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## **Article IX**

### **Proposed Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 18, 2015

#### **Overview**

Add a new rider to Article IX to appropriate the reimbursement fee received by an agency from a test taker. The test taker will typically be an agency's licensee. Typically, the reimbursement fee will be received by the agency from a test taker as cost reimbursement to the agency for a testing fee already paid by the agency to a company with whom the agency has contracted to provide electronic based or online tests.

#### **Required Action**

On page IX-49 in Article IX of the General Appropriations Act, add the following rider:

**Sec. 8.14. Cost Recovery of Testing Fees.** Any cost recovery fee collected by an agency, in relation to the use of an electronic based test by the agency, is appropriated to that agency from the fund to which the cost recovery fee was deposited for the purpose of paying any cost to the agency associated with a contract related to the test.

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## **Article IX**

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#### **Overview**

Make conforming technical amendment to Article IX, Section 9.04 Information Technology Replacement to reflect that subsection (c) no longer lists agencies affected but describes them.

#### **Required Action**

On page IX-51 in Article IX of the General Appropriations Act, amend the following rider:

- (a) Agencies and institutions of higher education receiving appropriated funds for the acquisition of information technology shall perform a cost-benefit analysis of leasing versus purchasing information technology and develop and maintain a personal computer replacement schedule. Agencies and institutions of higher education shall use the Department of Information Resources' (DIR) Guidelines for Lease versus Purchase of Information Technologies to evaluate costs and DIR's PC Life Cycles: Guidelines for Establishing Life Cycles for Personal Computers to prepare a replacement schedule.
- (b) Agencies and institutions of higher education shall adhere to the following principles, when appropriate:
  - (1) Compliance with the Department of Information Resources data center services requirements; and
  - (2) Participation in hardware and software bulk purchasing facilitated by the Department of Information Resources.
- (c) In accordance with Sections 2157.006 and 2157.068, Government Code, the Department of Information Resources may require any state agency with plans to purchase or replace information technology workstations, including laptop and desktop computers, out of funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act, to coordinate such purchases with the department to achieve additional cost savings through a coordinated bulk purchasing effort. Any state agency selected by the department for participation in the department's bulk purchasing effort shall cooperate with the department's requirements. Institutions of higher education receiving an appropriation by this Act for information technology computer replacement initiatives, may also coordinate with the department through a coordinated bulk purchasing effort.
- (d) By October 1, 2016, the Department of Information Resources shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, the cost savings realized through a coordinated bulk purchasing effort with the agencies listed described in Subsection (c) above. The report shall include the participating agencies and the information technology replaced.

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**Article IX**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Appropriation for Salary Increase for Certain State Employees in Salary Schedule C**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/13/2015

**Overview**

Technical adjustment to correct rounding errors.

**Required Action**

On page IX-83 of Article IX bill pattern, amend the following rider:

**17.05. Appropriation for Salary Increase for Certain State Employees in Salary Schedule C**

(a) Appropriation for Salary Schedule C Pay Increases in Salary Groups C06 and C07.

(1) Appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to the agencies listed below are hereby increased for the fiscal biennium 2016-17 by the amounts and from the appropriation sources indicated below to be used for the purpose of Schedule C pay increases for certain positions in the salary groups C06 and C07. Appropriations made in this section may be used only to pay for salary increases and related benefits for employees in salary groups C06 and C07 of Salary Schedule C.

<b><u>Agency Name</u></b>	<b><u>General Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>General Revenue - Dedicated (-Fund 9)</u></b>	<b><u>Federal Funds</u></b>	<b><u>All Funds for 17 Biennium</u></b>
<b><u>Salary Increase</u></b>				
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	\$4,778	\$0	\$0	\$4,778
Department of Criminal Justice	\$7,906	\$0	\$0	\$7,906
Department of Public Safety	\$878,254	\$0	\$54,891	\$933,145
Parks and Wildlife Department	\$68,432	\$474,678	\$0	\$543,110
<i>Salary Subtotal</i>	<i>\$959,370</i>	<i>\$474,678</i>	<i>\$54,891</i>	<i>\$1,488,939</i>
<b><u>Additional Benefits</u></b>				
Retirement	\$71,9532	\$35,601	\$4,117	\$111,670
Law Enforcement and Custodial Officer Supplemental Retirement	\$4,797	\$2,373	\$274	\$7,444
Social Security	\$73,392	\$36,313	\$4,199	\$113,904
<i>Additional Benefits Subtotal</i>	<i>\$150,141</i>	<i>\$74,287</i>	<i>\$8,590</i>	<i>\$233,0198</i>
<b><u>Grand Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,109,511</u></b>	<b><u>\$548,965</u></b>	<b><u>\$63,481</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,721,9587</u></b>

(2) Amounts provided in this section shall be used to provide salary increases in fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

(b) Any increase in employee benefits costs associated with the salary increases as described above are appropriated to the Employees Retirement System and the Comptroller of Public Accounts and shall be paid only out of the appropriations made above in Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Provisions requiring salaries and benefits to be proportional to the source of funds shall apply to all sums allocated under this section, except as otherwise provided. Each agency shall pay the increase in compensation from funds held in the state treasury and from local funds in the same proportion as the employee's regular compensation.

- (d) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to administer this section. Funds appropriated in this section shall be allocated to each agency, and to the appropriate employee benefit appropriation items, in accordance with such rules and regulations and may be used only for the purpose of providing a salary increase and paying associated employee benefit costs.
- (e) This section does not authorize an increase of classified salary rates above the rates listed in the Schedule C in this Act.

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**Article IX**  
**Funding Contingent upon the Passage of Legislation**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/25/2015

**Overview**

Add a rider providing the intent that the Senate shall consider funding certain bills before finalizing the conference committee report.

**Required Action**

On page IX-88 of Section 17 of Article IX, add the following rider:

**Sec. 17. 10. Funding Contingent upon the Passage of Legislation.** It is the intent of the Senate that, before finalizing the conference committee report on Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2, the conference committee will consider funding bills with a fiscal note that have passed at least one chamber of the Legislature. The Legislative Budget Board shall maintain a list of legislation that has a fiscal note once it has passed at least one chamber of the Legislature.

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**Article IX**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider for the Texas Education Agency**  
**Reasoning Mind**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 15, 2015

**Overview**

Add a rider to appropriate \$4,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium to support the Reasoning Mind program.

**Required Action**

- (1) On page IX-90, add the following appropriately numbered provision:

\_\_\_\_. Reasoning Mind. In addition to amounts appropriated to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, \$2,000,000 from General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium is appropriated to support the Reasoning Mind program.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2016 are hereby appropriated to fiscal year 2017 for the same purpose.

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**The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Texas Center for Advanced Radiation Therapy**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/25/2015

**Overview**

The following action would increase funding by \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 for the Texas Center for Advanced Radiation Therapy at The University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical Center.

**Required Action**

1. Add the following rider to Article IX in Senate Bill 2.

**Center for Advanced Radiation Therapy.** In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this act to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, there is hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, \$1,000,000 each fiscal year out of General Revenue in Strategy D.X.X, Texas Center for Advanced Radiation Therapy to support the institution's Center for Advanced Radiation Therapy.



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**Article IX**  
**Texas A&M University – San Antonio**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Downward Expansion**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/25/2015

**Overview**

The following action would increase funding by \$2,750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$2,750,000 in fiscal year 2017 to Texas A&M University – San Antonio. This rider and associated funding would provide funds for downward expansion.

**Required Action**

1. Add the following section to Article IX of Senate Bill 2.

**Downward Expansion.** In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this act to Texas A&M University – San Antonio, there is hereby appropriated to Texas A&M University – San Antonio \$2,750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 and \$2,750,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2017 to be used to support downward expansion.