

Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2018-19 General Appropriations Bill

Article I – General Government

ARTICLE I - GENERAL GOVERNMENT
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29. Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force, Reporting Requirement. Out of funds appropriated above, the Office of the Attorney General shall report annually the activities of the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force, as established by Government Code, §402.035. The report shall include information on collaborations with federal, state, and local partners, statistical data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in the state, and recommendations to enhance efforts to prevent human trafficking. The Office of the Attorney General shall provide the report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Legislature not later than December 1 each fiscal year.

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30. Full-Time Equivalent Positions Intern Exemption. The number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions held by undergraduate, law school, graduate students, or post-graduate fellowship recipients in temporary positions (up to twelve months) shall be exempt from Article IX, Sec. 6.10. Limitation on State Employment Levels. This provision will not change the cap on the Number of FTE for the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) listed elsewhere in this Act. OAG shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the State Auditor's Office a report of the number of FTEs associated with the Intern Program each fiscal year of the biennium.

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7. Limitation on Expenditure for Contracts. Without the prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas shall not use funds appropriated above to enter into any contract, including contract renewals, extensions, and increases and excluding grant awards under Health and Safety Code Chapter 102, Subchapter F, in excess of \$250,000. Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board related to this approval shall be provided in a timely manner and shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board. The written request must be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board no later than 45 days prior to the date the contract is expected to be needed by the agency.

The request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the contract request and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.

7. Limitation on Expenditure for Contracts. Without the prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas shall not use funds appropriated above to enter into any contract, including contract renewals, extensions, and increases and excluding grant awards under Health and Safety Code Chapter 102, Subchapter F, in excess of \$1,000,000. Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board related to this approval shall be provided in a timely manner and shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board. The written request must be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board no later than 45 days prior to the date the contract is expected to be needed by the agency.

The request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the contract request and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.

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19.

Contingency for Senate Bill 669. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 669, or similar legislation relating to the system for protesting or appealing certain ad valorem tax determinations, by the Eighty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session, the Comptroller of Public Account is appropriated \$150,000 in General Revenue for each fiscal year of the 2018-19 biennium, and 2 full-time equivalent positions, to implement the provisions of the legislation.
19.

Contract Advisory Team Notification to Legislative Budget Board. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.4.1, Procurement and Support Services, the Contract Advisory Team (CAT) created by §2262.101, Government Code shall provide the Legislative Budget Board with copies of each recommendation it makes under §2262.101(a)(1), Government Code no later than the 10th calendar day after making the recommendation. In addition, CAT shall provide the Legislative Budget Board with copies of any written explanation submitted by a state agency under §2262.101(d)(2), Government Code no later than the 10th calendar day after CAT receives the explanation.
20.

Report on Fiscal Impact of Pending Suits Against the State.

(a)

Using funds appropriated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts under Strategy A.3.1, Taxpayer Information, the comptroller shall collaborate with the Legislative Budget Board to produce a report on the range of potential fiscal impacts to the state that could result from a judgment entered against the state in any suit against the state, a state agency, or a state official that is pending at the time of the report's publication or any other pending suit that the comptroller determines may have a substantial impact to the fiscal health of the state.

(b)

Not later than December 1, 2018, the comptroller shall deliver the report produced under Subsection (a) to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, House Appropriations Committee, and Senate Finance Committee.

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30R Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts
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- 19. Contingency for SB 3.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 3, or similar legislation relating to the establishment of an education savings account program and a tax credit scholarship and educational expense assistance program, by the Eighty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session, the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated an amount estimated to be \$___ for the 2018-19 biennium from the General Revenue Fund to implement provisions of the legislation. The "Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)" in the agency bill pattern is increased by ___ FTEs in fiscal 2018 and ___ FTEs in fiscal 2019.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2018, are appropriated to the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018, for the same purpose. At the end of each fiscal year of the biennium, the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts will review the agency's administrative costs under §29.359(c) of the Texas Education Code and adjust the percentage accordingly to maximize participant funding.

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14.

Consumer Directed HealthSelect Data Analysis. Out of funds appropriated above and elsewhere in this Act for the Group Benefits Program, the Employees Retirement System shall collect, track, and analyze Consumer Directed HealthSelect health plan participants' healthcare costs and utilization data. ERS shall compare the data and results from this analysis to similar data available from other health plans, including traditional HealthSelect, Medicare Advantage, and HMO plans, in order to determine participants' healthcare costs and utilization differences across health plans. Where applicable ERS shall develop recommendations for the Legislature and implement best practices based upon the results of this analysis.
15.

Freestanding Emergency Rooms. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Employees Retirement System, within the Group Benefits Program appropriations above and elsewhere in this Act, implement measures to reduce participants' use of freestanding emergency medical care facilities in order to save \$26,100,000 in General Revenue and \$42,200,000 in All Funds in the biennium. Measures may include increasing the copayment amount for each use by a participant of a freestanding emergency medical care facility beginning on September 1, 2017.

Out of funds appropriated above and elsewhere in this act, the Employees Retirement System shall notify participants of the measures to be implemented regarding freestanding emergency medical care facilities, particularly the definition of and copayment associated with freestanding emergency medical care facilities, in writing no later than August 15, 2017.

14.

Onsite Clinic. Shall the board of trustees determine that providing the funding for an Onsite Clinic as described in Sec. 664.061(5), Government Code, for the biennium ending August 31, 2019 can be completed and operated on a cost-neutral or cost-positive basis, the board shall have the authority to procure and enter into a contract using funds available to implement a clinic facility for employees of the agency or agencies designated for the Onsite Clinic. The board is authorized to utilize funds available to contract for retrofit of existing available space, medical supplies, equipment, and staffing requirements for specific projects that meet the requirements of this section. The board of trustees shall report to the Legislature on all Onsite Clinics created.

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- 16. High Deductible Health Plan.** Out of funds appropriated above and elsewhere in this Act, the Employees Retirement System shall research and develop options for a health plan that is similar to, but with a higher deductible and higher Health Savings Account contributions than, the existing Consumer Directed HealthSelect plan implemented through Insurance Code §1551.451, Subchapter J, State Consumer-Directed Health Plan. The Employees Retirement System may consider reducing or waiving members' monthly premiums, increasing the state's Health Savings Account contributions, or raising the plan's deductible. Plan options shall remain cost-neutral and comply with existing state and federal law.

The Employees Retirement System shall report to the Legislature on the additional options for high deductible health plans by August 31, 2018.

- 17. Health Clinic at a State Agency or Institution of Higher Education.** Out of appropriations made in this and other articles of this Act for the Group Benefits Program, the board of trustees may operate or contract with a person to operate an onsite, or near-site, health clinic at a state agency or institution of higher education. The board may only operate or contract for a clinic if the board determines that:

- a. the clinic can be operated on a cost-neutral or cost-positive basis to the health plan;
- b. there is sufficient health plan participation in the area where the proposed clinic will operate; and
- c. no funds will be spent by the board for the cost of acquiring or building the clinic, capital expenses, or acquiring equipment.

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356 Texas Ethics Commission
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3. Judgments and Settlements. Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 16.04, Judgments and Settlements, of this Act, payment of judgments or settlements, including attorney's fees, resulting from actions brought under Title 42 United States Code §1983 that arise from claims challenging the validity or constitutionality of a state law and prosecuted or defended by the Office of the Attorney General that are obtained against the Texas Ethics Commission, or any individual(s) acting in their official capacity on behalf of the Texas Ethics Commission, shall be paid out by the Comptroller and not from funds appropriated herein to the Texas Ethics Commission.

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303 Facilities Commission
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- 10. Capitol Complex - Utilities.** Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the Texas Facilities Commission shall be responsible for the payment of all utility costs out of appropriated funds in Strategy B.2.3., Utilities, for the Capitol, the Capitol Extension, the Historic Capitol Grounds, the 1857 General Land Office Building, and the State History Museum. For purposes of this rider, utility costs include electricity, water, wastewater and natural gas.
- Notwithstanding Article IX Sec. 14.01, Appropriation Transfers or similar provisions of this Act, from funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.3., Utilities (\$18,362,650 in fiscal year 2018 and \$18,362,650 in fiscal year 2019), without prior written approval provided by the Legislative Budget Board, no funds may be transferred by the agency to another appropriation item or be used by the agency for a purpose other than payment of utility expenses or for the payment of verification costs and loans obtained through the State Energy Conservation Office and/or the Texas Public Finance Authority for implementation of energy efficiency programs and projects.
- The Texas Facilities Commission requesting the approval of the Legislative Budget Board to use funds originally appropriated for utility expenses for another purpose shall submit in a timely manner the request along with adequate information for evaluating the request. Any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board must be submitted promptly and in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board.
- Additionally, the Texas Facilities Commission shall provide quarterly reports to the Legislative Budget Board detailing monthly utility expenditures.

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- Notwithstanding Article IX Sec. 14.01, Appropriation Transfers or similar provisions of this Act, from funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.3., Utilities (\$19,862,650 in fiscal year 2018 and \$19,862,650 in fiscal year 2019), without prior written approval provided by the Legislative Budget Board, no funds may be transferred by the agency to another appropriation item or be used by the agency for a purpose other than payment of utility expenses or for the payment of verification costs and loans obtained through the State Energy Conservation Office and/or the Texas Public Finance Authority for implementation of energy efficiency programs and projects.
- The Texas Facilities Commission requesting the approval of the Legislative Budget Board to use funds originally appropriated for utility expenses for another purpose shall submit in a timely manner the request along with adequate information for evaluating the request. Any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board must be submitted promptly and in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board.
- Additionally, the Texas Facilities Commission shall provide quarterly reports to the Legislative Budget Board detailing monthly utility expenditures.
- Notwithstanding Article IX Sec. 14.03, Limitations on Expenditures - Capital Budget or similar provisions of the Act, savings generated from the implementation of energy efficiency programs contained in Strategy B.2.3 Utilities may be reinvested in additional energy efficiency programs.

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15. Capital Construction on Behalf of State Agencies. Any capital items related to construction of buildings and facilities including minor construction greater than \$250,000 on behalf of other state agencies for the biennium provided by the Facilities Commission do not apply to the Commission for the purpose of the capital budget rider limitations specified in Article IX, Sec. 14.03, Limitation on Expenditures - Capital Budget, of the General Provisions of this Act.

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12. **Reimbursement of Charter School Finance Corporation Directors.** Pursuant to Education Code §53.351(b) reimbursement of expenses for the board of directors of the Texas Public Finance Authority Charter School Finance Corporation, out of funds appropriated above, is authorized for travel expenses incurred in attending board meetings of the corporation. Such reimbursement shall not exceed the rates authorized in the general provisions of this Act.
- To the maximum extent possible, the Public Finance Authority shall encourage the use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing and shall schedule meetings and locations to facilitate the travel of participants so that they may return the same day and reduce the need to reimburse members for overnight stays.

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300 Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor
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2. Disaster and Deficiency Grants.

- a) Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$12,400,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and \$12,400,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 to Strategy A.1.1, Disaster Funds to provide grants-in-aid in case of disasters, in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 418.
- b) Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$1,167,578 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and \$1,167,578 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 to Strategy A.1.2, Agency Grant Assistance, for payments of claims arising prior to the convening of the next legislature by the Governor for deficiencies of up to \$200,000 per agency, per event, in accordance with §403.075, Government Code.
- c) The Governor may, according to the terms of the disaster award or deficiency award, require the agency to repay all or part of the award. The repayment may be accomplished by purchase voucher, journal entry, or other procedures established by the Governor's Office with the concurrence of the Comptroller of Public Accounts.
- d) The Governor shall notify the Legislative Budget Board 15 business days prior to any grants or awards made as described in subsection a or b) above, including any General Revenue or unexpended balances carried forward from previous appropriations.

6. Reporting Requirements: Criminal Justice Division. To ensure that Criminal Justice Planning funds are spent in accordance with state and federal requirements, the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) shall require grant recipients to report data and documentation, not later than October 1 of each fiscal year, demonstrating compliance with contractual agreements for Criminal Justice Planning grants. At a minimum, reports submitted by grant recipients shall provide data to support all expenditures made with Criminal Justice Planning funds; provide an

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- a) Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$1,167,578 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and \$1,167,578 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 to Strategy A.1.2, Agency Grant Assistance, for payments of claims arising prior to the convening of the next legislature by the Governor for deficiencies of up to \$200,000 per agency, per event, in accordance with §403.075, Government Code.
- b) The Governor may, according to the terms of the disaster award or deficiency award, require the agency to repay all or part of the award. The repayment may be accomplished by purchase voucher, journal entry, or other procedures established by the Governor's Office with the concurrence of the Comptroller of Public Accounts.
- c) The Governor shall notify the Legislative Budget Board 15 business days after any grants or awards are made as described in subsection a) above, including any General Revenue or unexpended balances carried forward from previous appropriations.

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inventory of all equipment and capital items purchased with such funds; and provide all information necessary for scheduled and periodic reviews by the CJD.

In addition, the CJD shall establish and consistently adhere to internal guidelines for reviewing and evaluating grant requests, as well as requests for payments and reimbursements submitted by grantees. Not later than December 15 of each year, the CJD shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the State Auditor's Office a report detailing its findings regarding compliance by grantees.

11. Appropriation of Unexpended Balances, Revenue, and Interest Earnings. All unexpended and unobligated balances, estimated unexpended and unobligated balances, interest earnings, and other revenues from funds appropriated to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017 are appropriated for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017.

In addition to amounts appropriated above for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 are all estimated revenue and interest earnings accruing during the 2018-19 biennium to the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor in appropriated accounts for the same purposes, except revenues and interest earnings accruing in General Revenue Hotel Occupancy Tax Deposit Account No. 5003, General Revenue-Dedicated Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010, and General Revenue-Dedicated Emergency Radio Infrastructure Account No. 5153.

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inventory of all equipment and capital items purchased with such funds; and provide all information necessary for scheduled and periodic reviews by the CJD.

In addition, the CJD shall establish and consistently adhere to internal guidelines for reviewing and evaluating grant requests, as well as requests for payments and reimbursements submitted by grantees. Not later than December 15 of each year, the CJD shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the State Auditor's Office:

- (1) a report detailing its findings regarding compliance by grantees;
- (2) the allocation methodology or formula used to allocate funds to grantees; and
- (3) an impact analysis and explanation of any changes from the previous year's allocation methodology or formula.

11. Appropriation of Unexpended Balances, Revenue, and Interest Earnings. All unexpended and unobligated balances, estimated unexpended and unobligated balances, interest earnings, and other revenues from funds appropriated to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017 are appropriated for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017, except General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Enterprise Fund Account No. 5107.

In addition to amounts appropriated above for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 are all estimated revenue and interest earnings accruing during the 2018-19 biennium to the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor in appropriated accounts for the same purposes, except revenues and interest earnings accruing in General Revenue-Dedicated Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010, General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Enterprise Fund Account No. 5107, and General Revenue-Dedicated Emergency Radio Infrastructure Account No. 5153.

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- 18. Border Security Operations.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$3,000,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Criminal Justice Planning Account No. 421 and \$1,500,000 in General Revenue, each fiscal year of the 2018-19 biennium, which shall be used for border prosecutions grants.
- 21. Grants for Local Border Security.** Included in the General Revenue Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$5,100,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$5,100,000 in fiscal year 2019 to fund grants to local law enforcement agencies to support Operation Border Star. In addition to supporting Operation Border Star, the grant funds may also be awarded for the humane processing of the remains of undocumented migrants. The Department of Public Safety and the Legislative Budget Board shall collaborate with the Office of the Governor to establish accountability and outcome standards for these grants. These accountability standards shall include, but not be limited to, the following: uses of the grants by local entities; effects of these grants on realizing a more secure border region, as defined in Article IX, Section 7.11, Border Security, of this Act; and measures employed to ensure grant funds are expended as intended. By not later than December 1 of each fiscal year, the Office of the Governor shall provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board summarizing the outcomes of the previous fiscal year's grants.
- 23. Enhanced Border Security.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and \$4,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 for the following border security related purposes:
- a. \$3,000,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year to expand border security helicopter operations; and
 - b. \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 and \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 to support an interagency contract with the Texas Military Department for the installation and regular maintenance of border cameras.

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Anti-Gang Programs. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$5,100,000 in General Revenue and 5.0 full-time equivalents each fiscal year of the 2018-19 biennium for the purpose of making grants for anti-gang activities.
27.

Grants for National Incident Based Reporting System. In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2017 (estimated to be \$11,300,000) in General Revenue-Dedicated Emergency Radio Infrastructure Account No. 5153 are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017, to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for upgrading technology infrastructure to implement incident based reporting. Technology infrastructure purchased using grant funds shall be compatible with the National Incident Based Reporting System and the Texas Incident Based Reporting System.
28.

Texas Enterprise Fund. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.4, Texas Enterprise Fund, is \$43,000,000 in estimated unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2017, in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Enterprise Fund Account No. 5107 for the biennium beginning September 1, 2017 for the purposes of economic development initiatives in accordance with Government Code §481.078.

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- 29. Bullet-Resistant Vests.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$25,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2018 to fund grants to local law enforcement agencies and/or the Texas Department of Public Safety for the purchase of bullet-resistant personal body armor compliant with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) standard for rifle protection. Grant recipients shall report to the Criminal Justice Division how many vests, ballistic plates, and plate carriers were purchased, the price of each, and provide proof of purchase. Any unexpended balances remaining in this appropriation on August 31, 2018, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2018.

Not later than December 1 of each year, the Office of the Governor shall provide a report on the previous fiscal year's grants to the Legislative Budget Board that includes the agencies that applied for funding the amount distributed to each agency, and the number of vests, plates, and carriers purchased.

It is the intent of the Legislature that, in addition to grants identified in this rider, local law enforcement agencies will pursue any additional public or private grant funds available for the purchase of bullet-resistant personal body armor.

- 30. Private Funding Match for the Tourism Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Tourism, is an amount of \$34,336,121 in General Revenue Hotel Occupancy Tax Deposits Account No. 5003 to be used for tourism promotion activities in the 2018-19 biennium.

Within the authority granted the Office of the Governor in the Texas Government Code, the agency shall seek one to one matching gifts, grants, donations, in-kind expenditures from, or other forms of collaborative partnerships with, the tourism industry, local governments or non-profit organizations for the purposes of increasing marketing activities to promote Texas tourism.

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In addition to the amounts appropriated above in Appropriated Receipts, any amount of contributions received for tourism promotion as gifts, grants or donations in the 2018-19 biennium are appropriated to the agency in Strategy C.1.2, Tourism, to be used for promotion of Texas tourism.

No later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal year the Office of the Governor shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller of Public Accounts a report detailing the sources and amounts of gifts, grants, donations, and expenditures through tourism partnerships used for the advancement of the state's tourism promotion.

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7. Acquisition of Historical Artifacts. The Historical Commission shall use funds appropriated above to develop a plan and process for the purchase and acquisition of documents, records, and/or other historical artifacts relating to Texas history. Prior to the purchase or acquisition of any such items, the Commission shall coordinate with the State Preservation Board and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. In addition, the Commission shall coordinate the purchase or acquisition of the historical artifacts with institutions involved in historic preservation programs reflective of racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity throughout the state. The Historical Commission must also report on the status of acquisitions to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board within 30 days after such acquisition.

12. Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission. Included in amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resources, is \$529,864 each fiscal year of the biennium for the Texas Historical Commission to provide support for the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2018, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018 for the same purpose.

7. Acquisition of Historical Artifacts. The Historical Commission shall use funds appropriated above to develop a plan and process for the purchase and acquisition of documents, records, and/or other historical artifacts relating to Texas Historical Commission Historic Sites. The Historical Commission must also report on the status of acquisitions to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board within 30 days after such acquisition.

12. Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission. Included in amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resources, and Strategy B.1.1, Central Administration, are \$666,014 and \$41,000, respectively, in fiscal year 2018 and \$666,013 and \$41,000, respectively, in fiscal year 2019 for the Texas Historical Commission to provide support for the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2018, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018 for the same purpose.

22. Texas Historical Commission Volunteer Services. From funds appropriated above, the Texas Historical Commission may provide meals and beverages for volunteers when volunteers are on-site and providing labor and/or services for historic site reenactments, archeological work, and other agency programs.

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22. Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2018 in appropriations made to the Historical Commission are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018.

24. Internship Program Full Time Equivalent Exemption. Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions associated with the Historical Commission's Internship Program shall be exempt from the Article IX, Section 6.10, Limitation on State Employment Levels. This provision will not change the limit on the number of FTEs for the Historical Commission listed elsewhere in this Act. The Commission shall provide a report of the number of FTEs associated with the Internship Program to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the State Auditor's Office each fiscal year.

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313 Department of Information Resources
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- 12. Statewide Contracts for Electronic Signature and Certified Electronic Mail Systems.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Contract Administration of IT Commodities and Services, the Department of Information Resources shall, with the assistance of state agencies, determine the need for statewide enterprise contracts for a digital or electronic signature and certified electronic mail system. If it is determined that such systems would be beneficial, the Department of Information Resources should negotiate a master contract for agency use.

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15.

TEAM Voter Registration System Maintenance. Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Elections Administration, is \$300,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2019 for maintenance expenses for the Texas Election Administration Management (TEAM) Voter Registration System.
16.

Contingency for Legislation Removing Colonias Initiatives from the Secretary of State. Contingent on the enactment of legislation relating to the transfer of the Colonias Initiatives program, by the Eighty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session, from the Secretary of State to the Texas Water Development Board, \$429,856 in fiscal year 2018 and \$429,235 in fiscal year 2019 in General Revenue funds and 7.0 Full-Time-Equivalents in each fiscal year of the 2018-19 biennium in Strategy C.1.2, Colonias Initiatives, shall be reduced from the Secretary of State bill pattern.

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403 Veterans Commission
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- 13. Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members.** Out of funds appropriated above, and pursuant to Government Code § 2110.004 and § 434.0101, the Texas Veterans Commission may reimburse the travel expense of advisory committee members for no more than four meetings per advisory committee per year.

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Contract Cost Containment. Pursuant to Article IX Section 17.10, Contract Cost Containment, appropriations made above to the agencies in Article I are reduced by \$2,999,250 in General Revenue in 2018 and \$2,999,250 in General Revenue in 2019 and \$507,500 in General Revenue Dedicated in 2018 and \$507,500 in General Revenue Dedicated in 2019.