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Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
Sunset Contingency

Overview

The following action adds the standard Sunset contingency rider to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's bill pattern.

Required Action

On page V-5 of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

Sunset Contingency. Funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2021 for the Texas
Alcoholic Beverage Commission are made contingent on the continuation of the
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular
Session, 2019. In the event that the agency is not continued, the funds
appropriated above for fiscal year 2020, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
are to be used to provide for the phase out of the agency operations.

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Texas Military Department Sunset Contingency

Overview

The following action adds a sunset contingency rider to the Texas Military Department's bill pattern. The rider makes some of the funds appropriated in the bill pattern of the Texas Military Department contingent on the continuation of some of the statutory functions of the Department. The rider also allows for the funds appropriated for military functions such as the operations of Texas State Guard and Texas National Guard to continue to be valid regardless of the success or failure of the sunset legislation.

Required Action

On page V-48 of the Texas Military Department's bill pattern, add the following new

Sunset Contingency. Funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2021 that are intended to be used exclusively for the functions of the Texas Military Department conducted pursuant to the legal authority provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 437, Government Code, are made contingent on the continuation of the Texas Military Department by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 2019. In the event that the Texas Military Department is not continued by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, the funds appropriated above that are intended to be used exclusively for the functions of the Texas Military Department conducted pursuant to the legal authority provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 437, Government Code, for fiscal year 2020, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are to be used to provide for the phase out of the operations and functions of the Texas Military Department conducted pursuant to the legal authority provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 437, Government Code, All funds appropriated above other than the funds intended to be used exclusively for the functions of the Texas Military Department conducted pursuant to the legal authority provided by Subchapter B. Chapter 437, Government Code, are not made contingent on the continuation of the Texas Military Department by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, and shall be used by the successor of the Texas Military Department for those functions.

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Department of Public Safety Sunset Contingency Rider

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that establishes if the Legislature does not continue the agency, its fiscal year 2020 funds are to be used to phase out agency operations.

Required Action

On page V-XXX of the Department of Public Safety's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

Sunset Contingency. Funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Public Safety are made contingent on the continuation of the Department of Public Safety by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 2019. In the event that the agency is not continued, the funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2020, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are to be used to provide for the phase out of the agency operations.

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Department of Public Safety: Texas Division of Emergency Management Recovery Task Force for Texas

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$10,406,830 for a Recovery Task Force for assisting local entities with disaster recovery and response.

- A Recovery Task Force for the state would be created within TDEM. This Task
 Force will provide specialized assistance for communities and individuals affected
 by disasters of any kind in understanding, applying to and complying with federal
 assistance programs, financial issues, and overall recovery and resiliency planning
 to speed recovery at the local level.
- This funding will assist local government partners to be better prepared to deal
 with disaster recovery and move the state to a more efficient long term recovery
 process. Hurricane Harvey demonstrated that one of the state's greatest needs is a
 stronger focus on recovery. Developing and implementing this program allows us
 to more efficiently meet needs across the state allowing for quicker recovery and
 reimbursement to local entities.

Required Action

On page V-49 under Emergency Management, add General Revenue in the amount of \$5,789,350 in FY 2020 and \$4,617,480 in FY 2021 to Strategy D.1.2., Response Coordination.

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Department of Public Safety Regional Assistance to Combat Gangs, Criminal Activity, and Terrorism

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$10,400,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to the Houston Police Department for the purchase of helicopters to be used to assist in regional and statewide efforts to enhance security and combat gangs, criminal activity and terrorism.

Required Action

On page V-62 of the Department of Public Safety bill pattern, add the following new rider:

Regional Assistance to Combat Gangs, Criminal Activity, and Terrorism. From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1. Organized Crime, appropriate \$10,400,000 in each fiscal year of the 2020-21 biennium to the Houston Police Department for the purchase of 2 helicopters in each year of the biennium to assist in regional and statewide efforts to enhance security and combat gangs, criminal activity and terrorism.