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	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Supreme Court of Texas								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 5,137,726	\$ 5,137,726	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Court of Criminal Appeals								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 6,685,068	\$ 6,685,068	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
14 Appellate Courts								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 13,087,337	\$ 13,087,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	33.1	33.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 159,903,986	\$ 160,297,382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	24.0	24.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Office of Capital Writs								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 296,675	\$ 296,675	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
State Law Library								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 326,248	\$ 326,248	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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State Commission on Judicial Conduct									
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 270,622	\$ 270,622	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department									
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,937,585	\$ 2,009,418	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Special Provisions									
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 187,645,247	\$ 188,110,476	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
COST-OUT ADJUSTMENTS									
1. Office of Court Administration: GEER recommendation to increase training efforts on court costs and fees for local court personnel. (Contingent on legislation)	\$ (504,310)	\$ (504,310)			\$ -	\$ -			
Technical Adjustments:									
					\$ -	\$ -			
Agency Requests:									
1. Office of Court Administration: Guardianship Examination Fees	\$ (15,000)	\$ (15,000)			\$ -	\$ -			
Total Cost-out Adjustments	\$ (519,310)	\$ (519,310)			\$ -	\$ -			
Total GR & GR-Ded Adopted Items less Cost-out Adjust	\$ 188,164,557	\$ 187,591,166			\$ -	\$ -			

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Total, Full-time Equivalentents / Tentative Decisions	66.6	66.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article IV, The Judiciary Supreme Court of Texas Exceptional Items	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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Technical Adjustments:								
1. Rider 6, Texas Young Lawyers License Plate Receipts Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE) for 2014-15 estimates receipts of \$16,000 per fiscal year; Senate Bill 1 appropriates an estimated \$20,000 per fiscal year. (Text change only)	\$ -	\$ -						
Performance Review & Other Budget Recommendations:								
None.								
Agency Requests:								
1. <i>Staff Attorney Pay Increases</i> Across the board salary increases for staff attorneys for Attorney Vs (13 FTEs), the annual salary would increase from \$93,232 to \$100,232; for the General Counsel IV and Clerk of the Court the annual salaries would increase from \$107,000 to approximately \$111,000.	\$ 198,000	\$ 198,000						
2. <i>Non-legal Staff Pay Increases</i> Non-legal staff salary increases likely to be across the board to raise deputy court clerk salaries to levels comparable with other appellate court clerks. (26 FTEs in 13 positions/classifications; average annual salary increase of \$1,750).	\$ 91,000	\$ 91,000						
3. <i>Support for the Supreme Court Rules Function</i>	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000						

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1 FTE (a Legal Assistant) to assist Rules Attorney with Court's rule-making authority (\$60,000 per fiscal year).									
4. <i>General Revenue for Basic Civil Legal Services</i>	\$ 4,598,726	\$ 4,598,726							
Reverse recommended General Revenue reduction related to additional Judicial Fund No. 573 receipts.									
5. <i>Funding for Supreme Court Committee Travel</i>	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000							
6. <i>Court Reporter for the Supreme Court Advisory Committee</i>	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000							
Contract to transcribe 6-8 Supreme Court Advisory Committee Meetings per year (\$25,000 per fiscal year).									
Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:									
Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 5,137,726	\$ 5,137,726	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2015
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article IV, The Judiciary Court of Criminal Appeals Exceptional Items	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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Technical Adjustments:								
None.								
Performance Review & Other Budget Recommendations:								
None.								
Agency Requests:								
1. <i>Enhance Appellate Court Operations (includes 2 FTEs)</i>	\$ 1,292,846	\$ 1,292,846						
(a) Increase annual salary for General Counsel (\$95,000 to \$107,000 annually), and 24 Staff Attorneys (average annual increase of \$17,401; \$429,634 per fiscal year);								
(b) Increase annual salaries for nine law clerks from \$48,000 to \$50,000 annually (\$18,000 per fiscal year);								
(c) Increase 23 non-legal staff salaries (average annual increase of \$3,721; \$85,573 per fiscal year);								
(d) Restore 1 staff attorney position (\$93,231 per fiscal year); and								
(e) Custodian position (1 FTE, \$20,000 per fiscal year).								

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2. <i>Additional Funds for Judicial Education</i>	\$ 1,370,000	\$ 1,370,000						
* The Comptroller's BRE projects total available revenue in 2014-15 of \$18.5 million in Fund 540. SB 1 provides \$16.7 million for judicial education. This leaves \$1.8 million in funds available for additional appropriations in 2014-15, an amount sufficient to fund this exceptional item request.								
(a) Increase of \$150,000 per fiscal year for Rider 8, Actual Innocence Training;								
(b) Increase of \$200,000 per fiscal year additional in administrative allocation (i.e. in addition to 3% allocation) for Rider 2b;								
(c) Increase of \$50,000 between fiscal years and between biennia in unexpended balance (currently set at \$100,000) authority for Rider 9, Unexpended Balance Authority Between Biennia and Within the Biennium; and								
(d) Increase of \$285,000 for unexpended balance authority for Rider 6, Refunds of Unexpended Balances from Training Authorities.								

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3. <i>Restoration/Additional Funds for Judicial Education</i>								
There is insufficient revenue available in Fund 540 to fund this item. (* See item 2 statement above.)	\$ 4,022,222	\$ 4,022,222						
(a) \$71,250 per fiscal year for Rider 2a, Judicial Education, Constitutional County Judges;								
(b) \$296,250 per fiscal year for Rider 3a, Continuing Education for Prosecutors and Criminal Defense Attorneys (Prosecutors);								
(c) \$245,000 per fiscal year for Rider 3b, Continuing Education for Prosecutors and Criminal Defense Attorneys (Criminal Defense Attorneys);								
(d) \$67,500 per fiscal year for Rider 6, Refunds of Unexpended Balances from Training Entities;								
(e) \$50,000 per fiscal year for Rider 8, Actual Innocence Training;								
(f) \$57,500 per fiscal year for Rider 10, Public Defender Training; and								
(g) \$1,223,611 per fiscal year for grants per Government Code, Sec. 56.003 (\$407,870 each for the three grantees: Texas Center for the Judiciary, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, and Texas Justice Courts Training Center).								
Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:								

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Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 6,685,068	\$ 6,685,068	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Article IV, The Judiciary 14 Appellate Courts Exceptional Items	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
None.								
Performance Review & Other Budget Recommendations								
None.								
Agency Requests:								
<i>First Court of Appeals, Houston</i>	\$ 1,480,479	\$ 1,480,479						
Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 6.0 FTEs)								
<i>Second Court of Appeals, Fort Worth</i>	\$ 1,519,734	\$ 1,519,734						
(a) Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 2.0 FTEs) - \$1,268,556								
(b) Technology Request (technology upgrades, including telephone system, scanners) - \$251,178								
<i>Third Court of Appeals, Austin</i>	\$ 859,150	\$ 859,150						
Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 1.0 FTE)								
<i>Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio</i>	\$ 1,184,842	\$ 1,184,842						
Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 4.0 FTEs)								
<i>Fifth Court of Appeals, Dallas</i>	\$ 2,026,722	\$ 2,026,722						
Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 5.1 FTEs)								
<i>Sixth Court of Appeals, Texarkana</i>	\$ 488,325	\$ 488,325						
Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 0 FTE)								

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	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
<i>Seventh Court of Appeals, Amarillo</i>	\$ 636,698	\$ 636,698						
Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 2.0 FTEs)								
<i>Eighth Court of Appeals, El Paso</i>	\$ 487,314	\$ 487,314						
Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 2.0 FTEs)								
<i>Ninth Court of Appeals, Beaumont</i>	\$ 646,104	\$ 646,104						
Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 1.0 FTEs)								
<i>Tenth Court of Appeals, Waco</i>	\$ 523,282	\$ 523,282						
Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 1.0 FTE and \$403,282 for building/court relocation)								
<i>Eleventh Court of Appeals, Eastland</i>	\$ 496,383	\$ 496,383						
Similar Funding - Same-Sized Courts (includes 1.0 FTE)								
<i>Twelfth Court of Appeals, Tyler</i>	\$ 442,152	\$ 442,152						
Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 2.0 FTEs)								
<i>Thirteenth Court of Appeals, Corpus Christi</i>	\$ 844,238	\$ 844,238						
Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts (includes 3.0 FTEs)								
<i>Fourteenth Court of Appeals, Houston</i>	\$ 1,451,914	\$ 1,451,914						
Similar Funding Same-Sized Courts (includes 3.0 FTEs)								

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Article IV, The Judiciary 14 Appellate Courts Exceptional Items	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:								
Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 13,087,337	\$ 13,087,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	33.1	33.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Courts of Appeals

Similar Funding for Same-Size Courts Block Grant

Allocation of Block Grant Funds to Categories

Requested Funding for 2014-15

Similar Funding for Same-Sized Courts - Allocation to Categories											
COA	Justices	Reclassify Law Clerks	Attorney Staff	Non-Attorney Staff	Attorney Salaries	Non-Attorney Salaries	Operating Costs	Total	Restored FTEs	New FTEs	Total FTEs
1	9	\$ 78,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 429,872	\$ 261,726	\$ 80,881	\$ 1,480,479	5.0	1.0	6.0
2	7	\$ 76,760	\$ 177,200	\$ 84,460	\$ 346,278	\$ 245,984	\$ 337,874	\$ 1,268,556	2.0		2.0
3	6	\$ -	\$ 177,200	\$ -	\$ 546,000	\$ 92,788	\$ 43,162	\$ 859,150	1.0		1.0
4	7	\$ 304,800	\$ -	\$ 346,080	\$ 83,696	\$ 124,002	\$ 326,264	\$ 1,184,842		4.0	4.0
5	13	\$ -	\$ 445,000	\$ 94,276	\$ 973,895	\$ 340,691	\$ 172,860	\$ 2,026,722	5.1		5.1
6	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 201,000	\$ 137,325	\$ 150,000	\$ 488,325	-		-
7	4	\$ -	\$ 195,000	\$ 69,800	\$ 257,600	\$ 36,758	\$ 77,540	\$ 636,698	1.0	1.0	2.0
8	3	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ 66,565	\$ 182,000	\$ 42,435	\$ 36,314	\$ 487,314	1.0	1.0*	2.0
9	4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ 322,600	\$ 124,824	\$ 118,680	\$ 646,104	1.0		1.0
10	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 403,282	\$ 523,282		1.0	1.0
11	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 136,383	\$ 496,383		1.0	1.0
12	3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,980	\$ 160,700	\$ 49,042	\$ 61,430	\$ 442,152	1.0	1.0	2.0
13	6	\$ -	\$ 177,200	\$ 168,920	\$ 392,532	\$ 61,594	\$ 43,992	\$ 844,238	1.5	1.5	3.0
14	9	\$ 226,600	\$ 354,400	\$ 66,607	\$ 278,508	\$ 125,799	\$ 400,000	\$ 1,451,914	3.0	*	3.0
		\$ 686,160	\$ 1,866,000	\$ 1,707,688	\$ 4,354,681	\$ 1,832,968	\$ 2,388,662	\$ 12,836,159	21.6	10.5	33.1

* FTE numbers have been updated from LAR submission

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Technical Adjustments:								
None								
Performance Review & Other Budget Recommendations:								
1. Increase appropriations and include a rider that allocates these funds for four FTEs to develop and provide education to local court personnel on court costs and fees. Revenue from the consolidated court cost would offset the cost of the FTEs. (Revenue gain is contingent on legislation).	\$ 504,310	\$ 504,310						
Agency Requests - Office of Court Administration:								
1. <i>Technology Support for State Courts and Judicial Agencies (includes 2 FTEs)</i>	\$ 2,212,171	\$ 2,212,171						
(a) Includes funds to replace 60% of the computers and related hardware for the appellate courts and judicial agencies (\$1,766,835 in fiscal year 2014 only).								
(b) Funding for 2 FTE programmers. Agency had a loss of 3.4 FTEs in the 2012-13 biennium, and as a result, only has 2 programmers to support multiple software systems - (\$322,336).								
(c) Funding for the 5th Court of Appeals (Dallas) to offset the cost of its on-site network technician. The use of an on-site technician reduces the workload for OCA network technicians and expedites resolution of network issues - (\$123,000).								

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2.	<i>Court Administration (includes 4 FTEs)</i>	\$ 527,660	\$ 527,660						
	(a) Judicial Information: Includes funding for a communications director and a research specialist. Because the OCA is the central repository for information on the Judicial Branch, providing information quickly and on demand is dependant on staffing. (2 FTEs, \$290,700 for the biennium)								
	(b) Court Services: Includes funding for a court coordinator. Because OCA is mandated to consult with and assist courts, delivery of consulting services to the courts is difficult without adequate staff. This position has been held vacant because of recent budget cuts. (1 FTE, \$142,850 for the biennium)								
	(c) Administrative Support Staff: Funding request for administrative support staff. Because of additional workload imposed on OCA, including 5 new functions since 2005, staff is needed. (1 FTE, \$94,110 for the biennium)								
3.	<i>Coordination of Language Access in Courts (includes 3 FTEs)</i> - Funding request to establish a language access program at OCA to provide direct interpreter assistance to the courts in Texas. Funding request includes:	\$ 389,395	\$ 389,395						

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	(a) Request for funds to employ Spanish interpreters who may assist the courts (mostly rural) via the internet or telephone (2 FTEs);								
	(b) Employ one language access coordinator (1 FTE); and								
	(c) Appropriation of \$25,000 per fiscal year for interpreter services in languages not provided by OCA.								
4.	<i>Certification Division (includes 3 FTEs)</i> - Realign 3 regulatory boards (Court Reporters Certification Board, Process Server Board, and Guardianship Certification Board) into a single division.	\$ 412,798	\$ 412,798						
	(a) Funding for a division director (1 FTE), an executive assistant (1 FTE) and additional administrative support (1 FTE). (\$170,568 per fiscal year for salaries; \$49,956 in fiscal year 2014 for one-time office set up costs.)								
	(b) Request includes travel funds for the Process Server Review Board; members are not compensated, however, travel reimbursement has been granted. (\$20,000 over the biennium.)								
5.	<i>Specialty Courts (includes 8 FTEs)</i>	\$ 1,180,154	\$ 1,517,412						
	(a) One additional child support court in El Paso, due to growing caseload. OCA employs 43 associated judges to hear and dispose of Title IV-D child support cases. (2 FTEs) (\$307,556 over biennium)								

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(b) Three new child protection courts due to growing caseload. OCA has 17 child protection courts serving 120 counties. In FY 2011, held over 27,000 hearings. (\$951,464 over biennium)								
(c) Salary increases for court coordinators in the child support and child protection courts. (\$204,642 over biennium)								
(d) Professional development for child support court coordinators. (\$53,750 for fiscal year 2014)								
6. <i>Docket Equalization</i>	\$ 20,174	\$ 20,174						
Funding supports the Supreme Court's transfer of cases from one court of appeals to another; covers traveling from one location to another.								
7. <i>Unexpended Balance Authority within the biennium, Strategy C.1.3, Guardians and Process Servers</i>	\$ -	\$ -						
OCA requests UB Authority within the biennium for Strategy C.1.3. All other OCA appropriations, except for Texas.gov, have UB Authority.								

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		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
8.	<i>Amend Rider 3, Information Services for the Trial Courts</i>	\$ -	\$ -						
	OCA requests deletion of the set aside for trial court IT services (\$1,173,931) in Rider 3. In the alternative, if a dollar amount must be stated, OCA requests that they calculate the set aside.								
9.	<i>Rider Request- Guardianship Examination Fees</i>	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000						
	OCA requests the addition of a new rider, Guardianship Examination Fees, which would appropriate examination fees to the agency to offset the cost of developing and administering the certification exam. (New / additional revenue)								
10.	<i>Specialty Courts- Salary Increases for Associate Judges</i>	\$ 642,324	\$ 698,462						
	Agency requests addition of a 4th tier to the salary schedule established by the Presiding Judges of the Administrative Judicial Regions. Currently the maximum salary for a judge is \$100,194 per fiscal year. The new maximum salary would be \$112,500 (55 judges).								

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Article IV, The Judiciary Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council Exceptional Items		GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Agency Requests - Texas Indigent Defense Commission									
1.	<i>Indigent Defense - Restore Funding</i>	\$ 18,466,531	\$ 18,466,531						
	Texas Indigent Defense Commission requests restoration of estimated appropriation and unexpended balance authority that was eliminated during the Eighty-second Legislative Session, 2011. Agency currently has sum certain appropriation in the 2012-13 biennium, and the removal of estimated appropriation and unexpended balance authority resulted in funds in the General Revenue-Dedicated Fair Defense Account No. 5073 that cannot be used for the statutory purposes.								
2.	<i>Indigent Defense - Provide Full Funding to Counties</i>	\$ 135,533,469	\$ 135,533,469						
	TIDC through the administration of the grant programs fund approximately 15 percent of the cost of indigent defense, with counties covering about 85 percent. Funding of this exceptional item would help defray the costs borne by the counties for indigent defense representation. (Agency proposes that funding come from General Revenue.)								

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		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
3.	<i>Rider 8, Texas Indigent Defense Commission</i>	\$ -	\$ -						
	TIDC requested revision includes adding estimated appropriation and unexpended balance authority for Fair Defense Account No. 5073 as well as consolidating TIDC administrative costs for indigent defense and innocence project grants in single rider. The administrative costs associated with Innocence Project grants to four state law schools (\$80,000 per year and 1 FTE) is included in Rider 11, Innocence Projects in Senate Bill 1.								
4.		\$ -	\$ -						
	TIDC rider revision request would move language regarding administrative costs to Rider 8; consolidating all TIDC administrative costs into one rider.								
Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:									
Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 159,903,986	\$ 160,297,382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions		24.0	24.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article IV, The Judiciary Office of Capital Writs Exceptional Items	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 2 2014-15 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
None.								
Performance Review & Other Budget Recommendations:								
None.								
Agency Requests:								
1. Restore funding to OCW to the level appropriated by the Legislature in fiscal year 2011 and increase FTE positions (4 FTEs)	\$ 296,675	\$ 296,675						
(a) \$200,000 from General Revenue-Dedicated Fair Defense Account, to provide funding for 2 FTEs in both fiscal years of the biennium (one attorney and one investigator).								
(b) \$96,675 from General Revenue-Dedicated Fair Defense Account, to provide funding for 2 additional FTEs in fiscal year 2015 (one attorney and one legal support staff member) only.								
Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:								
Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 296,675	\$ 296,675	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 2 2014-15 Biennial Total	
Article IV, The Judiciary Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney Exceptional Items	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
None.								
Performance Review & Other Budget Recommendations:								
None.								
Agency Requests:								
None.								
Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:								
Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 2 2014-15 Biennial Total	
Article IV, The Judiciary State Law Library Exceptional Items	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
None.								
Performance Review & Other Budget Recommendations:								
None.								
Agency Requests:								
1. <i>One librarian (1 FTE, \$49,000 per fiscal year) and one part-time library assistant (0.5 FTE, \$14,124 per fiscal year)</i>	\$ 126,248	\$ 126,248						
2. <i>Books and Materials</i>	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000						
Increase funding for updates and supplements to standard reference materials. According to agency, legal periodical prices increase nearly 8% annually and baseline funding for 2014-15 would be inadequate to bring necessary research materials up-to-date.								
Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:								
Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 326,248	\$ 326,248	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article IV, The Judiciary State Commission on Judicial Conduct Exceptional Items	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 2 2014-15 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
None.								
Performance Review & Other Budget Recommendations:								
None.								
Agency Requests:								
1. <i>Additional Staff Attorney (1 FTE)</i>	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000						
One additional staff attorney (\$80,000 per fiscal year) for the purposes of not only lowering the time a case takes for resolution, but also reducing case backlog.								
2. <i>Increase Attorney Salaries</i>	\$ 110,622	\$ 110,622						
Staff Attorney (4 attorneys) salary increases (\$55,311 per fiscal year). Requested increases range from \$13,050 to \$17,500 per attorney and would bring each attorney's salary to \$80,000 per fiscal year.								
Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:								
Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 270,622	\$ 270,622	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article IV, The Judiciary Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department Exceptional Items	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 2 2014-15 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Amend Rider 9, Appropriation Transfers to remove the requirement that the Judiciary Section provide advance notification of appropriation transfers. The Judiciary Section would continue to provide notification of transfers under the amendment.								
Performance Review & Other Budget Recommendations:								
None.								
Agency Requests:								
1. <i>Visiting Judges, Regions</i>	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000						
The presiding judges of the administrative judicial regions administer the visiting judge program for district courts. The judges are requesting a partial restoration of funds decreased from 2010-11 appropriated levels. The additional General Revenue funding would allow the presiding judges to make additional assignments, as needed, of visiting judges statewide when the active judge needs assistance with heavy dockets, illness, recusals, military service, and other unplanned reasons.								

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	Items Not Included in SB 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 2 2014-15 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
<i>2. Public Integrity Unit, Travis County</i>	\$ 681,392	\$ 681,392						
(a) A total of \$548,187 from General Revenue (\$375,154) and the General Revenue-Insurance Companies Maintenance Tax and Insurance Department Fees account (\$173,033) to maintain 3 positions in 2014 and 4.5 positions in 2015 in the General State Investigations and Insurance Fraud Divisions under county-forecasted compensation and benefits increases;								
(b) In the event that Item 2(a) is not funded, a request of \$154,664 to maintain 1.5 positions in each division, based on an annualization of 2013 funded levels (\$86,040 from General Revenue and \$68,624 from the General Revenue-Insurance Companies Maintenance Tax and Insurance Department Fees account); and								
(c) \$133,205 from General Revenue for a new part-time assistant district attorney in the General State Investigations Division to assist with an increasing caseload of state tax fraud cases. Fraud cases include sales and excise, motor vehicle sales and rentals, and cigarette and tobacco taxes.								

Article IV, The Judiciary Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department Exceptional Items	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 2 2014-15 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
3. <i>Special Prosecution Unit, Walker County</i>	\$ 479,456	\$ 551,289						
(a) <u>Criminal Division</u> requests include: i) \$21,443 from Criminal Justice Grants (Other Funds) for county-forecasted increases in health insurance costs; ii) \$50,800 to provide insurance benefits for three employees upon retirement, which are provided to other county retirees until the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare; iii) \$105,148 from General Revenue to provide a 4 percent pay raise to retain quality staff; and, iv) \$80,000 from General Revenue to purchase five new vehicles to replace vehicles with mileage in excess of 140,000. <u>Alternatively</u> , with regard to the vehicle request, previous Legislatures have authorized the Department of Public Safety to transfer low-mileage vehicles to Walker County for the Criminal Division's use. The rider-authorized transfer could be made at no cost to the bill.								
(b) <u>Civil Division</u> requests include: i) \$16,330 from General Revenue for county-forecasted increases in health insurance costs; ii) \$128,000 to restore funding to provide two expert witnesses in a projected 17 complex cases out of 50 commitments initiated each fiscal year, as well as 3 anticipated retrials; and iii) \$93,530 from General Revenue to provide a 4 percent pay raise to retain quality staff.								

Article IV, The Judiciary Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department Exceptional Items	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
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	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
(c) <u>Juvenile Division</u> requests include: i) \$9,186 from General Revenue for county-forecasted increases in health insurance costs; and, ii) \$47,262 from General Revenue to provide a 4 percent pay raise to retain quality staff.								
4. <i>Montgomery County - 435th District Court.</i> A request for funds from General Revenue for county-forecasted compensation and benefits increases, as well as increases in operating expenses.	\$ 26,737	\$ 26,737						
<u>Workgroup Rider and Program Revisions and Additions:</u>								
Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,937,585	\$ 2,009,418	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total, Full-time Equivalentents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 1 2014-15 Biennial Total		Priority 2 2014-15 Biennial Total	
Article IV, The Judiciary Special Provisions Exceptional Items	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
None.								
Performance Review & Other Budget Recommendations:								
None.								
Agency Requests:								
<i>Courts of Appeals</i>								
1. <i>Delete Sec. 7, Appellate Court Salary Limits</i>								
The Fourteen Courts of Appeals request deletion of Sec. 7, which establishes salary limits for attorneys hired or promoted during a particular biennium to maintain comparable salaries for legal staff among the fourteen courts. The Courts' position is that salaries for attorneys are governed by the State Classification Act and no further restrictions need apply.								
Note: if the Appellate Court Salary Limit is continued, the salary limit for staff attorneys hired or promoted after September 1, 2013 should equal \$88,600 and for chief staff attorneys \$97,500.								
Total, Exceptional Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0