

Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2022–23 General Appropriations Bill

Article 4 – Judiciary

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12. Children's Justice Grants to States. Out of funds appropriated above, the Office of Court Administration shall collaborate with the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, the grant administrator designated by the Governor for the Children's Justice Grant to States (CFDA 93.643), in filing a report with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor within 90 days following August 31st of each fiscal year showing disbursements, the purpose of each disbursement, and compliance with grant conditions.

13. Contingency for SB 11. Contingent on enactment of SB 11, or similar legislation relating to the composition of the courts of appeals districts, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, the Office of Court Administration is appropriated \$___ in fiscal year 2022 and \$__ in fiscal year 2023 from _____ for the purpose of modifying appellate courts structure to implement the provision of the legislation.

12. Family Violence Homicide Reduction Task Force. Out of funds appropriated above in strategy A.1.1, Court Administration, the Office of Court Administration shall, to the extent that state statute allows, establish a Family Violence Homicide Reduction Task Force, composed of representative experts, to make recommendations and provide guidance to courts related to implementing policies related to the transfer or other disposition of firearms for persons temporarily prohibited from possessing firearms pursuant to a judgment, bond condition, or order issued as a result of family violence.

13. Protective Order Enforcement Study. Out of funds appropriated above, the Office of Court Administration shall study different mechanisms of protective order enforcement used in a representative selection of Texas counties and identify best practices for a statewide model of effective, efficient protective order enforcement.

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The Office of Court Administration shall report the findings of the study to the permanent committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate with jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety by September 1, 2022.

14. Contingency for SB 21. Contingent on enactment of SB 21, or similar legislation relating to rules for fixing the amount of bail, to the release of certain defendants on a bail bond or personal bond, to related duties of a magistrate in a criminal case, to the reporting of information pertaining to bail bonds, and to the regulation of charitable bail organizations, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, the Office of Court Administration is appropriated \$_____ for fiscal year _____ from _____ to implement the provisions of the legislation.

14. Indigent Defendants with Mental Illness Pilot Project. Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, the Texas Indigent Defense Commission shall provide funding for a pilot project for the early identification and specialized representation of indigent defendants with mental illness. The Commission shall provide grants to counties to expand the capacity of existing mental health defender programs and to establish mental health defender programs in counties currently without these programs. It is the intent of the legislature that for the pilot project the Commission shall provide grants to three geographically diverse counties each with a population of more than 800,000 at the time of the 2010 decennial United States census.

15. Information Technology Modernization to Address Court Backlogs. Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, \$500,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year shall be used for the purpose of implementing an information technology modernization program to address court backlogs, including backlogs arising due to the COVID-

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19 pandemic.

Contingent on the Office of Court Administration making a determination that the information technology modernization program is effective at reducing the backlog of court cases resulting from the pandemic, the Office of Court Administration shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller of Public Accounts of its determination and appropriations for Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, shall be increased by an amount not to exceed \$4,343,306 each fiscal year. Also contingent on the Office of Court Administration making a notification of its determination that the information technology modernization program is effective at reducing the backlog of court cases resulting from the pandemic, appropriations in the bill pattern of the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department in Strategy A.1.3, Visiting Judges - Regions, shall be reduced by a like amount of the amounts increased in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration.