

Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on House Bill 1

2024-25 General Appropriations Bill

Article IX – General Provisions

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SALARY ADMINISTRATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS

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(G) Texas Department of Criminal Justice	Parole Board Members (6)	Group 3
(H) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Commissioners (3)	Group 8
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(J) Texas Workforce Commission	Commissioners (2)	Group 5
(K) Texas Workforce Commission	Commission Chair	Group 6
(L) State Office of Administrative Hearings	Chief Administrative Law Judge	Group 5
(M) Texas Department of Insurance	Commissioner of Insurance	Group 7
(N) Office of Public Insurance Counsel	Public Counsel	Group 4
(O) Office of Public Utility Counsel	Public Counsel	Group 4
(P) Bond Review Board	Executive Director	Group 4
(Q) Texas Water Development Board	Commission Chair	Group 6
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(c) (1) Notwithstanding the rate listed in an agency's "Schedule of Exempt Positions," an agency whose exempt position is listed in Subsection (c)(6) may request to set the rate of compensation provided for the agency's respective exempt position at an amount not to exceed the "Maximum Salary" but not less than the "Minimum Salary" for the appropriate group as listed in Subsection (b)(2).

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- (C) the source of monies to be used to pay the additional salary amount.
- (3) The governing board (when applicable for an agency with a governing board) may make a request under Subsection (c)(1) a maximum of once per fiscal year and additionally upon a vacancy in an exempt position listed in Subsection (c)(6).
- (4) A proposed rate increase is approved if neither the Legislative Budget Board nor the Governor issues a written disapproval of the proposal not later than:
 - (A) for the Legislative Budget Board, the thirtieth business day after the date the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the proposed rate increase and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations, Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor; and
 - (B) for the Governor, the thirtieth business day after the receipt of the proposed rate increase by the Governor.
- (5) Unless a proposed rate increase is disapproved, the Legislative Budget Board shall notify the affected agency, the Governor's Office, and the Comptroller of the new salary rate.

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(C) Texas Lottery Commission	Executive Director	Group 7
(D) Texas Juvenile Justice Department	Executive Director	Group 8
(E) Preservation Board	Executive Director	Group 6
(F) School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Superintendent	Group 5
(G) School for the Deaf	Superintendent	Group 5
(H) Animal Health Commission	Executive Director	Group 6
(I) Texas Public Finance Authority	Executive Director	Group 7
(J) Alcoholic Beverage Commission	Executive Director	Group 7
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(d) In addition to all other requirements, any salary increase from appropriated monies within the limits provided by this section and salary increases within the limit established under an agency's bill pattern, must be:

- (1) in writing;
- (2) approved by the governing board (for an agency with a governing board) in a public meeting;
- (3) signed by the presiding officer of the governing board (for an agency with a governing board); and
- (4) submitted to the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Comptroller.

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Texas Department of Public Safety, Executive Director, Group 9

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Sec. 3.12. Exceptions for Salary Schedule C.

- (a) Notwithstanding other provisions in this Act, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas may pay its employees classified as Corporal I, II, III, IV, or V, Traffic Law Enforcement, at rates that exceed the maximum rates designated in Salary Schedule C by up to \$3,000 per fiscal year.
- (b) (1) Notwithstanding other provisions in this Act, the Department of Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Criminal Justice, Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Department of Insurance, and the Alcoholic Beverage Commission of Texas shall pay its employees classified as commissioned peace officers in Salary Schedule C, salary stipends at rates that exceed the maximum rates designated in Salary Schedule C.
- (2) Salary stipends shall be paid to commissioned peace officers who achieve certain levels of skill or certifications as approved by the departments. Such skills and certifications shall include:
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<u>Agency</u>	<u>2024-25 Biennial Total (in millions)</u>
Office of the Attorney General	\$ 2.6
Trusted Programs within in the Office of the Governor	1,043.7
Department of State Health Services	16.4
Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council	53.5
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission	6.9
Texas Department of Criminal Justice	25.9
Commission on Jail Standards	0.4
Texas Commission on Law Enforcement	0.3
Texas Military Department	2,265.5
Department of Public Safety	1,194.6
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	33.6
Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board	7.2
Department of Motor Vehicles	8.8
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 - (2) Performance indicators as defined by the Legislative Budget Board, including but not limited to:
 - (A) the number of border security-related apprehensions and arrests made by law enforcement personnel;
 - (B) the number of juveniles apprehended;
 - (C) the number of individuals undergoing magistration, prosecution, or conviction for state crimes related to border security;
 - (D) the average number of detainees confined to state correctional facilities converted by the Department of Criminal Justice to confine those accused of state crimes related to border security;
 - (E) the total length, expressed in miles, and type of temporary and permanent fencing, barrier, or wall erected along the international border with Mexico; and
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Sec. 9.04. Information Technology Replacement.

- (a) Agencies and institutions of higher education receiving appropriated monies for the acquisition of information technology shall perform a cost-benefit analysis of leasing versus purchasing information technology and develop and maintain a personal computer replacement schedule. Agencies and institutions of higher education shall use the Department of Information Resources' (DIR) publication Guidelines for Lease versus Purchase of Information Technologies to evaluate costs and use DIR's publication PC Life Cycles: Guidelines for Establishing Life Cycles for Personal Computers to prepare a replacement schedule.
- (b) Agencies and institutions of higher education shall adhere to the following principles, when appropriate:
 - (1) compliance with DIR data center services requirements; and
 - (2) participation in hardware and software bulk purchasing facilitated by DIR.
- (c) In accordance with Government Code, Sections 2157.006 and 2157.068, DIR may require any state agency with plans to purchase or replace certain information technology equipment, hardware, software, and services, including cyber security, telecommunications, and network equipment, out of monies appropriated elsewhere in this Act, to coordinate such purchases with DIR to achieve additional cost savings through a coordinated bulk purchasing effort. Any state agency selected by DIR for participation in DIR's bulk purchasing effort shall cooperate with DIR's requirements. Institutions of higher education receiving an appropriation by this Act for information technology initiatives may also coordinate with DIR through a coordinated bulk purchasing effort. DIR shall coordinate bulk purchase efforts for the following:
 - (1) personal computers, laptops, and tablets;
 - (2) productivity software;
 - (3) seat management services; and
 - (4) any additional information technology commodity items that may produce cost savings from bulk purchases.

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- (d) By December 1, 2024, DIR shall report to the Legislative Budget Board the cost savings realized through a coordinated bulk purchasing effort described in Subsection (c) above. The report shall include the participating agencies and the information technology purchased.

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Sec. 10.04. Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures.

(a) Informational Listing - Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services Appropriations.

The following is an informational listing of appropriations for behavioral health services made elsewhere in this Act.

Behavioral health services are programs or services directly or indirectly related to the research, prevention, or detection of mental disorders and disabilities, and all services necessary to treat, care for, control, supervise, and rehabilitate persons who have a mental disorder or disability, including persons whose mental disorders or disabilities result from alcoholism or drug addiction. Certain non-behavioral health-related costs which could not be disaggregated from other healthcare costs are also included in the listing below.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Article I		
Trusted Programs, Office of the Governor	\$47,076,218	\$47,076,218
Veterans Commission	\$8,869,000	\$8,869,000
Article II		
Department of Family and Protective Services	\$52,364,415	\$53,664,765
Department of State Health Services	\$3,295,612	\$2,853,186
Health and Human Services Commission	\$2,404,870,433	\$2,389,851,627
Texas Civil Commitment Office	\$154,611	\$154,611
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Texas Education Agency	\$2,611,722	\$0
Texas School for the Deaf	\$80,000	\$80,000
University of Texas - Health Science Center Houston	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
University of Texas - Health Science Center San Antonio	\$9,567,982	\$9,167,982
University of Texas - Health Science Center Tyler	\$6,730,000	\$6,730,000
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	\$140,277,958	\$140,277,954

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Department of State Health Services	\$3,295,612	\$2,853,186
Health and Human Services Commission	\$2,163,916,913	\$2,157,854,501
Texas Civil Commitment Office	\$154,611	\$154,611
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Texas School for the Deaf	\$80,000	\$80,000
University of Texas - Health Science Center Houston	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
University of Texas - Health Science Center San Antonio	\$9,067,982	\$9,067,982
University of Texas - Health Science Center Tyler	\$6,730,000	\$6,730,000
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	\$140,277,958	\$140,277,954
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Supreme Court of Texas	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000
Court of Criminal Appeals	\$568,500	\$568,500
Office of Court Administration	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

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Court of Criminal Appeals	\$568,500	\$568,500
Office of Court Administration	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

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Commission on Jail Standards	\$66,100	\$66,100
Department of Criminal Justice	\$282,958,290	\$286,461,685
Juvenile Justice Department	\$95,802,460	\$95,798,060
Military Department	\$4,233,713	\$4,068,413
Commission on Law Enforcement	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000

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Commission on Jail Standards	\$66,100	\$66,100
Department of Criminal Justice	\$272,702,660	\$277,140,306
Juvenile Justice Department	\$95,027,045	\$95,022,644
Military Department	\$3,679,081	\$3,513,782
Commission on Law Enforcement	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000

Article VI

Department of Agriculture	\$500,000	\$500,000
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Article VIII

State Board of Dental Examiners	\$160,834	\$160,834
Board of Pharmacy	\$7,052,448	\$6,064,504
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	\$85,500	\$85,500
Optometry Board	\$47,000	\$47,000
Board of Nursing	\$1,005,458	\$1,005,458
Medical Board	\$720,182	\$716,142

Article VIII

State Board of Dental Examiners	\$132,240	\$132,240
Board of Pharmacy	\$7,052,448	\$6,064,504
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	\$45,000	\$45,000
Optometry Board	\$47,000	\$47,000
Board of Nursing	\$1,005,458	\$1,005,458
Medical Board	\$825,371	\$776,731

Total	\$3,084,648,436	\$3,069,817,539
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Method of Financing

General Revenue	\$2,440,898,201	\$2,508,684,387
General Revenue - Dedicated	\$32,209,904	\$29,197,632
Federal Funds	\$498,053,014	\$497,492,387
Other Funds	\$113,487,317	\$34,443,133

Method of Financing

General Revenue	\$2,239,892,093	\$2,241,268,489
General Revenue - Dedicated	\$29,203,371	\$29,158,221
Federal Funds	\$498,054,593	\$497,494,051
Other Funds	\$38,487,317	\$34,443,133

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Subtotal	\$3,084,648,436	\$3,069,817,539
Estimated Medicaid Expenditures (All Funds)	\$1,704,117,075	\$1,701,062,422
Estimated CHIP Expenditures (All Funds)	\$43,246,751	\$47,908,497
Total	\$4,832,012,262	\$4,818,788,457

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HHSC shall require certain community collaboratives that receive state grant funding to present twice annually on the impact each collaborative has had on project implementation and mental health outcomes on the population served by the grant funding. These community collaboratives shall include community collaboratives as defined by Government Code, Chapter 539; community recipients of a grant for veterans' mental health pursuant to

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Government Code, Section 531.0992; recipients of a grant through the Mental Health Grant Program for Justice-Involved Individuals; and recipients of a grant through the Community Mental Health Grant Program. It is the intent of the Legislature that these presentations serve as an opportunity to increase collaboration for the effective expenditure of behavioral health monies between state and local entities. No provision of this Act may be construed as granting the coordinating council authority over local projects implemented by the collaboratives listed above.

- (c) **Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan.** The purpose of the coordinating council shall be to implement the five-year Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan most recently published on November 3, 2022, and originally published May 1, 2016, (the strategic plan) per 2016-17 GAA, Article IX, Section 10.04(b), Eighty-fourth Legislature, 2015. The coordinating council shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board including the progress of the strategic plan's implementation no later than December 1 of each year of the biennium. The report shall include the coordinating council's agency participation and how the strategic plan's implementation serves to coordinate programs and services to eliminate redundancy; utilize best practices in contracting standards; perpetuate identified successful models for mental health and substance abuse treatment; ensure optimal service delivery; and identify and collect comparable data on results and effectiveness. The coordinating council shall annually update the inventory of behavioral health programs and services. The inventory shall describe how the identified programs, services, initiatives, and expenditures further the goals of the strategic plan. HHSC shall make available the five-year strategic plan update and the inventory of programs on HHSC's website no later than December 1 of each year.

The coordinating council shall also collaborate with the Board of Pharmacy and the Medical Board to create a sub-plan related to substance abuse. The sub-plan shall include challenges of existing prevention, intervention, and treatment programs; evaluation of substance use disorder prevalence; service ability; gaps in current services; and strategies for working with state agencies to expand treatment capacity.

- (d) **Coordination of Behavioral Health Expenditures.** The coordinating council shall submit to the Executive Commissioner of HHSC for approval a coordinated statewide expenditure proposal for each agency, which shall include the appropriation amounts identified in Subsection (a). The expenditure proposal shall describe how the identified appropriations at each agency or institution would be spent in accordance with and to

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Notwithstanding any other appropriation authority granted by this Act, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the expenditure of General Revenue-Related monies identified in Subsection (a) by a particular agency if the Legislative Budget Board provides notification to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the agency's expenditure proposal has not satisfied the requirements of this provision. If fiscal year 2024 or fiscal year 2025 General Revenue-Related funds are used to provide services required by federal law, are related to court-ordered treatment, or are required as the result of administrative proceedings, the funding for these services shall still be included in the proposal, but these monies shall not be contingent upon approval.

The coordinated expenditure proposal shall be developed in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board, and shall, at a minimum, include expenditures related to each program identified in the program inventory required by Subsection (c), identified by fund type. Behavioral health-related Medicaid expenditures shall also be included as a separate line item for each agency.

- (e) **Report on Review of Exceptional Item Requests.** No later than January 15, 2025, the coordinating council shall submit to the Executive Commissioner of HHSC and the Legislative Budget Board a report regarding the coordinating council's thorough review and complete vetting of all behavioral health exceptional item requests submitted with each agency's legislative appropriation request.
- (f) **Report on Suicide and Suicide Prevention.** Out of monies appropriated elsewhere in this Act to HHSC, the coordinating council shall provide an update to the report on suicide and suicide prevention in Texas required by House Bill 3980, Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (Acts 2019, 86th R.S., ch. 1317, General and Special Laws of Texas). The report shall include data and recommendations specific to suicides among veterans and foster youth in the state. The coordinating council may collaborate with the Texas Veterans Commission, the Department of Family and Protective Services, and other agencies that the coordinating council

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(g) **Children's Mental Health Strategic Plan.** Out of monies appropriated elsewhere in this Act to HHSC, the coordinating council shall develop a strategic plan specific to the behavioral health of children and youth. The plan shall incorporate the full continuum of care needed to support children and families and include:

- (1) descriptions of who provides what services to which children;
- (2) strategies to identify and address gaps in care;
- (3) discussion of workforce shortages;
- (4) information on funding and reimbursement; and
- (5) children-specific data and expenditure information.

The plan shall be developed by a subcommittee of the coordinating council made of members including but not limited to the Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of Family and Protective Services, the Texas Department of Juvenile Justice, the Texas Education Agency, the Department of State Health Services, and medical practitioners with expertise and facilities which provide inpatient and outpatient care. The coordinating committee shall submit the plan to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor’s Office by December 1, 2024.

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Sec. 10.07 Informational Listing - Mental Health Funding for Continued Transformation.

The following is an informational listing of appropriations above 2022-23 levels for mental health funding made elsewhere in this Act to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

(a) **HHSC Frontline Staff**

Salary Increases. \$107,211,441 in each fiscal year in General Revenue in Strategy G.1.1, State

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(a) **HHSC Frontline Staff**

Salary Increases. \$98,075,062 in fiscal year 2024 and \$98,074,155 in fiscal year 2025 in

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Supported Living Centers, and \$70,847,041 in fiscal year 2024 and \$70,847,042 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue in Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, to maintain salary increases for frontline staff at HHSC facilities.

(b) **Expansion of Community Inpatient Beds**

- (1) **State Hospital Contracted Beds.** \$10,200,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy G.2.2, Mental Health Community Hospitals, to expand contracted bed capacity by 40 beds.
- (2) **Inpatient Contracted Beds.** \$161,250,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy G.2.2, Mental Health Community Hospitals, for up to 234 additional state-purchased inpatient psychiatric beds, including beds in rural and urban communities and for contract rate adjustments as needed, and to contract for an additional 150 competency restoration beds.

(c) **Step-down Housing and State Hospital Transitions**

- (1) **State Hospital Transition Teams.** \$4,279,158 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,185,891 in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, to establish state hospital transition teams to support individuals statewide who are at risk of state hospital readmission by providing coordination and support to address mental health needs in the community.
- (2) **Step-Down Housing Expansion.** \$8,500,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services (MHS) for Adults, to expand step-down housing programs statewide to identify, assess, and transition patients with acute mental health and/or medical needs from hospitals to community settings with appropriate supports.

(d) **Crisis Services**

- (1) **Crisis Stabilization Units.** \$18,000,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.3, Community Mental Health Crisis Services (CMHCS), to fund six additional crisis stabilization units to provide a short-term alternative to hospital admission to reduce acute symptoms of mental illness.
- (2) **Crisis Respite Units for Youth.** \$5,750,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.3, Community Mental Health Crisis Services (CMHCS), to fund four additional crisis respite

General Revenue in Strategy G.1.1, State Supported Living Centers, and \$65,003,596 in General Revenue in each fiscal year in Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, to maintain salary increases for frontline staff at HHSC facilities.

(b) **Expansion of Community Inpatient Beds**

- (1) **State Hospital Contracted Beds.** \$4,197,500 in each fiscal year in Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, to contract for 20 competency restoration beds and \$4,068,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy G.2.2, Mental Health Community Hospitals, to expand contracted bed capacity by 16 beds.
- (2) **John S. Dunn Behavioral Sciences Center.** \$4,730,400 in each fiscal year in Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, to increase funding for 144 beds at the John S. Dunn Behavioral Sciences Center; and \$6,132,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, to expand state hospital capacity at the John S. Dunn Behavioral Sciences Center by 24 beds. It is the intent of the Legislature that the additional beds be dedicated to addressing the state hospital forensic waitlist.
- (3) **Purchased Psychiatric Beds.** \$109,665,384 in each fiscal year in Strategy G.2.2, Mental Health Community Hospitals, for up to 234 additional state-purchased inpatient psychiatric beds, including beds in rural and urban communities, and contract rate adjustments as needed. HHSC shall expend \$5,840,000 of this funding in each fiscal year for the Intensive Psychiatric Stabilization Program dedicated to children in Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) conservatorship and shall prioritize an additional 20 contracted beds for children in DFPS conservatorship. It is the intent of the legislature that the Intensive Psychiatric Stabilization Program shall first serve children statewide with the highest priority.
- (4) **Inpatient Capacity Expansion.** \$45,834,616 in each fiscal year in Strategy G.2.2, Mental Health Community Hospitals, to contract for an additional 150 competency restoration beds.
- (5) **Sunrise Canyon Operational Funding.** \$2,900,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy G.2.2, Mental Health Community Hospitals, to increase funding for existing Sunrise Canyon Hospital inpatient beds.

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units that serve youth and to pilot three peer-run units.

- (3) **Youth Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams.** \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.3, Community Mental Health Crisis Services (CMHCS), to establish youth mobile crisis outreach teams to reduce the risk of hospitalization from acute mental health illness and transition youth into care.

(e) **Community Mental Health Grant Programs**

- (1) **Mental Health Grant for Justice-Involved Individuals (MHGJII) Program.** \$15,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.6, Community Mental Health Grant Programs, to expand the grant program to reduce recidivism, arrest, and incarceration among individuals with mental illness and to reduce wait time for forensic commitment established pursuant to Government Code, Section 531.0993.
- (2) **Community Mental Health Grant Program.** \$7,500,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.6, Community Mental Health Grant Programs, to expand the community mental health grant program established pursuant to Government Code, Section 531.0991.
- (3) **Innovation Grants.** \$32,500,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.6, Community Mental Health Grant Programs, for an innovation grant program to support a variety of community-based initiatives that improve access to care for children and families, such as programs that reduce juvenile justice involvement, relinquishment, and preventable emergency room visits, and provide mental health prevention and intervention services. HHSC shall ensure at least half of the appropriated innovation grant funds are used to provide mental health services at Independent School Districts.

(f) **Expansion of Programs for High-Risk Children**

- (1) **Multisystemic Therapy.** \$15,225,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.2, Community Mental Health Services (MHS) for Children, to expand multisystemic therapy, which provides community-based treatment for at-risk youth with intensive needs and their families.
- (2) **Coordinated Specialty Care.** \$2,100,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.1,

(c) **Step-down Housing and State Hospital Transitions**

- (1) **State Hospital Transition Teams.** \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, to establish state hospital transition teams to support individuals statewide who are at risk of state hospital readmission by providing coordination and support to address mental health needs in the community.
- (2) **Step-Down Housing Expansion.** \$8,500,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services (MHS) for Adults, to expand step-down housing programs statewide to identify, assess, and transition patients with acute mental health and/or medical needs from hospitals to community settings with appropriate supports.

(d) **Crisis Services**

- (1) **Crisis Stabilization Units.** \$18,000,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.3, Community Mental Health Crisis Services (CMHCS), to fund six additional crisis stabilization units, and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the crisis stabilization unit at the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic that services Montgomery, Walker, and Liberty Counties, to provide a short-term alternative to hospital admission to reduce acute symptoms of mental illness.
- (2) **Crisis Respite Units for Youth.** \$5,750,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.3, Community Mental Health Crisis Services (CMHCS), to fund four additional crisis respite units that serve youth and to pilot three peer-run units.
- (3) **Youth Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams.** \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.3, Community Mental Health Crisis Services (CMHCS), to establish youth mobile crisis outreach teams to reduce the risk of hospitalization from acute mental health illness and transition youth into care.

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commitment established pursuant to Government Code, Section 531.0993.

- (3) **Mental Health Services for the Uvalde Community.** \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services (MHS) for Adults, to partner with the Hill Country Local Mental Health Authority to provide ongoing mental health services support for the Uvalde community.

- (2) **Community Mental Health Grant Program.** \$7,500,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.6, Community Mental Health Grant Programs, to expand the community mental health grant program established pursuant to Government Code, Section 531.0991.

The following is an informational listing of appropriations above 2022-23 levels for mental health funding made elsewhere in this Act to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB):

- (3) **Innovation Grants.** \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.6, Community Mental Health Grant Programs, for an innovation grant program to support a variety of community-based initiatives that improve access to care for children and families, such as programs that reduce juvenile justice involvement, relinquishment, and preventable emergency room visits.

(g) **State Mental Health Workforce.**

- (1) **Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program:** \$27,919,952 in Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program.
- (2) **Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program:** \$4,075,000 in Strategy C.1.3, Educational Loan Repayment Program.
- (3) **Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Professionals:** \$24,828,124 in Strategy C.1.3, Educational Loan Repayment Program.

- (4) **Healthy Community Collaboratives.** \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.6, Community Mental Health Grant Programs, to expand grants for the Healthy Community Collaboratives funding public/private collaboratives to address homelessness pursuant to Government Code, Section 539.002.

(h) **Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium.** \$156,247,586 in Strategy D.1.7, Child Mental Health Care Consortium.

(f) **Expansion of Programs for High-Risk Children**

- (1) **Multisystemic Therapy.** \$15,225,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.2, Community Mental Health Services (MHS) for Children, to expand multisystemic therapy, which provides community-based treatment for at-risk youth with intensive needs and their families.

In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding for the following mental health programs in the supplemental appropriation bill for fiscal year 2023:

- (2) **Coordinated Specialty Care.** \$2,100,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services (MHS) for Adults, to expand coordinated specialty care.

(i) **New Capacity for Inpatient Facilities.**

- (1) **New Panhandle Capacity.** \$477,000,000 in Strategy G.4.2, Capital Repair and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, for expansion of mental health inpatient capacity in the Panhandle region.
- (2) **Rio Grande State Center.** \$452,000,000 in Strategy G.4.2, Capital Repair and

- (3) **Mental Health Services for the Uvalde Community.** \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services (MHS) for Adults, to partner with the Hill Country Local Mental Health Authority to provide ongoing mental health services support for the Uvalde community.

- (4) **Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver Rates.** \$600,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy D.2.5, Behavioral Health Waiver and Plan Amendment, to increase rates for the

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Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, for construction to increase capacity at the Rio Grande State Center by 148 beds.

- (3) **Terrell State Hospital.** \$696,000,000 in Strategy G.4.2, Capital Repair and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, for construction of a 308-bed replacement campus of Terrell State Hospital.
- (4) **North Texas State Hospital - Wichita Falls.** \$696,000,000 in Strategy G.4.2, Capital Repair and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, for construction of a 308-bed replacement campus of North Texas State Hospital - Wichita Falls.

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- (5) **Community Resource Coordination Groups (CRCGs).** \$1,421,000 in each fiscal year in Strategy F.3.3, Additional Advocacy Programs, to expand coverage of CRCGs statewide.

(g) Behavioral Health Administration

- (1) **Contracted Inpatient Bed Administration.** \$585,121 in fiscal year 2024 and \$546,259 in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy D.2.7, Community Behavioral Health Administration, for administration and oversight funds for new contracted inpatient beds.
- (2) **Community Mental Health Grant Programs Administration.** \$535,658 in fiscal year 2024 and \$485,025 in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy D.2.7, Community Behavioral Health Administration, for administration and oversight funds for new funding for community mental health grant programs.
- (3) **Budget Execution Order Sustainability.** \$411,332 in fiscal year 2024 and \$365,585 in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy D.2.7, Community Behavioral Health Administration, for administration and oversight funds for new funding for multisystemic therapy, coordinated specialty care, and mental health services in the Uvalde area.
- (4) **Crisis Services Administration.** \$345,191 in fiscal year 2024 and \$321,875 in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy D.2.7, Community Behavioral Health Administration, for administration and oversight funds for new funding for community mental health crisis services.
- (5) **Innovation Grants Administration.** \$88,079 in fiscal year 2024 and \$80,306 in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy D.2.7, Community Behavioral Health Administration, for administration and oversight funds for new funding for innovation grants.

The following is an informational listing of appropriations above 2022-23 levels for mental health funding made elsewhere in this Act to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB):

(h) State Mental Health Workforce.

- (1) **Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program:** \$27,919,952 in Strategy D.1.6,

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Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program.

- (2) **Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program:** \$4,075,000 in Strategy C.1.3, Educational Loan Repayment Program.
- (3) **Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Professionals:** \$24,828,124 in Strategy C.1.3, Educational Loan Repayment Program.
- (i) **Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium.** \$156,247,586 in Strategy D.1.7, Child Mental Health Care Consortium.

In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding for the following mental health programs in the supplemental appropriation bill for fiscal year 2023:

- (j) **New Capacity for Mental Health Services and Inpatient Facilities.**
 - (1) **Uvalde Behavioral Health Campus.** \$33,600,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, for construction of a behavioral health campus in Uvalde, of which 50 percent of beds will be forensic;
 - (2) **Grants Management System.** \$21,400,000 in General Revenue in Strategy L.1.2, Information Technology Capital Projects Oversight and Program Support, for a grants management system for improving mental health outcomes;
 - (3) **Dallas State Hospital.** \$38,048,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, for additional construction funding for the new state hospital in Dallas;
 - (4) **State Hospitals - Electronic Health Record System Upgrade.** \$38,772,184 in General Revenue in Strategy L.1.2, Information Technology Capital Projects Oversight and Program Support, and \$100,870 in General Revenue and \$48,206 in Federal Funds in Strategy L.2.1, Central Program Support, to provide an electronic health record system upgrade for state hospitals;

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- (5) **Deferred Maintenance Needs for State Facilities.** \$50,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, for deferred maintenance needs for state facilities;
- (6) **Lubbock Campus.** \$121,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to construct a 50-bed state hospital maximum security facility on the existing state supported living center campus in Lubbock;
- (7) **San Antonio State Hospital.** \$15,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to rehabilitate the Alamo Unit at the San Antonio State Hospital campus to a 40-bed state hospital maximum security facility;
- (8) **Amarillo State Hospital.** \$212,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to construct a 100-bed state hospital in Amarillo with at least 85 percent of bed capacity designed to be forensic;
- (9) **Facility in the Rio Grande Valley.** \$120,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to construct a 50-bed state hospital maximum security facility in the Rio Grande Valley;
- (10) **Terrell State Hospital.** \$573,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to construct a 250-bed replacement campus of Terrell State Hospital, including 50 maximum security beds, 140 forensic beds, 35 adolescent beds, and 25 civil beds;
- (11) **North Texas State Hospital - Wichita Falls.** \$452,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to construct a 200-bed replacement of North Texas State Hospital - Wichita Falls, including 24 maximum security beds, 136 forensic beds, 24 adolescent beds, and 16 civil beds;
- (12) **El Paso State Hospital.** \$115,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to construct a state

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hospital facility in El Paso with 50 forensic beds;

- (13) **University of Texas at Tyler facility.** \$7,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to renovate a facility to add an additional 44 forensic and civil complex medical needs inpatient beds at the University of Texas at Tyler;
- (14) **Sunrise Canyon facility in Lubbock.** \$45,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to construct 30 additional beds (up to 50 percent of which must be forensic) at the Sunrise Canyon facility in Lubbock;
- (15) **Mental Health Grant Program.** \$100,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to establish a one-time community mental health grant program for county-based collaboratives. These funds may only be expended on construction of jail diversion facilities, step-down facilities, permanent supportive housing, crisis stabilization units, and crisis respite units. These funds may not be expended on office space. These funds require a local match at least equal to:
- a. 25 percent of the grant amount if the collaborative includes a county with a population of less than 100,000;
 - b. 50 percent of the grant amount if the collaborative includes a county with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 250,000;
 - c. 100 percent of the grant amount if the collaborative includes a county with a population of 250,000 or more; and
 - d. the percentage of the grant amount otherwise required by this subsection for the largest county included in the collaborative, if the collaborative includes more than one county; and
- (16) **Grant Program to Construct a Mental Health Inpatient Facility.** \$170,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to establish a one-time grant program to construct a mental

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health inpatient facility with at least 50 percent forensic capacity as listed below. Land and utility connections for any construction project must be donated. Of this funding:

- a. \$85,000,000 is to be used for construction of up to 100 inpatient beds in the Rio Grande Valley region;
- b. \$50,000,000 is to be used for construction of up to 100 inpatient beds in Montgomery County; and
- c. \$40,000,000 is to be used for construction of up to 60 inpatient beds in Victoria County.

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Article I		
Office of the Attorney General	\$3,104,547	\$3,104,547
Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor	\$3,837,650	\$1,837,650
Article II		
Department of Family and Protective Services	\$574,999	\$574,999
Department of State Health Services	\$30,000	\$30,000
Article V		
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	\$2,575,115	\$2,575,115
Department of Public Safety	\$21,747,024	\$16,003,132
Article VIII		
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Method of Financing		
General Revenue	\$25,291,189	\$19,547,297
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- (1) An inventory of human trafficking prevention programs and services in this state that are administered by state agencies, including institutions of higher education, and political subdivisions;
 - (2) A report on the number of persons served by the programs inventoried in Subsection (c)(1);
 - (3) A plan to coordinate the programs inventoried in Subsection (c)(1) with the goals of eliminating redundancy, ensuring the use of best practices in preventing human trafficking, as well as identifying and collecting data regarding the efficacy of the programs inventoried in Subsection (c)(1); and
 - (4) A plan, aligned with the goals provided in Subsection (c)(3), to coordinate the expenditure of state monies appropriated in this Act for the prevention of human trafficking, including monies expended by the task force established under Government Code, Section 402.035, or by a successor entity established by the Office of the Attorney General.
- (d) Not later than December 1, 2025, the council shall submit an annual report detailing the progress of implementing the strategic plan described in Subsection (c) to the Legislature. The annual report shall include:
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- (b) Employees Retirement System: \$1.0 billion for a one-time legacy payment to the employees retirement system;
- (c) Texas Education Agency: \$1.6 billion to assist school districts in implementing school safety initiatives by increasing the school safety allotment under Section 48.115, Education Code;
- (d) Texas Facilities Commission: \$400.0 million to be deposited into General Revenue-Dedicated Account 5166, Deferred Maintenance, to address future maintenance of state buildings and \$210.0 million for construction of a new facility for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for records storage/archive;
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- (h) Comptroller of Public Accounts - Fiscal Programs: \$243.8 million to fully fund remaining Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan obligations;
- (i) State Preservation Board: \$200.0 million to be deposited in an endowment fund in the Safe Keeping Trust Fund for maintenance of state facilities contingent on passage of legislation creating the fund;
- (j) Parks and Wildlife Department: \$100.0 million to fund park acquisition;
- (k) Salary Increase: \$148.9 million to fund three months of a 5.0 percent pay increase for classified state employees (or \$250 per month if greater); and
- (l) Texas Public Finance Authority: it is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding to meet the obligations issued by the Texas Natural Gas Securitization Finance Corporation pursuant to House Bill 1520, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, or similar legislation passed by the 88th Legislature.

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Sec. 17.19. Project Baby Dillo Critically Ill Newborn Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) Demonstration.

- (a) Included in funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission is appropriated \$4,000,000 in General Revenue for the one-time purpose of demonstrating improved clinical outcomes and cost savings associated with the utilization of Whole Genome Sequencing for low-income neonatal and pediatric intensive care patients. To administer the demonstration, HHSC shall expend \$2,000,000 per fiscal year with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for program administration, clinical referral partners, and sequencing. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston shall coordinate with the Baylor College of Medicine Human Genome Sequencing Center, the Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of State Health Services, participating clinical referral sites within Texas, and patient representatives to collaborate on the development and implementation of the demonstration.

- (b) The agencies shall meet quarterly to carry out coordination activities as described above.
- (c) The agencies shall submit a report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the standing committee of each house of the Legislature with primary jurisdiction over pediatric health issues and post on its Internet website a written report no later than December 1, 2024, describing:
 - (1) the activities and objectives of the demonstration, including an analysis of the cost effectiveness of the activities and a description of the health outcomes achieved and anticipated for cases;
 - (2) the health-related institutions of higher education and participating clinical referral partners that receive funding under the demonstration; and
 - (3) any recommendations based on the activities of the demonstration, including recommendations related to improving the availability of genetic services and workforce.

Sec. 17.20. Proportional Reduction of General Revenue Appropriations.

- (a) Each appropriation from the general revenue fund made by this Act for use during fiscal year 2024, other than the appropriations made to the Health and Human Services Commission for Strategy D.1.2, Alternatives to Abortion (page II-41), are reduced proportionally to reach a total of \$40,000,000 of reductions in the appropriations made from the general revenue fund by this Act.
- (b) Each appropriation from the general revenue fund made by this Act for use during fiscal year 2025, other than the appropriations made to the Health and Human Services Commission for Strategy D.1,2, Alternatives to Abortion (page II-41), are reduced proportionally to reach a total of \$40,000,000 of reductions in the appropriations made from the general revenue fund by this Act.

Sec. 18.01. Contingency for Texas University Fund. Contingent on the enactment of legislation by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, relating to the creation of the Texas University Fund, the amount of \$3,500,000,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for immediate deposit to the Texas University Fund.

Sec. 18.02. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriations.

- (a) All unobligated fund balances and money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) (ARPA) not appropriated elsewhere in the Act (estimated to be \$5,449,900,000) are appropriated to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, for salaries and benefits. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall, in consultation with the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board, determine the allocation of benefits included in the increased appropriations. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall identify the strategies out of which the amounts appropriated to the agency from ARPA federal funds are made.
- (b) Texas Department of Criminal Justice General Revenue appropriations and end-of-article appropriations for employee benefits are reduced in the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, by the amount in subsection (a) supplanting General Revenue appropriations made elsewhere in the Act. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall identify to the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board the strategies and objectives out of which the indicated reductions in amounts appropriated to the agency are to be made.

Sec. 18.02. Contingency for Senate Bill 6. Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 6, or similar legislation relating to the establishment of the Texas Energy Insurance Program and other funding mechanisms to support the construction and operation of electric generating facilities by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is directed to transfer, consistent with the requirements of Senate Bill 6, \$10,000,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund and deposit that transferred sum to the Texas Energy Insurance Fund to be established by Section 49-q, Article III, Texas Constitution. This section is also contingent on ratification by the voters of this state of a constitutional amendment proposed by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, providing for the creation of the Texas Energy Insurance Fund and the authorization of other funding mechanisms to support the construction and operation of electric generating facilities. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this section has no effect.

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- (a) All unobligated fund balances and money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) (ARPA), including all FEMA reimbursements for the expenditure of ARPA funds, not appropriated elsewhere in the Act (estimated to be \$4,000,000,000) are appropriated to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, for salaries, benefits, or other eligible agency expenditures. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall, in consultation with the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board, determine the allocation of benefits included in the increased appropriations. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall identify the strategies out of which the amounts appropriated to the agency from ARPA federal funds are made.
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