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<u>ARTICLE IX</u>						
CLASSIFIED POSITIONS FOR THE 2012-13 BIENNIUM	Page IX- 1-15 Rider Packet, page 1-30		Page IX- 1-15 Rider Packet, page 1-30		\$ -	Neither version requires appropriation; however, House effectively requires salary increases for some SAO identified underpaid positions. Senate version requires no salary increases.
Sec. 3.01. Salary Rates. Subsection (h)	Page IX- 17-18 Rider Packet, page 31-32		Page IX- 17-18 Rider Packet, page 31-32		\$ -	House version contains unnecessary Subsection (h).
Sec. 3.05. Scheduled Exempt Positions.	Page IX- 18-20 Rider Packet, page 32-37		Page IX-18-20 Rider Packet, page 32-37		\$ -	Senate adds two positions (School for Blind & Visually Impaired and School for the Deaf Superintendents) to Schedule of Exempt Positions subject to Subsection (e) salary increase.
Sec. 3.13. Hiring Freeze.	Page IX- 21 - 22 Rider Packet, page 37-38				\$ -	House provides "State agency" may not fill vacant job positions during biennium except positions critically related to core agency functions.
Sec. 6.23. Legislative Intent.	Page IX- 35 Rider Packet, page 39				\$ -	House expresses intent that General Revenue not be used to compel purchase or enforce purchase of health insurance coverage.

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Sec. 10.04. Informational Listing-Health Care Appropriations.	Page IX-44 - 45 Rider Packet, page 40-41		Page IX-43 - 44 Rider Packet, page 40-41		\$ -	Senate and House provisions differ based on funding decisions made in Articles I-VIII.
Sec.10.05. Informational Listing on Use of Tobacco Settlement Receipts.	Page IX-45 - 47 Rider Packet, page 41-45		Page IX-44 - 46 Rider Packet, page 41-45			Senate and House provisions differ based on funding decisions made in Articles I-VIII.
Sec. 13.07. Appropriation of Specialty License Plate Receipts.	Page IX-55 - 56 Rider Packet, page 46-47		Page IX-55 Rider Packet, page 46		\$ 2,723,000	House appropriates half of revenues and no balances while Senate appropriates all revenues related to license plates.
Sec. 15.01. Reimbursements for Unemployment Benefits.	Page IX-60 - 61 Rider Packet, page 48-49					House includes traditional text of rider requiring agencies to share costs associated with ex-employees. Senate places rider in Article XI.
Sec. 17.02. Reduction for Employee Benefits.			Page IX-68 Rider Packet, page 50		\$ 24,365,902	Senate reduces amounts appropriated for social security to reflect less payroll growth.
Sec. 18.01. Informational Listing General Obligation Bonds.	Page IX-71 Rider Packet, page 51		Page IX-69 Rider Packet, page 51			Senate and House provisions differ based on funding decisions made in Articles I-VIII.
Sec. 18.06. Contingency Appropriation Requiring Statutory Change: General Obligation Bond Proceeds for Cancer Prevention and Research Grants.	Page IX-71 Rider Packet, page 52				\$ 300,000,000	House makes contingent appropriation of bond proceeds and debt service under Article IX while Senate makes appropriations under Article I.
Sec. 18.06. Professional Development Partnerships for Early Childhood Education.			Page IX-70 Rider Packet, page 52			Senate provides for transfer of federal funds from Workforce Commission to Texas Education Agency for Early Childhood Education.

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Sec. 18.07. Contingency Provision: Sexual Assault Prevention and Intervention.		Page IX-71 - 72 Rider Packet, page 52-54			\$ 61,400,000	House makes contingent appropriation for sexual assault prevention and assistance to victims.
Sec. 18.07. Funding Contingent upon the Passage of Legislation.			Page IX-70 Rider Packet, page 54			Senate directs LBB to make list of bills passed by one chamber of legislature.
Sec. 18.08. Administration of Programs.		Page IX-72 Rider Packet, page 54-55				House directs agencies to improve efficiency, maximize federal funding, comply with laws, and conduct study to determine if new programs or service expansion improves performance of agency.
Sec. 18.08. Limitation on Use of Appropriated Funds to Rehire Return-to-Work Retirees.			Page IX-70 Rider Packet, page 54			Senate restricts use of appropriated funds for paying certain retirees' salaries.
Sec. 18.09. Fee Revenue Increases Contingent on Legislation.		Page IX-73 Rider Packet, page 55				House prohibits use of appropriations from new fee revenues unless specifically approved by new statute.
Sec. 18.09. Contingency for SB 1811 Foundation School Program Deferral.			Page IX-70 Rider Packet, page 55		\$ 2,000,000,000	Senate defers Foundation School Program funding contingent on SB1811.
Sec. 18.10. Payroll Contribution for Group Health Insurance.			Page IX-70 Rider Packet, page 55-56		\$ 160,000,000	Senate requires agencies and certain institutions to transfer 1% of salaries to ERS Group Benefits Program with corresponding decrease in GR appropriation to ERS.

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Sec. 18.11. Increase Tax Compliance and State Revenue Related to Natural Gas Tax Collections.			Page IX-71 Rider Packet, page 57		\$ 678,667	Contingent on Comptroller's certification of additional revenue Senate appropriates funds and authorizes 5 additional tax auditors at Comptroller's office.
Sec. 18.12. Appropriation Reduction.			Page IX-71 Rider Packet, page 57		\$ 1,250,000,000	Senate reduces FY 2013 appropriations to Medicaid program by \$1.25 billion by reducing \$1 billion appropriated to DADS and reducing \$250 million appropriated to HHSC.
Sec. 18.13. Reduction to State Appropriations.			Page IX-71 Rider Packet, page 57-58		\$ 690,000,000	Contingent on change to Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate, the Senate reduces all appropriations made under the Act from GR or GR-D accounts, save for the Foundation School Program, by 1.2%.