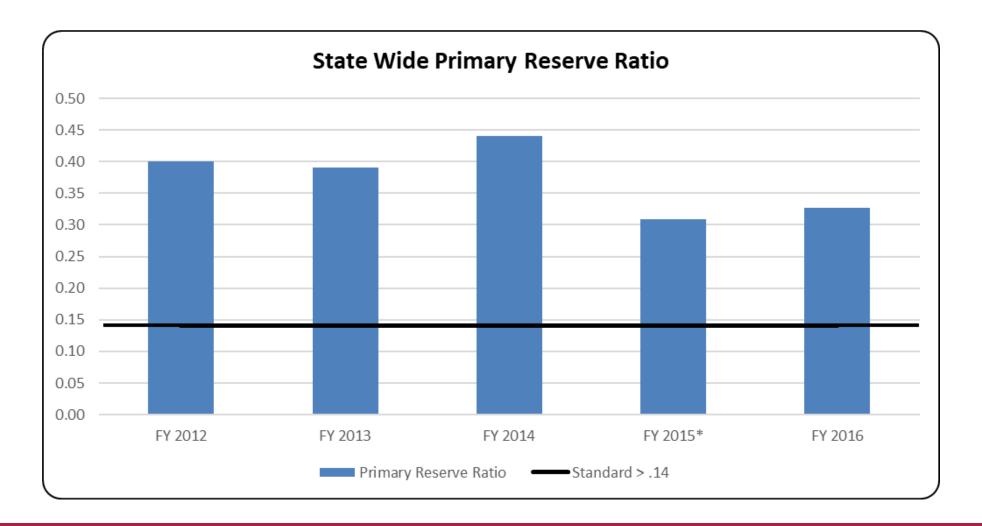
GASB 68 Impacts

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 68 summary:

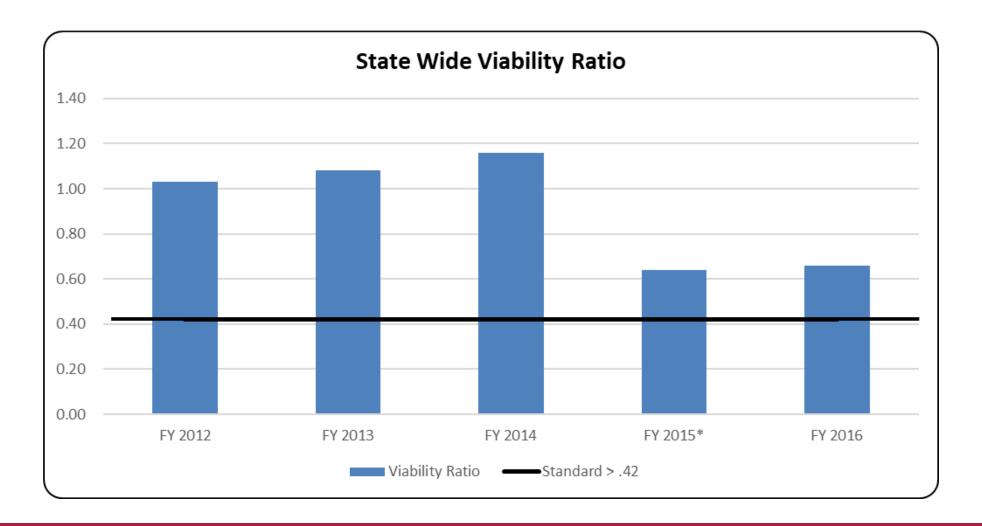
"The primary objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. This Statement results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for pensions with regard to providing decision-useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and interperiod equity, and creating additional transparency."

- Transferred pension liability from the state-level financial statements of the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) to the individual financial statements of the institutions
- Effect to statewide financial ratios and financial condition of community college districts was substantial
- Report attempts to indicate the financial condition of institutions if GASB 68 had not been implemented

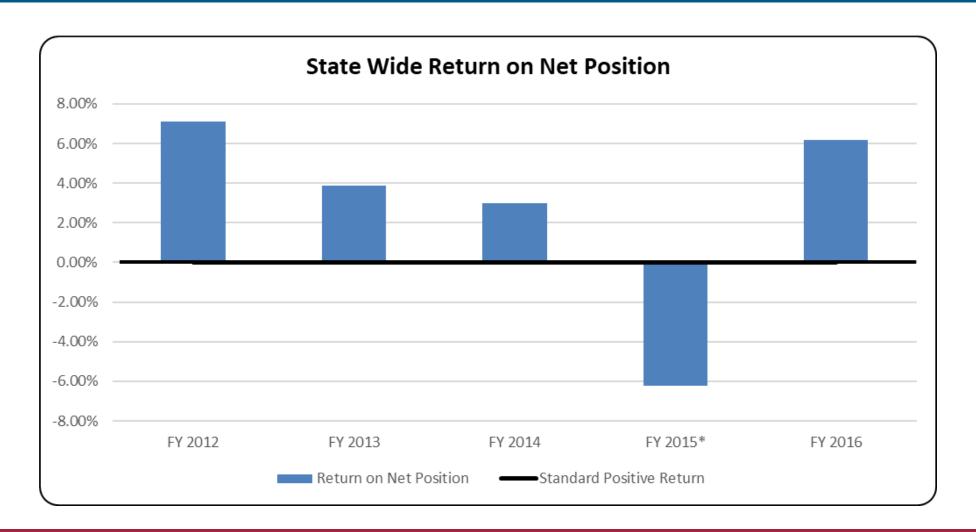




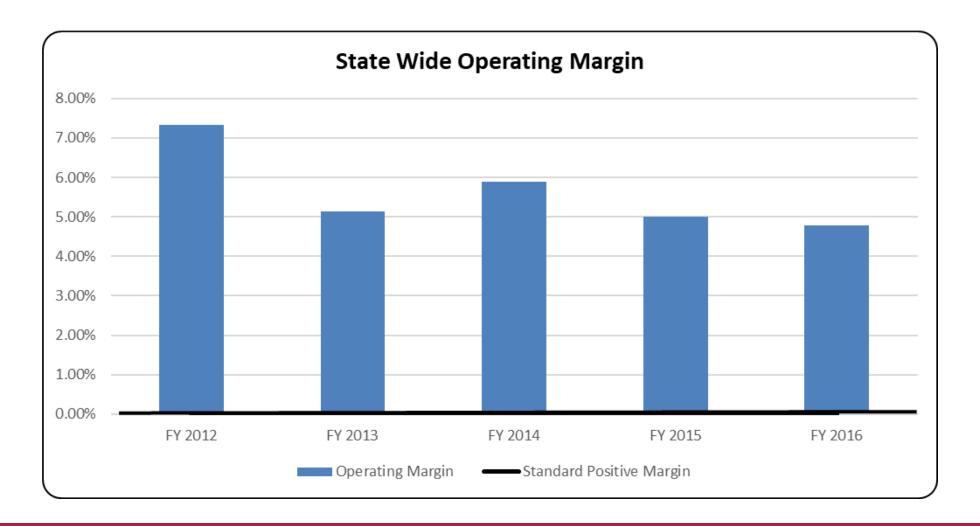




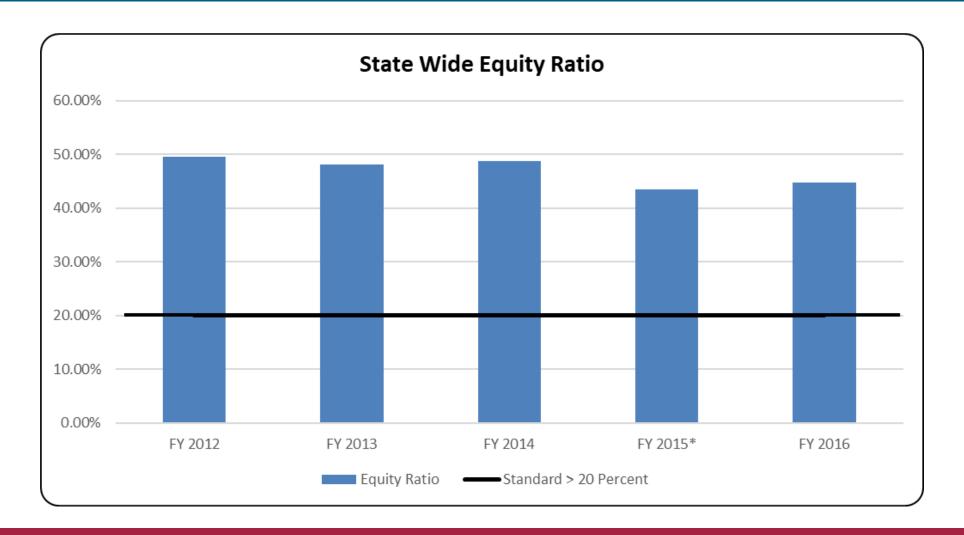




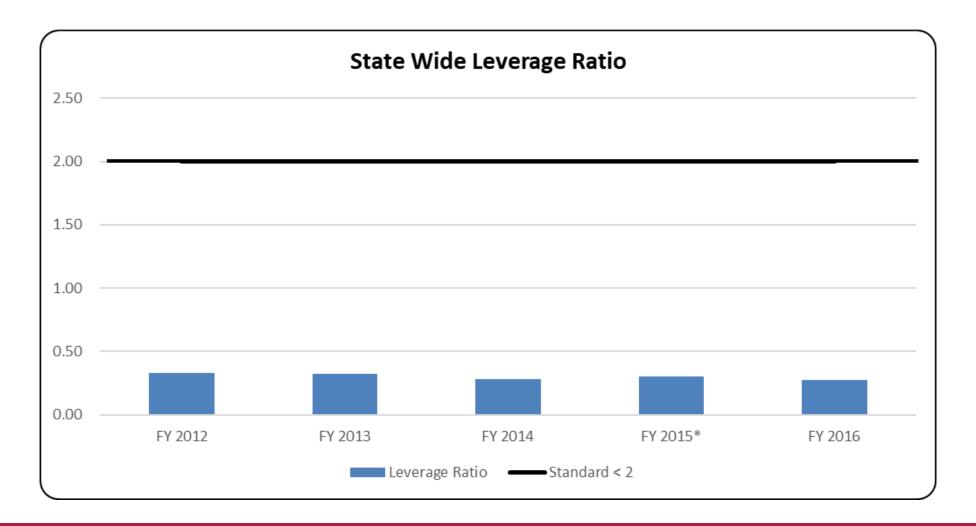




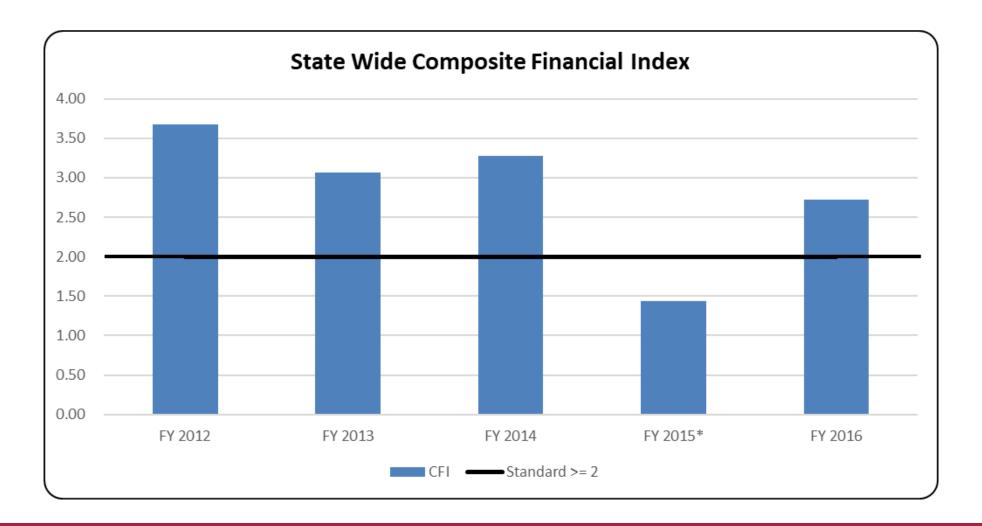








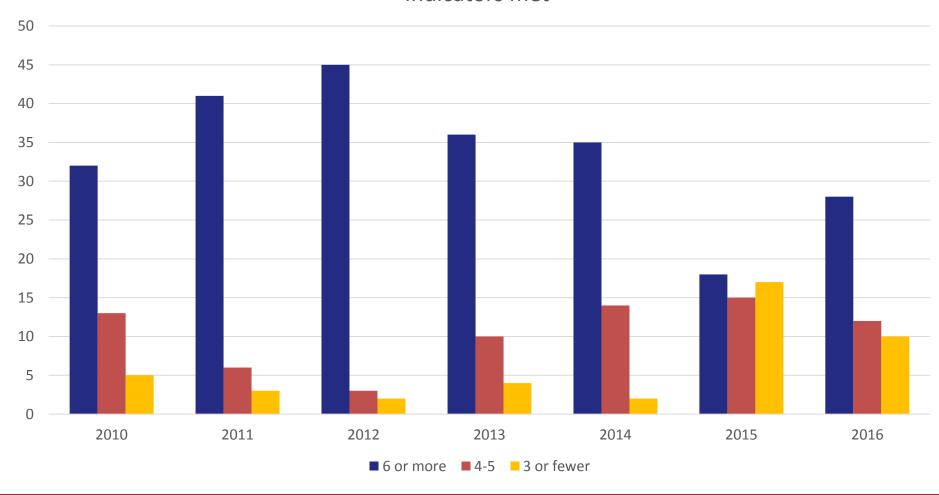






Overall Analysis

Indicators met





Summary

- Robust system
- Digests complicated financial data into usable information
- Allows broad or detailed analysis
- Very high level of transparency
- Stimulates questions and focuses inquiry
- Formative assessment, not summative





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