



# **BORRIS L. MILES**

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## **Statement by Senator Borris L. Miles on the State Auditor's Final Report on Texas Southern University**

"The Texas State Auditor recently released its final report on Texas Southern University, and the State Auditor's office did identify weaknesses in the university's financial controls, procurement, and reporting systems. These findings are not to be taken lightly; it is imperative that the University administration and board correct these issues promptly and efficiently.

**"While it is clear the University has issues, it was irresponsible and biased for any elected official to assert there was criminal conduct before the audit was completed."**

"The fact that this audit rose to the level of calling for an investigation by the Texas Rangers is deeply disturbing and concerning. I do not remember a time when any public university had SAO initial findings leaked before the University was allowed to respond and final report completed.

"As the state senator that represents TSU, I agree that reforms are necessary, and to its credit, TSU has already begun the process to address the deficiencies, training and internal accountability outlined in the report. But this should not undermine this HBCU's mission to its student body, their education, welfare, and the long-term health of this historic university.

"As I stated on several occasions, I hope this was not another attempt by the State to strip this university of its independence and force it into a state system. Oversight should strengthen accountability while preserving the integrity and independence of this institution and respecting the will of the community it serves."

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