

**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article IV**

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Legislative Budget Board

Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council
Proposed Rider and Funding
Texas Forensic Science Commission

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Overview

The proposed rider and funding would provide \$638,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$528,000 in fiscal year 2019 (\$1,166,000 for the 2018–19 biennium) in General Revenue in a new Strategy A.1.5, Forensic Science Commission contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 1124, or similar legislation, that administratively attaches the Texas Forensic Science Commission to the Office of Court Administration.

Required Action

1. On page IV-24 of the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase appropriations out of the General Revenue Fund by \$638,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$528,000 in fiscal year 2019 and increase appropriations in a new Strategy A.1.5, Texas Forensic Science Commission.
2. On page IV-29 of the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following contingency rider:

_____. **Texas Forensic Science Commission.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, Texas Forensic Science Commission, in the amount of \$638,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$528,000 in fiscal year 2019 in General Revenue by the Eighty-fifth Legislature are contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 1124, or similar legislation, relating to the Texas Forensic Science Commission becoming administratively attached to the Office of Court Administration. Any unobligated and unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2018 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2019.