

**Senate Finance Committee**

**Workgroup on  
Articles I, IV & V**

**Article XI Riders for Article V Agencies**

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By Hinojosa

**Department of Public Safety  
Proposed Rider**

**Overview**

Add a new rider to the bill pattern for the Department of Public Safety to direct the agency to transfer funds towards a new DPS Operations Hangar at the Edinburg Airport to enhance border security efforts.

**Required Action**

On page V-\_\_ of the Department of Public Safety's bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **DPS Operations Hangar.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal B, Secure Border Region, the Department of Public Safety shall transfer \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 in General Revenue Funds to fund a new Operations Hangar at the Edinburg Airport, Hidalgo County, to enhance border security efforts and airport facilities.

**Department of Public Safety, Art. V  
Proposed Motion and Rider for SB 2  
Funding for Driver License Office in Hidalgo County**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 16, 2015

**Overview.**

This proposed new rider motion would provide \$10,980,000 to the Department of Public Safety to establish a new driver license office in Hidalgo County (north of the City of Edinburg) to serve the clientele requiring commercial and non-commercial driver license services. The proposed new office would have 12 counters and 22.0 FTEs.

State funding would fund the following items:

Lease of Land	\$ 1,100,000
Office Technology	\$ 600,000
Office Equipment	\$ 480,000
Employees	\$ 4,200,000
Construction	\$ 4,600,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,980,000</b>

**Required Actions**

1. On page V-47 of the Department of Public Safety's bill pattern in SB 2, add \$10,980,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 to Strategy E.2.2, Driving and Motor Vehicle Safety.
2. On page V-50 of the Department of Public Safety's bill pattern in SB 2, adjust the capital budget rider to include the required capital budget authority.
3. On page V-60 of the bill pattern for the Department of Public Safety, add the following new rider:

Driver License Office in Hidalgo County. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy E.2.2, Driving and Motor Vehicle Safety, is \$10,980,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2016 to establish a new driver license office near the City of Edinburg in Hidalgo County. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2016 are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year starting September 1, 2016.

By: Hinojosa

**Department of Public Safety, Art. V**  
**South Texas College, Art. III**  
**Proposed Motion and Rider for SB 2**  
**Funding for Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence at South Texas College**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 2, 2015

**Overview**

This proposed new rider would require the Department of Public Safety to transfer \$2,082,000 to South Texas College to assist in the establishment of the Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence at South Texas College. The Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence would provide a college level education for public safety and law enforcement personnel in the Rio Grande Valley, allowing individuals to earn a basic peace officer certificate that leads toward an associate of applied science degree in law enforcement, as well as a wide range of related certificates, associate degrees, and bachelor degrees. In addition, the Center would provide professional continuing education courses required by all law enforcement officers.

The proposed Center would be located on acreage donated by the City of Pharr. South Texas College would provide \$4.2 million in the district's revenue bonds to construct the facility. State funding would fund the following items:

Vehicle Driving Track	\$ 800,000
Driving Simulator	\$ 127,000
Outdoor Shooting Range	\$ 300,000
Firearms Simulator	\$ 175,000
Mobile Firearms Simulator	\$ 400,000
Patrol Units (4)	\$ 180,000
Exercise Equipment	\$ 100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,082,000</b>

**Required Actions**

1. In SB 2, on page V-60 of the bill pattern for the Department of Public Safety, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence at South Texas College.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal B, Secure Border Region, the Department of Public Safety shall transfer \$2,082,000 in fiscal year 2016 in General Revenue Funds to South Texas College to assist in the establishment of the Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence

By Kevin Kelleher  
for Van Taylor

***Salary Administration and Employment Provisions***  
**State Agency Use of E-Verify Program**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs all state agencies to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify.

**Required Action**

On page IX-25 of the Salary Administration and Employment Provisions bill pattern, add the following new rider:

- 3.14. **State Agency Use of E-Verify Program.** (a) A state agency shall register and participate in the E-verify program to verify information of all new employees. For the purposes of this rider, "E-verify program" means the electronic verification of employment authorization program of the federal Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-208, reprinted in note, 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a), operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, or a successor employment authorization program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the employment authorization status of newly hired employees under the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.)
- (b) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, each state agency shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a detailed report identifying compliance with this section.