

**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article VIII**

Article XI

March 28, 2019

Legislative Budget Board

By: Senator Hancock

Texas Department of Insurance
Article VIII
Contingency Health Insurance Risk Pool Strategy

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs the appropriation described under Required Action contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 1940, or similar legislation relating to the creation of a temporary health insurance risk pool, by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session.

Required Action

Contingency for SB 1940.

- a. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 1940, or similar legislation relating to the creation of a temporary health insurance risk pool, by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Department of Insurance is appropriated \$841,602 in fiscal year 2020 and \$933,351 in fiscal year 2021 in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund 36; and \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$29,052,524 in fiscal year 2019 in Premium Stabilization Fund 329 to implement the provisions of the legislation. In addition, the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" in the agency's bill pattern is increased by 10.5 FTEs in fiscal year 2020 and 12.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2021.
- b. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 1940, or similar legislation, none of the funds appropriated in subsection (a) may be expended unless the Commissioner of Insurance files a finding of fact with the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board and neither the Governor nor the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval not later than:

- (1) the 10th business day after the date the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the findings of fact and forwards those findings of fact along with the conclusions or comments of the Legislative Budget Board staff to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor; and
- (2) within 10 business days of the receipt of the finding of fact by the Governor.

Any requests for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board shall suspend the counting of the 10 business days.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2020 in appropriations in subsection (a) made to the Texas Department of Insurance are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020.

Contingency Health Insurance Risk Pool Strategy. From funds appropriated above in Strategy G.1.1.

By: 
Senator Kirk Watson

Texas Department of Insurance, Article VIII
Proposed Rider
Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/15/2019

Overview

Amend Rider 13, Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs, to increase appropriations from \$1,500,000 to \$2,182,000 each year of the biennium out of amounts collected in excess of those contained in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate from fines, penalties, and sanctions deposited to General Revenue for the Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs.

Required Action

On page VIII-22 of the Texas Department of Insurance bill pattern, amend the following rider:

13. Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs.
 - a. Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Insurance of \$64,847 in fiscal year 2020 and \$64,847 in fiscal year 2021 in General Revenue - Insurance Companies Maintenance Tax and Insurance Department Fees in Strategy A.4.1, Three-Share Assistance Programs, and 1.0 Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) position each fiscal year included above in the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" is for the purpose of awarding, through a competitive application process, grants to local government entities for the research, planning, development, and continuation of "three-share" premium assistance programs to increase access to private healthcare coverage for the uninsured, and providing technical assistance to grant recipients. The agency shall consider the following factors in selecting recipients of grant funds:
 - (1) proposals to match grant awards with local funds;
 - (2) percentage of uninsured in the applicable area;
 - (3) existing efforts in pursuing "three-share" premium assistance programs; and
 - (4) healthcare use and delivery factors affecting the area's healthcare infrastructure and capacity.
 - b. In addition to amounts appropriated above, out of funds collected from regulated entities except for workers compensation for fines, penalties, and sanctions and deposited to General Revenue, the Department of Insurance is appropriated, out of amounts collected in excess of those contained in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate (estimated to be \$0), an amount not to exceed ~~\$2,182,000~~\$1,500,000 in each year of the biennium for the Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs. Any

unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2019, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2019. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2020, are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020. The agency shall spend any unexpended and unobligated balances that are appropriated to it for the same purposes to the extent necessary to maintain the agency's approved enrollment levels for that biennium for each Three-Share Premium Assistance Program.

The agency shall report a summary of the grants awarded to local government entities to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than January 1, 2021.

By: Perry

**Article VIII, Public Utility Commission
Proposed Rider
Contingency for HB 2423 / SB 1103**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/25/19

Overview

Prepare a rider which appropriates \$500,000 from General Revenue for the purposes of implementing the provisions of HB 2423 or SB 1103, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page VIII-61 of the bill pattern for the Public Utility Commission, add the following new rider:

- _____. **Contingency for HB 2423 and SB 1103.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 2423 or Senate Bill 1103, or similar legislation relating to the creation of the broadband office within the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the establishment of a broadband investment grant program, by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, the Public Utility Commission is appropriated an additional \$250,000 for each fiscal year of the 2020-21 biennium from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation. By January 1, 2021, the agency shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and Office of the Governor on the status of the program, to include actual and projected expenditures, number of grants provided and projects initiated and completed by location, and the impact of the program on access to broadband services and on any related agency performance measures.

