

By: Hinojosa

**Health and Human Services Commission  
Statewide Hospital SDA Reimbursement Add-On**

**Overview**

Add a new rider to the Health and Human Services Commission bill pattern that would direct HHSC to implement a new add-on to the Medicaid hospital reimbursement methodology used for calculating the statewide Standard Dollar Amount.

**Required Action**

On page \_\_\_ of the Health and Human Services Commission bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Reimbursement Add-On to the Statewide Hospital SDA.** No later than January 1, 2016, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall use \$25 million in General Revenue Funds for each year of the biennium out of funds appropriated above in Goal B, Medicaid, to develop and implement an add-on payment to the Medicaid hospital reimbursement methodology that acknowledges the functions and services of hospitals that treat a high number of Medicaid patients. This Standard Dollar Amount (SDA) add-on payment shall be made to hospitals that have at least 30 percent of their annual inpatient admissions paid by Medicaid. It is the intent of the legislature that, to the greatest extent possible, HHSC shall use cost savings generated through other provisions of this act for the SDA add-on payment and hold harmless hospitals that do not meet the threshold for the add-on.

By Sen. Kirk Watson

**Article II, Department of Aging and Disabilities Services  
Independent Ombudsman for State Supported Living Centers to Support Former Austin  
State Supported Living Centers Residents Through and After Closure**

**Overview**

The proposal would direct the Independent Ombudsman for State Supported Living Centers to serve all individuals leaving the Austin SSLC for homes outside the SSLC system. The proposal is contingent on the passage of a provision this session directing the closure of the Austin SSLC.

**Required Action**

On page II-19 of the Department of Aging and Disability Services, add the following new rider:

**\_\_\_\_\_ Independent Ombudsman for State Support Living Centers to Support Former Austin State Supported Living Center Residents Through and After Closure.** Out of funds appropriated above and contingent on passage of legislation directing the closure of the Austin State Supported Living Center, DADS shall allocate to the Independent Ombudsman for State Supported Living Centers \$325,000 in FY 2016 and FY2017 to serve all residents leaving the Austin SSLC for two years following their departure, regardless of their new Texas residence. The number of FTEs shall increase by four FTEs in FY 2016.

By: Whitman

**Department of State Health Services  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
UT Harris County Psychiatric Center Rate Adjustment**

**Overview**

Add a new rider that requires the Department of State Health Services to allocate funds to increase the acute care bed rate at Harris County Psychiatric Center.

**Required Action**

On page II-54 of Senate Bill 2 -- introduced, within the Department of State Health Services bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **University of Texas Harris County Psychiatric Center Rates.** Out of funds appropriated above in strategy C.2.1, Mental Health Community Hospitals, the Department of State Health Services shall allocate \$1,213,103 in General Revenue Funds in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium in order to increase the rate for acute community mental health inpatient services at this facility.

By Senator John Whitmire

*Department of State Health Services*  
**HIV/STD Prevention**

**Overview**

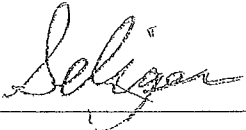
The following action adds a new rider that directs \$896,400 for HIV medications in the Harris County jail. This will provide HIV medications to inmates in the Harris County jail.

**Required Action**

On page 53 of the Department of State Health Services bill pattern, add the following new rider:

- \_\_\_\_. **HIV/STD Prevention.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A2.2, the department shall provide funding for HIV medications in the Harris County (\$896,400 per fiscal year) jail.
- (a) The department shall not reduce the amount of any other funding that Harris County receives under A. Goal: PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION.

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By 

*Department of State Health Services  
Radiation Perpetual Care Account*

**Overview**

The following action makes clarifying changes to DSHS Rider 40 which is needed in order to use the money in the Radiation Perpetual Care Account for the purpose of first responder training and emergency planning along transportation routes to the low-level radioactive waste disposal facility, per SB 347 passed by the 83rd Legislature.

**Required Action**

**40. Estimated Appropriations: Perpetual Care Account**

In the event of an incident involving the release of or abandonment of radioactive material and/or contaminated facilities in Texas under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) or the abandonment of mammography films by a facility registered by the DSHS, DSHS is hereby appropriated any revenues from the DSHS licensees, including the proceeds of securities and interest earned, deposited to the credit of the Perpetual Care Account pursuant to Health and Safety Code, §401.305 (b) and §401.301 (d) during the biennium beginning September 1, 2013 2015 (estimated to be \$1,715,210 \$1,160,000). Of these amounts, up to \$250,000 may be expended for each fiscal year within the current biennium. In the event these expenditures exceed \$250,000 per fiscal year, DSHS may expend additional revenue after receiving the written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. Upon approval, DSHS shall coordinate with the Comptroller of Public Accounts. Any additional unexpended balance on hand in the account as of August 31, 2013 2015 is appropriated to the agency during the biennium for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2013 2015 for the same purpose, subject to the department notifying the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor in writing at least 30 days prior to budgeting and expending these balances.

The funds shall be used in Strategy D.1.3, Radiation Control, to mitigate radioactive

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contamination or abandoned radioactive sources resulting from activities of a DSHS licensee or unlicensed entity or a mammography registrant as provided in the Health and Safety Code, §401.305 (c) - (d), and pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the DSHS relating to the regulations for the control of radiation as applicable, and pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality relating to the regulations for the control of radiation as applicable. In addition, pursuant to Health and Safety Code, §401.052 (d)(4), funds may be used for emergency planning for and response to transportation accidents involving low-level radioactive waste, including first responder training in counties through which radioactive waste is transported.

By: Watson

**Texas Department of State Health Services  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program**

**Overview**

This proposed amendment would ensure that Rider 79 would not apply to a county that contains any medically underserved areas as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program serves eligible at-risk women to be screened for cervical and breast cancer. The proposed action would amend Rider 79 that directs the Texas Department of State Health Services to award funds in Strategy B.1.2 using a methodology that prioritizes to first award public entities; secondly non-public entities that provide screenings as part of comprehensive primary and preventative care; and thirdly non-public entities that provide screenings but do not provide comprehensive primary and preventative care.

**Required Action**

On page II-84 of the Department of State Health Services' bill pattern, amend the following rider:

**79. Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program.** (a) The Department of State Health Services shall allocate funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Women and Children's Health Services for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program using a methodology that prioritizes distribution and reallocation to first award public entities that provide breast and cervical cancer screenings, including state, county, local community health clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and clinics under the Baylor College of Medicine; secondly, non-public entities that provide breast and cervical cancer screenings as part of comprehensive primary and preventative care; and thirdly, non-public entities that provide breast and cervical cancer screenings but do not provide comprehensive primary and preventative care. In compliance with federal law, the department shall ensure the distribution and allocation methodology for funds in Strategy B.1.2, Women and Children's Health Services appropriated for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program does not severely limit or eliminate access to services to any region.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to any county that contains any medically underserved areas of the state as defined and designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

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By \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Joan Huffman \_\_\_\_\_

*Department of State Health Services*  
**Contingent Rider: Mental Health Treatment for Incarceration Diversion Pilot  
Program; Fort Bend County**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$500,000 for mental health treatment for incarceration diversion pilot program in Fort Bend County. The State and Fort Bend County to collaborate to provide a helpful solution to the problem created by the cycling incarceration of person who suffer from mental health issues. Incarceration in a prison is an expense, inadequate, and an ineffective long term solution. This rider would provide \$500,000 to the pilot program and Fort Bend County will match \$500,000 in funds. Reducing incarceration recidivism rate and providing productive citizens is the goal of this program.

**Required Action**

On page \_\_\_\_\_ of the Texas Department of State Health Services' bill pattern, add the following new rider:

- \_\_\_\_. **Contingent Rider Mental Health Treatment for Incarceration Diversion Pilot Program; Fort Bend County**
- a. Contingent on the passage of HB 2597, Texas Department of Health Services will appropriate \$500,000 for fiscal year 2016 and 2017.



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By

Health and Human Services Commission  
Rider Approved by House Appropriations  
Payments to Rural Hospital Providers

**Overview**

Amended Rider 37, Payments to Rural Hospital Providers, in the Health and Human Services Commission bill pattern to define the reimbursement payments to rural hospitals for inpatient, emergency, and outpatient services.

**Required Action**

On page II-\_\_ of the Health and Human Services Commission bill pattern, amend the following rider:

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**37. Payments to Rural Hospital Providers.** In order to ensure that access to inpatient, emergency and outpatient services remain in rural parts of Texas, it is the intent of the Legislature that out of funds appropriated above in Goal B, Medicaid, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall reimburse inpatient and outpatient services in rural hospitals, when HHSC changes its outpatient reimbursement methodology to an Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups or similar methodology, HHSC shall promulgate a separate or modified payment level for rural hospitals, which are defined as hospitals located in a county with 60,000 or fewer persons according to the 2010 U.S. Census, and Medicare-designated Rural Referral Centers (RRC), Sole Community Hospitals (SCH), and Critical Access Hospitals (CAH).

- a. Hospitals defined above shall be reimbursed based on a facility-specific prospective full cost standard dollar amount (SDA) based on their historical costs limited by a floor and a ceiling. The ceiling should be equal to approximately two standard deviations above the average full-cost SDA for providers with more than 50 claims; the floor should be equal to approximately 1.5 standard deviations below that same average.
- b. In calculating the facility specific prospective full cost SDA, the rates will be

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trended forward by the CMS Market Basket inflation factor to adjust for inflation.

- c. It is the intent of the Legislature that for patients enrolled in managed care including but not limited to health maintenance organizations (HMO), inpatient and outpatient services provided at hospitals meeting the above criteria shall be reimbursed based on the above considerations and rates, in order to maintain access to care.

By: West

**Texas Education Agency  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Principal Leadership Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 17, 2015

**Overview**

Add a rider to allocate \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium to the Texas Education Agency to create a principal leadership program.

**Required Action**

- (1) On page III-2, of the Texas Education Agency's bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding for Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality/Leadership by \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium.
- (2) On page III-23 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Principal Leadership Program.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy.B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, the Commissioner shall set aside \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium to create a principal leadership program designed to ensure aspiring school principals develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions for success.

By: West

**Texas Education Agency  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Professional Development for Blended Learning**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 15, 2015

**Overview**

Add a rider which appropriates \$7,500,000 in both fiscal years 2016 and 2017 out of the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Education Agency to provide professional development for teachers to implement blended learning classes in a digital learning environment.

**Required Action**

- (1) On page III-2, of the Texas Education Agency's bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding for Strategy B.2.1, Technology and Instructional Materials, by \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium.
- (2) On page III-23 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Professional Development for Blended Learning in a Digital Environment.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Technology and Instructional Materials, the Commissioner shall set aside \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium to provide professional development for teachers at schools implementing blended learning classes to effectively engage students in a digital learning environment.

By: West

**Texas Education Agency  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Reading-to-Learn Academies**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 17, 2015

**Overview**

Add a rider to allocate \$15,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium to the Texas Education Agency to create Reading-to-Learn Academies.

**Required Action**

(1) On page III-2, of the Texas Education Agency's bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding for Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, by \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium.

(2) On page III-23 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

Reading-to-Learn Academies. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, the Commissioner shall allocate \$15,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium to create Reading-to-Learn Academies. The academies will deliver Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)-focused teaching strategies to fourth and fifth grade teachers in order to improve student comprehension across all subject areas.

By: West

**Texas Education Agency  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Reading Excellence Teams**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 17, 2015

**Overview**

Add a rider to allocate \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium to the Texas Education Agency to establish a pilot program for Reading Excellence Teams.

**Required Action**

- (1) On page III-2, of the Texas Education Agency's bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding for Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support, by \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium.
- (2) On page III-23 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

Reading Excellence Teams. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support, the Commissioner shall allocate \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium to establish a pilot program for Reading Excellence Teams. These teams shall be composed of well-trained, specialist literacy professionals that provide support on an optional basis to schools with low reading scores.

By: West

**Texas Education Agency  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Supplemental Funding for Prekindergarten Programs**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 15, 2015

**Overview**

Add a rider which appropriates \$59,000,000 in both fiscal years 2016 and 2017 out of the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Education Agency to provide supplemental funding for prekindergarten education.

**Required Action**

- (1) On page III-2, of the Texas Education Agency's bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding for Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, by \$59,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium.
- (2) On page III-23 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, modify the following rider:
  57. **Supplemental Funding for Prekindergarten.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner of Education shall allocate ~~\$15,000,000~~ \$74,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium for the purpose of providing supplemental funds for prekindergarten consistent with the provisions of Texas Education Code Chapter 29, Subchapter E. The Commissioner shall allocate funds on the basis of eligible prekindergarten students in average daily attendance.

By: West

**Texas Education Agency  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines Training**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 17, 2015

**Overview**

Add a rider which appropriates \$1,000,000 in both fiscal years 2016 and 2017 out of the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Education Agency to develop and deliver a two-to-three day training to assist prekindergarten teachers in using the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines.

**Required Action**

- (1) On page III-2, of the Texas Education Agency's bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding for Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, by \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium.
- (2) On page III-23 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines Training.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall allocate \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium for training to assist prekindergarten teachers in using the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines. Using funds directed by the rider, the Regional Education Service Centers shall develop and deliver a two-to-three day training seminar designed to assist prekindergarten teachers in implementing the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines as a comprehensive curriculum in prekindergarten classrooms.



By URESTI

**Texas A&M University—San Antonio  
Downward Expansion**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$5,500,000 for Downward Expansion. TAMU-SA proposes to expand downward to a four-year comprehensive program in order to provide more educational opportunities to an underserved, non-traditional, growing student population. The rapid growth of the San Antonio region, the seventh largest city in the U.S., required the addition of a second public university. Today, TAMU-SA provides affordable and accessible education to underserved populations in San Antonio and the surrounding region, and substantially contributes to the THECB's "Closing the Gaps" initiative. The downward expansion of the educational program will require the development of the freshman and sophomore core curriculum. The university will require additional faculty and staff to provide instruction for freshman and sophomores, in addition to ongoing expansion of its upper-level program. A portion of this request will be used to provide additional student services and expand the University Library to support a comprehensive four-year university. The requested funding will enhance the utilization of the new campus expansion to support TAMU-SA's growing student population, thus increasing the university's contribution to the goal of "Closing the Gaps" as directed by the legislature.

**Required Action**

1. On page III-106 of Texas A&M University—San Antonio’s bill pattern, add the following new General Revenue special item strategy:

	2016	2017
<u>C.X.X. Downward Expansion</u>	\$2,225,000	\$2,225,000

2. Add the following rider to page III-107.

**Downward Expansion.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy C.X.X., Downward Expansion, \$2,225,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year shall be used for downward expansion to provide instruction to freshman and sophomores.

By Whitmire

*Texas A&M University*  
**Office of Court Administration: Innocence Projects**

**Overview**

The following action amends a rider in the Office of Court Administration Texas Indigent Defense Commission to add \$100,000 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Fair Defense Account and add Texas A&M University as a recipient institution.

This request adds the new Texas A&M University School of Law among the other public university law schools with an Innocence Projects clinic to the existing rider that supports this program. Additional GR-dedicated funds are requested to maintain the current funding levels for each university.

**Required Action**

On page IV-27, Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, amend the following rider:

**11. Innocence Projects.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000 in each year of the biennium from the General Revenue- Dedicated Fair Defense Account No. 5073 shall be used by the Commission to contract with law schools at the University of Houston, the University of Texas, Texas Tech University, and Texas Southern University, and Texas A&M University for innocence projects. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that~~ ~~the amount of each contract with each university shall be~~ \$100,000. Any unobligated and unexpended balances ~~in~~ remaining from the ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000 in funds designated for innocence projects as of August 31, ~~2014~~2016 are hereby appropriated to Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, ~~2015~~2016.

By Hinojosa

**Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Rural Regional Public Defender Programs  
Contingency Rider for SB 1057 or HB 2969**

**Overview**

Add a rider to the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council bill pattern adding \$1,500,000 each year, or \$3,000,000 for the 2016-17 biennium, in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, to be used by the Commission in grants to directly support regional public defender programs in rural counties of the state. The rider would authorize any amounts remaining at end of fiscal year 2016 not used for that purpose in the subsequent fiscal year.

**Contingency for SB 1057 or HB 2969: Rural Regional Public Defender Programs.**

Contingent on enactment of SB 1057 or HB 2969, or similar legislation by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, relating to the authorization of rural regional public defender programs with direct funding from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, the Texas Indigent Defense Commission is appropriated \$1,500,000 in General Revenue in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium for providing grants to support regional public defender programs authorized by that legislation. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2016 are hereby appropriated to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016.

By Hinojosa

**Alcoholic Beverage Commission**  
*Administrator Salary*

**Overview**

The following action would increase the salary of the administrator from \$135,000 per year to \$159,000 per year.

**Required Action**

1. On page V-1 of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission bill pattern, increase General Revenue by \$24,000 per year for the salary of the Administrator.

**Schedule of Exempt Positions**  
Administrator, Group 5

	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<del>\$135,000</del> \$159,000	<del>\$135,000</del> \$159,000

RIDER REQUEST

**Member Name:** *Bettencourt*

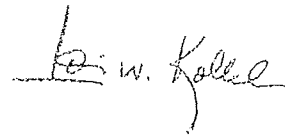
**Affected Agency:** Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

**Purpose:** Carrizo cane – a very large, non-native, invasive plant along the banks of the Rio Grande – impedes and conceals the detection of criminal actors and restricts enforcement officers' access to riverbanks, thereby placing law enforcement officers' lives at risk. Increase funding to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board by \$9,800,000 for carrizo cane removal along the banks of the Rio-Grande.

**Amount Requested (if applicable):** \$9,800,000

**Method of Finance (if applicable):** General Revenue

**Rider Language:** Increase funding to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board by \$9,800,000 for carrizo cane removal along the banks of the Rio-Grande.



By: Kolkhorst  
for Charles Perry

**Texas Water Development Board  
Appropriation for the Study of a Market and Conveyance Network for  
Water in the State**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$250,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the State's General Revenue Fund to the Texas Water Development Board for the purpose of the funding the study of a market and conveyance network for water in the state.

**Required Action**

On page ~~X-XXX~~ of the Texas Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

**. Appropriation for the Study of a Market and Conveyance Network for Water in the State.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy ~~XXX~~, add:

**Appropriation for the Texas Water Development Board.** Contingent on the enactment of a bill for the Texas Water Development Board to study a market and conveyance network for water in the state, SB 1907, or similar legislation, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Water Development Board is hereby appropriated \$250,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$250,000 fiscal year 2017 from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation.

RIDER REQUEST

**Member Name:** Betten court

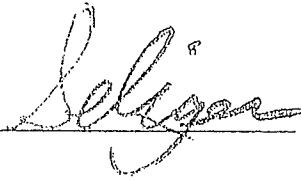
**Affected Agency:** Texas Water Development Board

**Purpose:** Water is a vital resource, and Texas must invest in the creation of new water supplies and innovative storage approaches. To fund the construction of water reuse, aquifer storage, and recovery projects, the Texas Water Development Board shall provide for \$3 million in grants for conservation demonstration projects.

**Amount Requested (if applicable):** \$2,000,000

**Method of Finance (if applicable):** General Revenue

**Rider Language:** To fund the construction of water reuse, aquifer storage, and recovery projects, the Texas Water Development Board shall provide for \$3 million in grants for conservation demonstration projects.

By 

***Texas Water Development Board***  
**Agricultural Water Conservation Monitoring**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$3,000,000 for increasing water conservation and monitoring by agricultural users. Texas Water Development Board will prioritize programs submitted by groundwater conservation districts that implement new water conservation monitoring devices by their users. This program is also a 50% cost share with the districts.

**Required Action**

On page VI-71 of Texas Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Agricultural Water Conservation Monitoring.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Water Conservation Education and Assistance, is up to \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and up to \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2017, from General Revenue to be transferred to the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund No. 358 to be used for the Agricultural Water Conservation Grant Program. Grants awarded under this provision shall be given to Groundwater Conservation Districts that are implementing water conservation monitoring programs on public or private property, and shall only be used as a 50% cost share with the groundwater conservation districts. Texas Water Development Board shall prioritize programs that include funding for new devices which provide the best combination of conservation and accurate measurement of water used. These devices include but are not limited to meters, remote monitoring of soil moisture for irrigation scheduling, weather stations for crop water use, and remote meter reading for irrigation management.



By: Hinojosa

**Water Development Board, Article VI**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Water Assistance Fund**

**Overview:**

The proposed rider would authorize the Water Development Board to appropriate any unencumbered and unobligated balances from the general revenue fund from Goal A, Water Resource Planning and Goal B, Water Project Financing, and Goal C, Non-Self Supporting GO Debt Service to the Water Development Board for Strategy B.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance, for the 2016-2017 biennium for transfer to Water Assistance Fund Account Number 480 to provide financial assistance for a regional water infrastructure and flood security project in a Texas border county.

Funds appropriated in accordance with this rider shall be used by the Water Development to issue 0 percent interest loans to be repaid by the loan recipient over a period not to exceed 40 years, or for the purpose of a grant, if the political subdivision can provide matching local money, or has expended an amount equal to the grant on the proposed project.

**Required Action:**

1) On page VI-71 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Water Assistance Fund: Regional Water Infrastructure and Flood Control.** Any unencumbered and unobligated balances from the general revenue fund from Goal A, Water Resource Planning and Goal B, Water Project Financing, and Goal C, Non-Self Supporting GO Debt Service is appropriated to the Water Development Board for Strategy B.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance, for the 2016-2017 biennium for transfer to Water Assistance Fund Account Number 480. Funds appropriated in accordance with this rider shall be used by the Water Development to issue 0 percent interest loans to be repaid by the loan recipient over a period not to exceed 40 years, or for the purpose of a grant, if the political subdivision can provide matching local money, or has expended an amount at least equal to the grant on the proposed project. The Water Development Board shall provide the loan or grant to political subdivisions in an amount not to exceed \$10 million in each fiscal year of the 2016-2017 biennium for the acquisition, construction, improvements, or expansion of the water, drainage, or wastewater systems of a political subdivision. Political subdivisions eligible must be located on a Texas border county that has expended a minimum of \$50,000,000 on a border security or levee project. Projects eligible to receive money in this section must be an authorized and designated a flood control project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; have a regional impact; and include components related to regional storm water management, flood mitigation, water re-use, reclamation, or water conservation. Any unobligated and unexpended balances in Water Assistance Fund Account 480 as of August 31, 2016 are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016 for the same purposes.

- This rider has no increase in GR and does not cost the bill.

By 

*Texas Department of Transportation*  
**Energy Producing Sectors**

**Overview**

Directs Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) when determining whether or not a county is an energy producing county one of the factors TxDOT shall use is the amount of severance tax the Comptroller collected from a county for the previous two fiscal years.

**Required Action**

**Energy Producing Sectors.** When determining whether or not a county is an energy producing county one of the factors TxDOT shall use is the amount of severance tax the Comptroller collected from a county for the previous two fiscal years.

**Texas Board of Nursing**  
*Executive Director Salary*

**Overview**

The following action would increase the salary of the executive director from \$120,000 per year to \$145,000 per year and move the position from group 3 to group 4 in the General Appropriations Act schedule of exempt positions salaries.

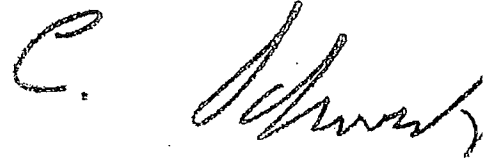
**Required Action**

1. On page VIII-39 of the Texas Board of Nursing bill pattern, increase General Revenue by \$25,000 per year for the salary of the executive director and move the position from group 3 to group 4.

<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>		<b>FY 2017</b>	
Executive Director, <del>Group 3</del> Group 4	\$120,000	\$145,000	\$120,000	\$145,000

By:

**Department of Insurance**  
**Proposed Contingency Rider**  
**Hospital Perpetual Care Account**



**Overview**

The following contingency rider would appropriate \$5,000,000 from the Premium Stabilization Fund under subchapter F, Chapter 1508, Insurance Code in fiscal year 2016 and \$0 in fiscal year 2017 to the Hospital Perpetual Care Account at the Department of State Health Services contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 424 or similar legislation by the 84th Legislature relating to the licensing and regulation of hospitals in this state.

**Required Action**

1. On page VIII-26 of Senate Bill 2 – Introduced, within the Department of Insurance's bill pattern, add the following contingency rider.

**Contingency for Senate Bill 424.** Contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 424 or similar legislation by the 84th Legislature relating to the licensing and regulation of hospitals in this state, in addition to funds appropriated above, the Department of Insurance shall appropriate \$5,000,000 from the Premium Stabilization Fund under Subchapter F, Chapter 1508, Insurance Code in fiscal year 2016 and \$0 in fiscal year 2017 to the Hospital Perpetual Care Account at the Department of State Health Services as established by S.B. 424 or similar legislation.

By: \_\_\_\_\_



**Board of Pharmacy, Article VIII  
Proposed Funding and Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/17/15

**Overview**

Add a new rider making increased General Revenue appropriations totaling \$2,447,293 (\$1,514,807 in fiscal year 2016 and \$932,486 in fiscal year 2017) and 7.0 FTEs positions contingent on the enactment of SB 195 or similar legislation. Appropriations are also contingent upon the generation of additional revenue and certification by the Comptroller that the agency will assess or increase fees in an amount sufficient to offset these appropriations and other associated direct and indirect costs. This would cover the increased appropriations with new revenue and will not result in any costs or savings to the bill.

**Required Action**

On page VIII-47 of the Board of Pharmacy bill pattern, add the following rider:

**\_\_\_\_\_ Contingency for SB195.**

Contingent on the enactment of SB 195 or similar legislation relating to transferring the Prescription Drug Monitoring program, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, the Board of Pharmacy is appropriated \$1,514,806 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2016 and \$932,486 in fiscal year 2017 to implement the provisions of the legislation. This appropriation is also contingent on the Board of Pharmacy assessing or increasing fees sufficient to generate, in addition to the revenue requirements elsewhere in this Act, during the 2016-2017 biennium, \$2,647,694 in excess of \$17,865,811 (Object Code 3562), contained in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Also, the "Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" figure indicated above includes 7.0 FTEs in each fiscal year contingent on the Board of Pharmacy generating the amount of revenue indicated above. The Board of Pharmacy, upon completion of necessary actions to assess or increase such additional fees, shall furnish copies of the Board of Pharmacy's minutes and other information supporting the estimated revenues to be generated for the 2016-2017 biennium under the revised fee structure to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of increased revenues, a finding of fact to that effect will be issued and the contingent appropriation shall be made available for the intended purposes. For informational purposes, the amount of increased revenue identified above reflects amounts sufficient to cover direct appropriations of \$2,447,293 and other direct and indirect costs (estimated to be \$200,401 for the 2016-17 biennium).

By: Watson

**Article IX**  
**Texas Department of Transportation/Department of Public Safety**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Contingency for Senate Bill 754**

**Overview**

This rider reallocates \$1.0 million in funds appropriated to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Motorcycle Education Account No. 501 in Senate Bill 2 to the Texas Department of Transportation for motorcycle safety awareness activities, contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 754 or similar legislation. The rider also limits the use of these funds to statutory purposes, regardless of whether Senate Bill 754 or similar legislation passes.

**Required Action**

On page IX-\_\_\_ of Article IX, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_ **Contingency for SB 754**

- (1) Contingent on passage of SB 754, or similar legislation relating to funding for motorcycle training and safety programs by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, reallocate \$500,000 each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium from the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) from the General-Revenue-Dedicated Motorcycle Education Account No. 501 in Strategy E.2.2, Driving and Motor Vehicle Safety, to the Texas Department of Transportation, Strategy D.2.1, Traffic Safety, for motorcycle safety awareness programs or activities. DPS shall use the remainder of this appropriation to administer the motorcycle operator training and safety program.
  
- (2) In the event the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, 2015 does not enact Senate Bill 754 or similar legislation, DPS shall use the funds appropriated to it from the General-Revenue-Dedicated Motorcycle Education Account No. 501 in Strategy E.2.2, Driving and Motor Vehicle Safety, to administer the motorcycle operator training and safety program.

By: Hinojosa

**Article IX**  
**Sam Houston State University, Art. III / Department of Public Safety, Art. V**  
**Proposed Rider for SB 2**  
**Contingency for the Texas Forensic Science Commission**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 24, 2015

**Overview**

Contingent upon passage of Senate Bill 1287, or relevant legislation, this proposed new rider would transfer the General Revenue funding for the Texas Forensic Science Commission from Sam Houston State University to the Department of Public Safety. Specifically, this proposed new rider motion would transfer \$500,000 in General Revenue in each year of the 2016-17 biennium currently included in Senate Bill 2 for Sam Houston State University to fund the Texas Forensic Science Commission to the Department of Public Safety to fund the same purpose. The rider also adds an additional \$250,000 in each fiscal year if Senate Bill 1287 or similar legislation is not enacted

**Required Actions**

1. Add the following new rider to the appropriate section within Article IX:

**Contingency for SB 1287.**

- a. Contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1287, or similar legislation relating to the transfer of the Texas Forensic Science Commission from Sam Houston State University to the Department of Public Safety, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, appropriations made to the Sam Houston State University out of the General Revenue Fund by this Act are reduced by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 and General Revenue Fund amounts of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated to Strategy E.I.I. Crime Laboratory Services, in the Department of Public Safety's bill pattern, solely to fund the Texas Forensic Science Commission.
- b. In the event legislation transferring the Texas Forensic Science Commission to the Department of Public Safety does not get enacted, an additional \$250,000 in General Revenue is appropriated in each year of the 2016-17 biennium to Sam Houston State University solely to fund the Texas Forensic Science Commission at a total amount of \$750,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year.