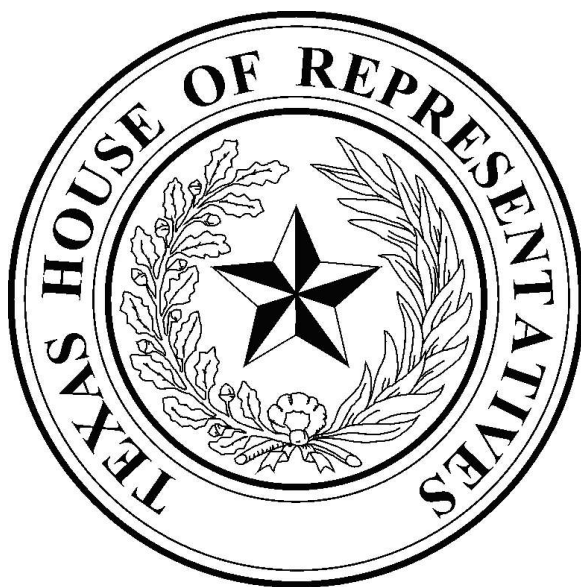


# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARTICLE 10



March 1, 2019

By: Rep. Mary Gonzalez

## **Legislative Budget Board, Article X**

### **Proposed Rider**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/28/2019

#### **Overview**

Prepare a rider that directs the Legislative Budget Board to deliver a report on the status and funding of special education in Texas.

#### **Required Action**

On page X-3 of the House of Representatives bill pattern, add the following new rider:

- \_\_\_\_\_. **Special Education Status and Funding Report.** The Legislative Budget Board shall deliver a report on the status and funding of special education services to the Eighty-seventh Legislature. The review will produce a report summarizing the status of corrective actions required by the U.S. Department of Education; the implementation of the Texas Education Agency's Special Education Strategic Plan; agency compliance with special education requirements established in the 2020-21 General Appropriations Act; any new special education initiatives enacted by the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2019; and a listing of fiscal year 2020 expenditures and fiscal year 2021 budgeted amounts by method of finance for special education services.

## **State Auditor's Office, Article X**

### **Proposed Rider Amendment**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/18/2019

#### **Overview**

Amend rider to include third party review of Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) in Texas.

#### **Required Action**

On page X-6 of the State Auditor's Office bill pattern, amend the following rider:

- 5. Audit Plan of Disposition of Sexual Assault Investigations.** The State Auditor shall develop an audit plan, subject to approval by the Legislative Audit Committee, examining the investigation and processing of reported adult sexual assaults in Texas. The audit plan shall address the processes from the time of first report through final disposition, including why reported cases do not proceed to prosecution and conviction within the criminal justice system. The audit plan shall examine a five-year period for which relevant data are available, and shall include the cities of Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and El Paso. The audit plan shall provide a broad, comprehensive review of the policies, practices, and actions of government agencies with respect to state and federal law, nationally recognized best practices, and comparative procedures with respect to adult sexual assault investigation and prosecution. The audit plan shall also include an evaluation of the practices and policies for making a determination to prosecute, and a comparative analysis of budget and resources available to affected agencies and departments.

Out of funds appropriated above, the State Auditor's Office shall contract with a qualified current, or former, Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) administrator to conduct a review of CODIS in Texas. The review shall assess how Local DNA Index System (LDIS) laboratories provide CODIS notifications to agencies, if safeguards exist to ensure receipt of CODIS notifications, policies LDIS laboratories have regarding notifications to agencies and ensuring receipt of notifications, how agencies are trained on what CODIS notifications mean, if agencies utilize the notifications and follow up on investigations, and how labs track turnaround times for their notifications.

The State Auditor's Office shall hold meetings at least once per year for all CODIS administrators in the state to improve communication, consistency in processes, and ensure CODIS is utilized most effectively.