

## **Representative Ruth Jones McClendon: Community College Funding Restoration**

AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO – State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon (D-San Antonio) released the following statement today, in response to news that the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) will take action to counteract the veto in June by Governor Rick Perry of the \$154 million legislative appropriation passed in May for public community and junior colleges in Texas:

"I am relieved to learn that Community Colleges in Texas will not have to cut their budgets to make up for the post-Session veto of this funding. Locally, this would have forced a \$12 million budget reduction for the Alamo Community College District, which would have required drawing a substantial amount of funds away from other resources. This solution should allow Texas Community Colleges to rescind any planned tuition, fee or tax increases that would have been necessary over the next two fiscal years, as a result of the veto. I'm extremely glad a solution has finally been identified and set in motion. "