

**Senate Finance Committee  
Riders - Article V**

**Adopted**

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**Legislative Budget Board**

By Huffman

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
Harris County Community Corrections Facility**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$6,000,000 in each year of the biennium for the continued operations of the Harris County Community Corrections Facility. This rider funds the Peden Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Program, intensive substance abuse residential treatment for male offenders identified as moderate to high risk to re-offend. Peden provides a critical alternative to incarceration for District Courts to use in lieu of sentences to state jail or prison.

**Required Action**

On page V- of Texas Department of Criminal Justice's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Harris County Community Corrections Facility.** (a) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Diversion Programs, the amount of \$6,000,000 in the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2017, and the amount of \$6,000,000 in the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2018, in discretionary grants shall be made to the Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department for the continued operations of the Harris County Community Corrections Facility.

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**Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
Continuity of Care**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that streamlines the process to require the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to supply a 90-day post-release supply of medication to defendants, up to \$500,000 per fiscal year. This is not an increase in funds as TCOOMMI would reimburse HHSC out of existing appropriations. TCOOMMI funding is thus streamlined and used more efficiently. This will ensure more defendants retain competency, remove a burden on our counties, use our state mental health facility beds more efficiently, and ultimately save taxpayer dollars.

**Required Action**

On page V-16 of Texas Department of Criminal Justice's bill pattern, update Rider 39 as follows:

**39. Continuity of Care.** (a) Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Special Needs Programs and Services, the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) shall coordinate with the Texas Department of State Health Services, county and municipal jails, and community centers as defined in the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.001 on establishing methods for the continuity of care for pre-and post-release activities of defendants who are returned to the county of conviction after the defendant's competency has been restored. ~~TCOOMMI shall coordinate in the same manner it performs continuity of care activities for offenders with special needs.~~

(b) As part of the Continuity of Care Plan and in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 each fiscal year, HHSC shall provide a 90-day post-release supply of medication to defendants

who, after having been committed to a state mental health facility for restoration of competency under Chapter 46B, Code of Criminal Procedure, are being returned to the committing court for trial. The 90-day supply of medication shall be the same as prescribed in the Continuity of Care Plan prepared by the state mental health facility. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1., Special Needs Programs and Services, TCOOMMI shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with HHSC for the purpose of reimbursing HHSC in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 each fiscal year for providing the medication for defendants. TCOOMMI shall report amounts reimbursed to HHSC to appropriate legislative oversight committees by October 1 of each fiscal year.

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**Texas Juvenile Justice Department  
Harris County Leadership Academy**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Harris County Leadership Academy. The Harris County Leadership Academy is a secure residential facility and is considered the "last chance" local facility for serious felony offenders who are eligible for commitment to TJJD.

**Required Action**

On page V- of Texas Juvenile Justice Department's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Harris County Leadership Academy.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Pre and Post Adjudication Facilities, the amount of \$1,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in each fiscal year shall be expended for the Harris County Leadership Academy.