

**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article VII**

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Department of Transportation
Proposed Rider Replacement
Limitation on Expenditures for High-speed Rail

Overview

Prepare a rider to replace the current rider 40 "Limitation on Expenditures for High-speed Rail" directing the Department of Transportation to not expend funding on subsidizing or assisting the construction of high-speed passenger rail.

Required Action

On page VII-33 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, strike rider 40 "Limitation on Expenditures for High-speed Rail" and add the following rider:

Limitation on Expenditures for High-speed Rail.

None of the funds appropriated above to the Department of Transportation from state funds may be used for the purposes of subsidizing or assisting in the construction of high-speed passenger rail. If the Department of Transportation acts as a joint-lead agency with a federal agency under 40 C.F.R. §1506.2, this section does not prevent the Department of Transportation from using state funds to exercise its authority for oversight and coordination of federal processes and programs for a project that has a final Environmental Impact Statement and formal authorization to operate from all relevant federal authorities, entities, and agencies. The Department of Transportation shall not expend resources to coordinate access to right of ways on state highways for a high-speed rail project unless and until the high-speed rail project has established that it possesses eminent domain authority in the State of Texas through a final, non-appealable judgment entered by a Texas court of competent jurisdiction. For the purposes of this section, high-speed rail means intercity passenger rail service that is reasonably expected to reach speeds of at least 110 miles per hour.

**Texas Department of Transportation
Amend Rider
Rider 11. District Discretionary Funds**

Overview

Amend rider language to decrease the distance from the port of entry from 50 miles to 25 miles and require that entities requesting funding for projects have an eligible financial match.

Required Actions:

In SB 1, on page VII-23 of the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Transportation, amend the following rider:

11. **District Discretionary Funds.**
 - a. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate a minimum of \$2.5 million for each district to the State District Discretionary Category each fiscal year. In addition, the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor an annual report no later than November 1st each fiscal year detailing the amount of District Discretionary category funds used by each district for project cost overruns.
 - b. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate, in addition to the allocations made under subsection (a) of this rider, funds to fund improvements designed to facilitate traffic related to motor vehicles, cargo, and rail, and improve the efficiency of border inspection and security processes at land ports of entry located within ~~50~~25 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. In making allocations under this subsection, the department shall consider factors related to the movement of people and goods through the land border ports of entry within the boundaries of the state, including but not limited to the number of incoming commercial trucks and railcars, the number of incoming personal motor vehicles and buses, the weight of incoming cargo by commercial trucks, and the number of land border ports of entry. To be eligible for funding, the entity must provide an eligible financial match.

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII
Proposed Rider
Adult Education and Family Literacy

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/22/2019

Overview

Prepare a rider which requires a report on the Adult Education and Family Literacy program.

Required Action

On page VII-48 of the bill pattern for the Texas Workforce Commission, add the following new rider:

45. **Adult Literacy Report.** Out of funds appropriated above, as a part of the report required and in addition to the outcomes specified under Labor Code, Chapter 315.002(c), the Texas Workforce Commission shall analyze and report to the Legislature on December 1 of each even-numbered year on adult literacy activities and performance measures for the Adult Education and Family Literacy program. The report shall identify the types of literacy programs conducted by providers and the measurable outcomes on literacy performed by the program. The report must be accompanied by supporting documentation as specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

By: Senator Juan Hinojosa

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII
Proposed Rider
Adult Education and Family Literacy

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/20/2019

Overview

Prepare a rider which requires a review of the Adult Education and Family Literacy program.

Required Action

On page VII-48 of the bill pattern for the Texas Workforce Commission, add the following new rider:

45. **Adult Education and Family Literacy Program Review.** Out of amounts appropriated above and in a manner consistent with all other law, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) shall contract with an external consultant to conduct a review of the Adult Education and Family Literacy program to ensure the grant application, award, and management processes are fair, equitable, and complete. TWC shall submit copies of the review to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by January 1, 2021. In addition, all grant applications and awards for the Adult Education and Family Literacy program shall be reviewed and approved by TWC's Commissioners prior to notification of award to the grant recipient.

By Hinojosa

**Texas Workforce Commission
Professional Development for Early Childhood Education**

Overview

The following action amends an existing rider that directs \$750,000 each year to fund increased participation in continuing professional development for early childhood professionals.

The above referenced program has provided free early childhood assessments to licensed childcare centers through regional workforce boards that have served 20,000 children each year. Additionally, the program has provided scholarships for current early childhood education employees to pursue continuing professional development in the form of childhood development associate certificates, associates degrees and bachelors degrees.

Required Action

On page VII-_____ of Texas Workforce Commission's bill pattern, add the following amended rider:

_____. **Professional Development for Early Childhood Education.** Out of federal Child Care Development Funds (CCDF) appropriated above, the Texas Workforce Commission shall dedicate ~~\$750,000~~~~\$500,000~~ in fiscal year ~~2020~~~~2018~~ and ~~\$750,000~~~~\$500,000~~ in fiscal year ~~2021~~~~2019~~ for programs that encourage increased participation in continuing professional development for early childhood professionals. Funding may be used to fund teacher training programs, programs that lead to a national credential in early childhood education, or work-study programs in child care. Funding may also be used for pilot programs that utilize tools for individualized instruction coupled with professional development components that support ongoing learning for teachers.