

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2014-15 General Appropriations Bill

Article IX

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	2014	2015	2014	2015		
<u>APPROPRIATION FOR A SALARY INCREASE FOR GENERAL STATE EMPLOYEES</u>						
Appropriations Made in Riders	\$ 151,016,162	\$ 151,016,163	\$ 43,844,597	\$ 87,689,194	\$ 170,498,534	Senate provides an appropriation of \$302,032,324 for a 3% salary increase for general state employees with certain positions receiving targeted increases excluded; House provides an appropriation of 1% of payroll (\$131,533,791) for funding for merit increases for general state employees with certain positions receiving targeted increases excluded.
Sec. 17.06/Sec. 17.09 Appropriation for a Salary Increase for General State Employees						

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<u>APPROPRIATION FOR INCREASE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES IN SALARY SCHEDULE C</u>						
Appropriations Made in Riders	IX-65 \$ 59,168,736	\$59,168,736	IX-66 \$ 29,545,931	\$ 29,545,931	\$ 59,245,610	Senate provides appropriation of \$118,337,472 for a 10% salary increase and equity adjustment for Schedule C employees; House provides appropriation of \$59,091,862 for an equity adjustment.
Sec. 17.07/Sec. 17.11 Appropriation for an Equity Adjustment and 10 Percent Salary Increase for State Employees in Schedule C.	IX-65 Rider Packet, page IX-24		IX-66 Rider Packet, page IX-24			

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<u>CONTINGENCY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CANCER PREV & RESEACH INSTITUTE</u>	N/A		IX-67			
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) in Riders	0.0	0.0	7.0	7.0		
Appropriations Made in Riders	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 306,124,830	\$ 297,062,446	\$ 603,187,276	House includes \$594,124,892 appropriation of general obligation bond proceeds to CPRIT to review, award, and administer grants and \$9,062,384 to make related debt service payments, contingent on adoption of a bill relating to the administration of CPRIT.
Sec. 17.13. Contingency for Administration of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute.	N/A		IX-67 Rider Packet, page IX-32			

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<u>TEA: FOUNDATION SCHOOL PROGRAM</u>		N/A		IX-69		
Appropriations Made in Riders	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 515,000,000	\$ 485,000,000	\$ 1,000,000,000	House includes \$1,000,000,000 in additional funding from the Foundation School Fund to the Foundation School Program. <i>(Amount included in TEA Issue Docket)</i>
Sec. 17.15. Texas Education Agency: Additional Funding for the Foundation School Program.		N/A		IX-69 Rider Packet, page IX-33		

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<u>ARTICLE IX</u>						
Sec. 2.01. Position Classification Plan.	IX-16 Rider Packet, page IX-1		IX-16 Rider Packet, page IX-1			Differences in Classification Salary Schedules for Schedules A, B, and C resulting from different levels of salary increases adopted.
Sec. 3.02. Salary Supplementation.	IX-18 Rider Packet, page IX-4		IX-18 Rider Packet, page IX-4			House includes additional language requiring reporting of the methodology used to determine the salary supplement.
Sec. 3.04. Scheduled Exempt Positions.	IX-18 Rider Packet, page IX-4		IX-18 Rider Packet, page IX-4			House includes Director-Librarian of TSLAC among positions eligible for salary increase with approval of the LBB and Governor.

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Sec. 3.12. Required Compliance with Current Law and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Rulings.		N/A		IX-21 Rider Packet, page IX-8		House includes new section expressing intent that all expenditures in the Act be in accordance with current law, including EEOC rulings.
Sec. 5.05. Travel Meals and Lodging.		IX-23 Rider Packet, page IX-9		IX-23 Rider Packet, page IX-9		House includes additional language setting maximum per diem for lodging for cities without a specific federal rate at \$85 per night.
Sec. 6.08. Benefits Paid Proportional by Fund.		IX-26 Rider Packet, page IX-10		IX-26 Rider Packet, page IX-10		House includes language including junior/community colleges in benefits proportionality; Senate excludes junior/community colleges and provides a contingency for inclusion if legislation limiting GR for benefits contribution to 50% not be adopted. Senate requires audit by SAO; House makes audit by SAO permissive.

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Sec. 6.23 Prohibition on Use of Appropriated Funds for Embryonic Stem Cell Research.		N/A		IX-33 Rider Packet, page IX-11		House includes new section prohibiting the expenditure of appropriated funds on stem cell research unless it involves existing stem cell lines approved by the National Institutes of Health.
Sec. 6.24. State Agency Administration of Programs; Study.		N/A		IX-33 Rider Packet, page IX-11		House includes new section expressing intent that all agencies maximize efficiency, comply with federal and state laws, and study whether new programs would improve agency performance.
Sec. 9.03. Biennial Operating Plan and Information Resources Strategic Plan Approval.		IX-41 Rider Packet, page IX-13		IX-42 Rider Packet, page IX-13		House includes intent language; Senate includes same section without intent language.

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Sec. 9.04. Information Technology Replacement.	IX-42 Rider Packet, page IX-13		IX-42 Rider Packet, page IX-13			Senate includes additional language requiring all technology replacements to be coordinated by DIR through a bulk purchasing effort.
Sec. 11.01. Limitation on Use of Funds for Personal Residences.	IX-46 Rider Packet, page IX-15		IX-46 Rider Packet, page IX-15			Senate includes a cap of \$25,000 on the aggregate amount that may be used for the repair or purchasing of a personal residence; House includes a cap of \$100,000.
Sec. 11.04. State Owned Housing.	IX-48 Rider Packet, page IX-15		IX-47 Rider Packet, page IX-15			Senate includes language that the amount of revenue recovered should meet the mandated goals; House does not include that language.
Sec. 11.07. Use of Water Conservation Techniques in State Construction.	N/A		IX-48 Rider Packet, page IX-16			House includes new section requiring consideration of water conservation in remodeling and new construction of state buildings.

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Sec. 13.06. Study on Cost of Education Adjustment.		N/A	IX-51 Rider Packet, page IX-18			House includes new section requiring the LBB to conduct a study and issue recommendations on the cost of education index adjustment.
Sec. 13.07. Foundation School Program Allotments for Certain Students.		N/A	IX-51 Rider Packet, page IX-17			House includes new section requiring the LBB to conduct a study on FSP allotments for compensatory education, bilingual education and full-day kindergarten.
Sec. 17.02. Appropriation of Proposition 4 General Obligation Bond Proceeds.		IX-62 Rider Packet, page IX-19	IX-62 Rider Packet, page IX-19			Differences reflect the amounts of general obligation bond proceeds appropriated elsewhere in the Act.

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Sec. 17.06. Appropriation for a Salary Increase for General State Employees. (Senate section heading).	IX-64 (Sec. 17.06) Rider Packet, page IX-20		IX-64 (Sec.17.09) Rider Packet, page IX-20			Senate provides a 3% salary increase for general state employees with certain positions receiving targeted increases excluded; House provides 1% of payroll to fund merit increases for general state employees with certain positions receiving targeted increases excluded.
Sec. 17.06. Veterans Services at Other State Agencies.	N/A		IX-64 Rider Packet, page IX-23			House includes new section requiring agencies that provide veterans' services to provide information to veterans about other verteran-specific services provided by other state agencies.
Sec. 17.07. Agency Coordination for Youth Prevention and Intervention Services.	N/A		IX-64 Rider Packet, page IX-23			House includes new section requiring the coordination of juvenile delinquency and dropout prevention and intervention services.

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Sec. 17.07. Appropriation for an Equity Adjustment and 10 Percent Salary Increase for State Employees in Schedule C. (Senate section heading).	IX-65 (Sec. 17.07) Rider Packet, page IX-24		IX-66 (Sec.17.11) Rider Packet, page IX-24			Senate provides a 10% salary increase and equity adjustment for Schedule C employees; House provides for an equity adjustment.
Sec. 17.08. Contingency: Expanded Access for Independent Ombudsman.	N/A		IX-64 Rider Packet, page IX-25			House includes new contingent section requiring the Ombudsman for the Juvenile Justice Department to visit and monitor the Youthful Offender Program within the Department of Criminal Justice.
Sec. 17.09. Funding of Certain Capital Needs.	IX-67 Rider Packet, page IX-26		N/A			Senate includes new section expressing intent to fund certain capital needs.

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Sec. 17.10. Funding Contingent upon the Passage of Legislation.		IX-69 Rider Packet, page IX-29		N/A		Senate includes new section expressing intent to fund certain contingencies.
Sec. 17.11. Certain Targeted Salary Increases. (Senate section heading).		IX-69 (Sec. 17.11) Rider Packet, page IX-29		IX-66 (Sec.17.10) Rider Packet, page IX-29		House and Senate each provide direction for the expenditure for certain targeted salary increases; differences based on underlying decisions of targeted salary increases.
Sec. 17.12. Certain Medicaid Funds.		IX-70 Rider Packet, page IX-31		N/A		Senate includes new section requiring approval by the LBB of any plan to modify Medicaid eligibility and providing principles to be used in approval of the plan.

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Sec. 17.12. Evaluate State Counsel for Offenders.		N/A		IX-67 Rider Packet, page IX-32		House includes new section requiring the Texas Indigent Defense Counsel and the Department of Criminal Justice to conduct a review of the State Counsel for Offenders.
Sec. 17.13. Contingency for Administration of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute.		N/A		IX-67 Rider Packet, page IX-32		House includes section appropriating funding for CPRIT contingent on adoption of a bill relating to the administration of CPRIT.
Sec. 17.15. Texas Education Agency: Additional Funding for the Foundation School Program.		N/A		IX-69 Rider Packet, page IX-33		House includes new contingent section providing additional \$1 billion in funding from the Foundation School Fund to the Foundation School Program. The amount appropriated by the House rider has been included in the Article 3 Issue Docket.