

**Rider Comparison Packet**

**Conference Committee on House Bill 1**

**2024-25 General Appropriations Bill**

**Article I – General Government**

# OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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**7. Appropriation of Receipts, Court Costs.** Out of the funds appropriated above as Appropriated Receipts, \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 represents the annual appropriation of court costs, attorneys' fees, and investigative costs recovered by the Office of the Attorney General. Court costs, attorneys' fees, and investigative costs recovered by the Office of the Attorney General in excess of those specifically appropriated and shown in the agency's method of financing are appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 each fiscal year and shall be used for Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services.

At least semi-annually, beginning within 60 days after the close of each fiscal year or more often upon request of the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Attorney General shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Governor a report that lists each case in which an award of court costs, attorneys' fees, or investigative fees was made, the date of the award, the amount of court costs that were awarded, the amount of investigative costs that were awarded, the amount of attorneys' fees that were awarded, and the strategy or strategies to which the above receipts were allocated, in addition to any other information that may be requested by the Legislative Budget Board.

The Office of the Attorney General shall submit a report on the distribution of funds from Appropriated Receipts collected from court costs, attorneys' fees, and investigative costs recovered by the Office of the Attorney General. The report shall be submitted on or before December 1 of each year to the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriation Committee, and the Governor. The report shall identify estimated allocations and expenditures, the strategy or strategies to which the above receipts were allocated, and any other information that may be requested by the Legislative Budget Board that concern the aforementioned Appropriated Receipts. The report submitted in an odd-numbered year may be included within the Office of the Attorney General's itemized budget covering the operation of that fiscal year as required by Article IX, Section 7.01, Budgeting and Reporting, of this Act.

**39. Data Intelligence Solutions Portal IT Project.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Office of the Attorney General in Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, and notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Section 14.03 Transfers - Capital Budget, the Office of the Attorney General may implement a data intelligence solutions system project within the Criminal Investigations Division.

**7. Appropriation of Receipts, Court Costs.** Out of the funds appropriated above as Appropriated Receipts, \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 represents the annual appropriation of court costs, attorneys' fees, and investigative costs recovered by the Office of the Attorney General. Court costs, attorneys' fees, and investigative costs recovered by the Office of the Attorney General in excess of those specifically appropriated and shown in the agency's method of financing are appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 each fiscal year and shall be used for Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services.

The Office of the Attorney General is directed to develop and maintain accounting information and records on receipts and distribution of funds from Appropriated Receipts collected from court costs, attorneys' fees, and investigative costs recovered by the Office of the Attorney General. Such information must identify revenue, allocations, and expenditures in the Uniform Statewide Accounting System that concern the aforementioned Appropriated Receipts. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall prescribe rules and procedures to assure compliance with this section.

At least semi-annually, beginning within 60 days after the close of each fiscal year or more often upon request of the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Attorney General shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Governor a report that lists each case in which an award of court costs, attorneys' fees, or investigative fees was made, the date of the award, the amount of court costs that were awarded, the amount of investigative costs that were awarded, the amount of attorneys' fees that were awarded, and the strategy or strategies to which the above receipts were allocated, in addition to any other information that may be requested by the Legislative Budget Board.

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**39. Targeted Salary Increases for Attorneys.** Included in appropriations above is \$5,958,294 in General Revenue and \$41,706 in General Revenue-Dedicated Compensation to Victims of Crime Account No. 0469 in each fiscal year of the biennium for salary increases to the following job classification titles:

- a. Assistant Attorney General I;
- b. Assistant Attorney General II;
- c. Assistant Attorney General III;
- d. Assistant Attorney General IV; and
- e. Assistant Attorney General V.

Appropriations related to this provision are allocated across strategies, as follows:

- a. A.1.1, Legal Services: \$5,002,792 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,002,793 in fiscal year 2025;
- b. B.1.1, Child Support Enforcement: \$911,879 in each fiscal year of the biennium;
- c. C.1.1, Crime Victims' Compensation: \$41,706 in each fiscal year of the biennium;
- d. C.1.2, Victims Assistance: \$2,341 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,342 in fiscal year 2025; and
- e. D.1.1, Medicaid Investigations: \$41,281 in each fiscal year of the biennium.

**40. Grants to Nonprofit Organizations Aiding Victims of Domestic Abuse.** It is the intent of the Legislature that, out of the funds appropriated above to the Office of the Attorney General for Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, the office allocate \$3,800,000 to provide grants that aid victims of domestic abuse.

**40. Appropriation for Outside Legal Counsel and Litigation Services.** Not more than \$10,000,000 in unexpended and unobligated balances of General Revenue remaining as of August 31, 2023 out

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of appropriations made in Senate Bill 1, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, for pending litigation in State of Texas vs. Google, LLC, Civil Action No 4:20cv957, and any related litigation brought by the Office of the Attorney General against Google, LLC and any related parent companies or subsidiaries for deceptive trade practices, violation of antitrust laws, and other related claims, are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2023 for the same purpose and are included in amounts appropriated above (estimated to be \$10,000,000) in Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services. In the event that unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2023 are less than \$10,000,000, the appropriation is reduced accordingly to the amount of actual balances remaining. This appropriation shall be limited to funding ongoing or incurred litigation expenses in the above-referenced litigation including expert services, litigation costs, and payments to outside counsel. Payments to outside counsel would only be made as (1) permitted by the operative contract between outside counsel and the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), and (2) per the contract's terms, outside counsel's potential contingent fee recovery is reduced upon the Legislature's appropriation of the amount specified by this provision.

Contingent upon the final resolution of the OAG's litigation against Google, LLC and any related parent companies or subsidiaries, the OAG shall follow the process outlined in Chapter 2254 of the Government Code to pay outside counsel, which bases the contingent fee on a multiple of actual hours worked on the case not to exceed the negotiated percentage of total recovery. The outside counsel contingency fee contracts shall not exceed the calculated hourly rate established by Chapter 2254 of the Government Code, and shall be payable upon conclusion of the litigation. At least semi-annually or more often upon request of the Legislative Budget Board, the OAG shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Governor a report that lists the expenditures related to expert witnesses, billable hours for outside counsel and the amount of appropriated funds disbursed for the litigation expenses. Upon conclusion of the litigation, a final report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, Governor, and the Comptroller.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024 in the appropriation made herein are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024. Any part of this appropriation that is not necessary for that purpose described above shall be lapsed by the agency at the end of the biennium.

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**41. Report on Cost of Federal Litigation.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Office of the Attorney General shall provide a semiannual report identifying amounts of money spent by the Office during the previous six months on litigation filed against a federal agency. The first report will be due not later than March 31, 2024.

The report shall be provided to the Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee. The report shall also be available on the Office of the Attorney General's internet website.

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- 20. Appropriation for Unclaimed Property Securities Management.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.5.1, Unclaimed Property Securities Management, is \$600,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2025, to implement the transfer of unclaimed property securities custody, liquidation, and related services from the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company to the Unclaimed Property Division in the Comptroller's Office.
- 21. Historically Underutilized Business Disparity Study.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall conduct a Historically Underutilized Business Disparity study by December 1, 2024, to obtain information on the procurement of goods and services for targeted markets for state agencies and institutions of higher education. The study should also provide reliable information based on the current economy and the state's use of minority and women-owned businesses. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall provide a copy of the study to the Legislative Budget Board upon completion.

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**22. Opioid Abatement Account.** All sums deposited to the General Revenue- Dedicated Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189, except the sums otherwise appropriated by this Act, are appropriated to the Comptroller. These amounts are to be distributed in accordance with statute and used to defray administrative expenses incurred by the Comptroller to the extent allowed by statute.

The comptroller shall allocate a portion of the money distributed from that account to the Texas Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$500,000 for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2024, and the amount of \$500,000 for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, for the purpose of creating or operating an opioid antagonist public education campaign, to the extent permitted by general law.

Unexpended balances remaining in this strategy as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

**24. Appropriation for Unclaimed Property Securities.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Unclaimed Property, is \$2,900,000 from General Revenue for fiscal year 2025 to implement the transfer of unclaimed property securities custody, liquidation and related services from the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company to the Unclaimed Property Division in the Comptroller's Office to assist in the function of the unclaimed property program.

**22. Opioid Abatement Account.** All sums deposited to the General Revenue- Dedicated Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 not appropriated elsewhere are to be appropriated by the Legislature for distribution by the Comptroller. These amounts are to be distributed in accordance with statute and used to defray administrative expenses incurred by the Comptroller to the extent allowed by statute.

Unexpended balances remaining in Strategy A.1.14, Opioid Abatement, as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

**24. Contingency for Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_, or similar legislation relating to broadband development in the state of Texas, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, and contingent on the constitutional amendment proposed by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, which dedicates revenue for broadband development, being approved by the voters, the Fiscal Programs- Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated \$500,000,000 in amounts included above in Strategy C.1.1, Texas BDO Administration, for fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue for transfer to a broadband development fund or account and for expenditure out of the account to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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It is the intent of the Legislature that, for purposes of Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 22, Limitation on the Rate of Growth of Appropriations, money in the broadband development fund or account is considered dedicated by the constitution and an appropriation of money to the fund is considered an appropriation of state tax revenues dedicated by the constitution.

- 25. Contingency for SB 28.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 28, or similar legislation of the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, relating to financial assistance provided and programs administered by the Texas Water Development Board, becoming law and the constitutional amendment proposed by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, creating the Texas Water Fund to assist in financing water projects in this state being approved by the voters, the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated in amounts included above \$1,000,000,000 in Strategy A.1.16, Transfer To The Texas Water Fund, from General Revenue and instructed to transfer and deposit \$1,000,000,000 to the Texas Water Fund established by Section 49-d-16, Article III, Texas Constitution.

It is the intent of the Legislature that, for purposes of Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 22, Limitation on the Rate of Growth of Appropriations, money in the Texas Water Fund established by Section 49-d-16, Article III, Texas Constitution is considered dedicated by the constitution and an appropriation of money to the fund is considered an appropriation of state tax revenues dedicated by the constitution.

## EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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- 18. Analysis of High-Cost Hospital Claims.** It is the intent of the legislature that the Employees Retirement System (ERS) engage a third party vendor to analyze high cost hospital claims in fiscal year 2022 in order to determine any potential cost savings that could be realized through a review of claims over \$100,000 using itemized charges and medical records of United States physicians and medical records. ERS shall provide a report on the findings of the analysis to members of the Senate Finance and Health and Human Services committees, the members of the House Appropriations and Insurance committees, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor no later than September 1, 2024.

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- 12. Federal Surplus Property Program.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the Federal Surplus Property program pursuant to Government Code 2175.369 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above in Strategies C.1.2, Federal Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, D.1.2, Information Resources, and E.1.1, Salary Adjustments, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with this program.

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategies C.1.2, Federal Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, D.1.2, Information Resources, and E.1.1, Salary Adjustments, are any balances (estimated to be \$0) as of August 31, 2023, in General Revenue-Dedicated Federal Surplus Property Service Charge Fund Account No. 570, including 13.7 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in each fiscal year. In addition, the agency is authorized to use up to 2 FTEs otherwise allocated to support the Federal Surplus Property Program.

Also included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategies C.1.2, Federal Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, D.1.2, Information Resources, and E.1.1, Salary Adjustments, is all revenue collected on or after September 1, 2023, (estimated to be \$2,450,435 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,475,807 in fiscal year 2025) deposited to the credit of the General Revenue-Dedicated Federal Surplus Property Service Charge Fund Account No. 570.

"Other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$309,391 for fiscal year 2024 and \$312,260 for fiscal year 2025.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- 13. State Surplus Property Program.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, State Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, and D.1.2, Information Resources, are unexpended balances (estimated to be \$0) as of August 31, 2023, out of Appropriated Receipts from the State Surplus Property Program for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023.

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- 12. Federal Surplus Property Program.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the Federal Surplus Property program pursuant to Government Code 2175.369 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above in Strategies C.1.2, Federal Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, D.1.2, Information Resources, and E.1.1, Salary Adjustments, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with this program.

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategies C.1.2, Federal Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, D.1.2, Information Resources, and E.1.1, Salary Adjustments, are any balances (estimated to be \$0) as of August 31, 2023, in General Revenue-Dedicated Federal Surplus Property Service Charge Fund Account No. 570.

Also included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategies C.1.2, Federal Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, D.1.2, Information Resources, and E.1.1, Salary Adjustments, is all revenue collected on or after September 1, 2023, (estimated to be \$2,450,435 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,475,807 in fiscal year 2025) deposited to the credit of the General Revenue-Dedicated Federal Surplus Property Service Charge Fund Account No. 570, including 15.7 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in each fiscal year. In addition, the agency is authorized to use up to 4.0 FTEs otherwise allocated to support the Federal Surplus Property Program.

"Other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$309,391 for fiscal year 2024 and \$312,260 for fiscal year 2025.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- 13. State Surplus Property Program.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the State Surplus Property program pursuant to Government Code 2175.188 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above in Strategies C.1.1, State Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, and D.1.2, Information Resources.

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Also, included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, State Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, and D.1.2, Information Resources, are \$1,221,451 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,304,255 in fiscal year 2025 out of Appropriated Receipts from the State Surplus Property Program), including 16.3 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in each fiscal year. In addition, the agency is authorized to use up to 2 FTEs otherwise allocated to support the State Surplus Property Program.

- a. Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Facilities Commission shall maintain a surplus property inventory information system to efficiently process and manage the State Surplus Property Program inventory and facilitate the tracking of property sales conducted by the Texas Facilities Commission.
- b. Based on an annual risk assessment, the Texas Facilities Commission shall target the education and outreach efforts of the State Surplus Property Program to select state agencies to ensure appropriate and timely identification of disposition of eligible surplus property.
- c. The Texas Facilities Commission shall develop and track performance benchmarks and targets necessary to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the State Surplus Property Program, specifically evaluating the timeliness, cost, and profitability of program operations. The Texas Facilities Commission shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, no later than October 15 in each year of the biennium, on the following:
  1. Surplus property sales proceeds for the previous fiscal year by method of sale. In addition, the report submitted for fiscal year 2023 operations shall contain a five-year history of sales proceeds by method of sale.
  2. Distribution of surplus property sales proceeds for the previous fiscal year, including, at a minimum, remittances to state agencies, expenditures by the State Surplus Property Program, and amounts returned to General Revenue. In addition, the report submitted for fiscal year 2023 operations shall contain a five-year history of the distribution of sales proceeds.
  3. Breakout of the direct and indirect operational costs incurred by the State Surplus Property Program during the previous fiscal year. In addition, the report submitted for fiscal year 2023 operations shall contain a five-year history of program costs.

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Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, State Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, and D.1.2, Information Resources, are any balances (estimated to be \$0) as of August 31, 2023, out of Appropriated Receipts from the State Surplus Property Program for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023.

Also, included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, State Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, and D.1.2, Information Resources, is all balances and revenue collected on or after September 1, 2023 (estimated to be \$1,221,451 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,304,255 in fiscal year 2025 out of Appropriated Receipts from the State Surplus Property Program), including 18.3 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in each fiscal year. In addition, the agency is authorized to use up to 4.0 FTEs otherwise allocated to support the State Surplus Property Program.

- a. Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Facilities Commission shall maintain a surplus property inventory information system to efficiently process and manage the State Surplus Property Program inventory and facilitate the tracking of property sales conducted by the Texas Facilities Commission.
- b. Based on an annual risk assessment, the Texas Facilities Commission shall target the education and outreach efforts of the State Surplus Property Program to select state agencies to ensure appropriate and timely identification of disposition of eligible surplus property.
- c. The Texas Facilities Commission shall develop and track performance benchmarks and targets necessary to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the State Surplus Property Program, specifically evaluating the timeliness, cost, and profitability of program operations. The Texas Facilities Commission shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, no later than October 15 in each year of the biennium, on the following:
  1. Surplus property sales proceeds for the previous fiscal year by method of sale. In addition, the report submitted for fiscal year 2023 operations shall contain a five-year history of sales proceeds by method of sale.
  2. Distribution of surplus property sales proceeds for the previous fiscal year, including, at a minimum, remittances to state agencies, expenditures by the State Surplus Property Program, and amounts returned to General Revenue. In addition, the report submitted for fiscal year 2023 operations shall contain a five-year history of the distribution of sales

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4. Percent of the estimated inventory value of surplus property items recovered through disposal, by sales method, for the previous fiscal year. Inventory value is defined as the estimated value assigned to an item upon receipt by the program.
5. Timeliness of surplus property disposal for the previous fiscal year by method of sale. Timeliness is defined as the time, in days, between receipt of the property by the program and final disposition of the property through sale, salvage, donation, or other means of disposal.
6. Description of the risk assessment process used in item (b) of this rider, and the resulting agencies targeted by education and outreach efforts. Briefly describe the education and outreach efforts used in targeting these agencies and how they differ from standard program efforts.

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3. Breakout of the direct and indirect operational costs incurred by the State Surplus Property Program during the previous fiscal year. In addition, the report submitted for fiscal year 2023 operations shall contain a five-year history of program costs.
4. Percent of the estimated inventory value of surplus property items recovered through disposal, by sales method, for the previous fiscal year. Inventory value is defined as the estimated value assigned to an item upon receipt by the program.
5. Timeliness of surplus property disposal for the previous fiscal year by method of sale. Timeliness is defined as the time, in days, between receipt of the property by the program and final disposition of the property through sale, salvage, donation, or other means of disposal.
6. Description of the risk assessment process used in item (b) of this rider, and the resulting agencies targeted by education and outreach efforts. Briefly describe the education and outreach efforts used in targeting these agencies and how they differ from standard program efforts.

**21. Construction of New Facilities - Transfer Authority for Economic Stabilization Funds.**

Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, any unexpended and unobligated balances of economic stabilization funds originally appropriated under the provision of Section 3, Facilities Commission: Capitol Complex Phase 1, of House Bill 2, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, and appropriated by Section 8.03 of Senate Bill 30, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, shall be utilized for the construction of Phase 2 of the Capitol Complex project.

**21. Transfer Authority - Capitol and North Austin Complex, Phase 1.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Sections 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, and 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, in order to

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provide for unanticipated cost increases related to construction of the Capitol Complex and North Austin Complex (collectively known as the “Project”), the Texas Facilities Commission may transfer such amounts as necessary and available between Phase 1 capital budget items of the Project to support ongoing construction activities.

- 22. E. O. Thompson Office Building Replacement.** The Commission shall utilize funds appropriated above for any lease and moving costs related to temporary relocation of agencies during the demolition and replacement of the E.O. Thompson building.

The Commission is directed to provide the Legislature a quarterly report of progress towards completion of this building. This report shall at a minimum include the following:

- (a) A summary of the scope and scale of the proposed new structure as soon as is practicable following the passage of this Act but no later than March 1, 2024;
- (b) A graphical display of progress towards completion of all major project phases for the new building;
- (c) A statement of intended completion dates of all major project phases and the completion status of these phases;
- (d) A quarterly summary of all engineering addendums, variances, and change orders issued during the construction of the new building;
- (e) A notification if the cost of any of the major project phases is expected to exceed its initial estimated cost by more than 20 percent;
- (f) A notification if the time to completion of any of the major project phases is expected to be delayed greater than three months compared to its initial estimated time at the beginning of that project phase; and
- (g) In the event of notification under Subsections e) or f) above, a plan for the remediation of the construction issue must be provided prior to the following quarterly report.

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**22. Report on Leasing State Property for Private Use.**

- (a) Out of the funds appropriated above, the Texas Facilities Commission shall conduct a study to assess the feasibility of leasing to artists for the practice and performance of their arts available spaces in state agency buildings or on state agency property.
- (b) In conducting the study, the Texas Facilities Commission shall consider with respect to buildings or property of state agencies:
  - (1) the types of spaces in the buildings or on the property that are appropriate for leasing;
  - (2) the location of each building or property with a space identified as potentially available for lease;
  - (3) the times each identified space would be available for lease;
  - (4) the persons to whom each identified space may be leased;
  - (5) any disadvantages to leasing each identified space, including sensitive surroundings or information that may be at risk during the lease;
  - (6) the fair market value for leasing each identified space;
  - (7) any tax implications for accepting a lease payment from a private business for private use of each identified space;
  - (8) the use limitations that may need to be included in a lease agreement for each identified space;
  - (9) security measures that hinder or enhance the availability or value of each identified space; and

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- (10) any other issue that would negatively impact or prohibit leasing each identified space.
- (c) The study must identify:
- (1) the criteria used to determine the feasibility of leasing each space identified as available for lease;
  - (2) the measures instituted to avoid viewpoint bias or other possible biases in the selection of a lease holder;
  - (3) the authorized uses of lease income by state agencies to benefit each agency offering space for lease; and
  - (4) the reasons a state agency would be authorized to decline to lease space at the agency.
- (d) In conducting the study, the Texas Facilities Commission shall coordinate with the Texas Commission on the Arts.
- (e) Not later than December 2, 2024, the Texas Facilities Commission shall submit to each member of the legislature a report that includes the results of the study conducted under this rider and any recommendations of the commission related to the study and statutory changes necessary to authorize leasing space to artists for the practice and performance of their arts at state agencies and public institutions of higher education.

**23. Border Wall Maintenance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Facilities Commission is \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy B.2.1, Facilities Operations, for the purpose of maintaining structures and facilities constructed by the agency directly related to the Texas-Mexico border wall. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriations Transfers, funds appropriated for this purpose may not be used for any other purpose.

The agency shall provide a report of these maintenance activities, including details on expenditures and encumbrances, to the Legislative Budget Board no later than January 1, 2024 and

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every quarter thereafter.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of the appropriation identified in this rider remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

# TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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**6. Reporting Requirements: Public Safety Office.** To ensure that Public Safety Office funds are spent in accordance with state and federal requirements, the Public Safety Office (PSO) shall require grant recipients to report data and documentation at regularly scheduled intervals, demonstrating compliance with grant agreements. At a minimum, reports submitted by grant recipients shall provide data to support all expenditures made with grant funds; provide an inventory of all equipment and capital items purchased with such funds; and provide all information necessary for scheduled and periodic reviews by the PSO.

In addition, the PSO shall establish and consistently adhere to internal guidelines for reviewing and evaluating grant requests, as well as requests for payments and reimbursements submitted by grantees. Not later than December 15 of each year, the PSO shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the State Auditor's Office:

- a. a report detailing its findings regarding compliance by grantees;
- b. the allocation methodology or formula used to allocate funds to grantees; and
- c. an impact analysis and explanation of any changes from the previous year's allocation methodology or formula.

## 7. Administration: Foreign Offices.

a. In accordance with Government Code §481.027, foreign offices may be operated in Mexico and in other foreign markets including Canada, Europe, the Pacific Rim, and Latin America coinciding with market opportunities for Texas business. Foreign office trade investment and tourism development efforts, as well as location of the offices, shall be based on analysis of the current world market opportunities. The Office of the Governor shall expend funds for the Mexico offices and any office established in Taiwan out of any funds available, but shall not expend any funds appropriated under this Act for any office or staff at any other foreign offices established by the Office of the Governor. The Office of the Governor may seek and use alternative funding sources other than funds appropriated under this Act for offices in locations other than Mexico City or Taiwan.

b. The Office of the Governor shall maintain a tracking system that documents the direct benefits

**6. Reporting Requirements: Public Safety Office.** To ensure that Public Safety Office funds are spent in accordance with state and federal requirements, the Public Safety Office (PSO) shall require grant recipients to report data and documentation annually, demonstrating compliance with grant agreements. At a minimum, reports submitted by grant recipients shall provide data to support all expenditures made with grant funds; provide an inventory of all equipment and capital items purchased with such funds; and provide all information necessary for scheduled and periodic reviews by the PSO.

In addition, the PSO shall establish and consistently adhere to internal guidelines for reviewing and evaluating grant requests, as well as requests for payments and reimbursements submitted by grantees. Not later than December 15 of each year, the PSO shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the State Auditor's Office:

- a. a report detailing its findings regarding compliance by grantees;
- b. the allocation methodology or formula used to allocate funds to grantees; and
- c. an impact analysis and explanation of any changes from the previous year's allocation methodology or formula.

## 7. Administration: Foreign Offices.

a. In accordance with Government Code §481.027, foreign offices may be operated in Mexico and in other foreign markets including Canada, Europe, the Pacific Rim, and Latin America coinciding with market opportunities for Texas business. Foreign office trade investment and tourism development efforts, as well as location of the offices, shall be based on analysis of the current world market opportunities. The Office of the Governor shall expend funds for the Mexico offices and any office established in Taiwan out of any funds available, but shall not expend any funds appropriated under this Act for any office or staff at any other foreign offices established by the Office of the Governor.

b. The Office of the Governor shall maintain a tracking system that documents the direct benefits that result from the operation of each foreign office. The Office of the Governor shall utilize the tracking system to file a quarterly report with the Legislative Budget Board regarding the

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that result from the operation of each foreign office. The Office of the Governor shall utilize the tracking system to file a quarterly report with the Legislative Budget Board regarding the activities of each office. The report shall contain, at a minimum, information detailing the number of contacts with foreign and domestic businesses, the name of each business, the nature of the contact, the results of each contact, and expenditures by each office. The report shall also contain the name of each Texas community assisted and information regarding the nature and results of the assistance. Each report shall be submitted within 60 days of the end of each fiscal year and must be accompanied by supporting documentation as specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

**18. Border Security Operations.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$16,671,273 in General Revenue for Border Security, in fiscal year 2024, which shall be used for border prosecution grants.

**20. Grants for Local Border Security.** Included in General Revenue for Border Security appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$5,100,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,100,000 in fiscal year 2025 to fund grants to local political subdivisions to support Operation Border Star. In addition to supporting Operation Border Star, the grant funds may also be awarded for the humane processing of the remains of undocumented migrants or to an established regional center for public safety excellence to cover the costs of providing training to law enforcement personnel conducting border security operations. The Department of Public Safety and the Legislative Budget Board shall collaborate with the Office of the Governor to establish accountability and outcome standards for these grants. These accountability standards shall include, but not be limited to, the following: uses of the grants by local entities; effects of these grants on realizing a more secure border region, as defined in Article IX, Section 7.10, Border Security, of this Act; and measures employed to ensure grant funds are expended as intended. By not later than December 1 of each fiscal year, the Office of the Governor shall provide a report on the previous fiscal year's grants to the Legislative Budget Board that includes the award recipients, the amount awarded, the utilization of funds by each grantee, and summarizes the outcomes of the grants.

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activities of each office. The report shall contain, at a minimum, information detailing the number of contacts with foreign and domestic businesses, the name of each business, the nature of the contact, the results of each contact, and expenditures by each office. The report shall also contain the name of each Texas community assisted and information regarding the nature and results of the assistance. Each report shall be submitted within 60 days of the end of each fiscal year and must be accompanied by supporting documentation as specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

**18. Border Security Operations.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$16,671,273 in General Revenue for Border Security, in fiscal year 2024, and in Strategy A.1.1, Disaster Funds, is \$11,328,727 in General Revenue for Border Security, in fiscal year 2024, which shall be used for border prosecution grants.

**20. Grants for Local Border Security.** Included in General Revenue for Border Security appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$5,100,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,100,000 in fiscal year 2025 to fund grants to local political subdivisions to support Operation Border Star and for the humane processing of the remains of undocumented migrants. In addition to supporting Operation Border Star and the humane processing of the remains of undocumented migrants, the grant funds may also be awarded to an established regional center for public safety excellence to cover the costs of providing training to law enforcement personnel conducting border security operations. The Department of Public Safety and the Legislative Budget Board shall collaborate with the Office of the Governor to establish accountability and outcome standards for these grants. These accountability standards shall include, but not be limited to, the following: uses of the grants by local entities; effects of these grants on realizing a more secure border region, as defined in Article IX, Section 7.10, Border Security, of this Act; and measures employed to ensure grant funds are expended as intended. By not later than December 1 of each fiscal year, the Office of the Governor shall provide a report on the previous fiscal year's grants to the Legislative Budget Board that includes the award recipients, the amount awarded, the utilization of funds by each grantee, and summarizes the outcomes of the grants.

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- 40. Nonprofit Security Grant Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the biennium for the purpose of supplementing the existing federal Nonprofit Security Program, housed under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the purpose of providing grants for facility hardening and other physical security enhancements of nonprofit organizations against terrorist and other violent attacks, and one full-time-equivalent position for the purpose of administering the program.
- 41. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grant Program.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor may accept and administer State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) federal funds and distribute them to local governmental entities once approved by the Cybersecurity Planning Committee. If the agency accepts SLCGP funds, it shall ensure that it complies with all federal regulations included in the enabling act and the Notice of Funding Opportunity currently in place for fiscal year 2022 and the future Notice of Funding Opportunity for fiscal year 2023 when it is finalized. The agency shall ensure that the maximum amount of SLCGP funds is available for local governmental entities. The agency shall limit funds to only be spent on one-time cybersecurity services to ensure that this program does not become an unfunded mandate on local governmental entities.

- 39. Victims Assistance Funding Contingency.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$90,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024, and \$181,051,518 in fiscal year 2024 and \$150,924,354 in fiscal year 2025 in federal funds from Crime Victim Assistance grants for the purposes of victim assistance program grant awards. In the event that actual federal Crime Victim Assistance funding received by the agency exceeds the appropriated amounts estimated and included above, the agency is directed to lapse appropriated General Revenue in an amount equal to the excess federal funds received.

- 41. Regional Law Enforcement Training Facility.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$10,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the biennium for the purpose of providing a grant for the design and construction of a regional law enforcement training facility at the University of North Texas at Dallas campus.

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**42. El Paso Prosecution Grants Report.** Each trusted program within the Office of the Governor that collected data or other information from fiscal year 2019 to fiscal year 2023 on the expenditure of grant funds by the El Paso County District Attorney's Office related to the August 3, 2019 mass shooting in El Paso shall report that data or information to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Chair of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, and the Chair of the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee not later than January 1, 2024.

**42. Micro-Business Disaster Recovery Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas, is \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium to fund the Micro-Business Disaster Recovery program to assist certain micro-businesses through capital access loans, in accordance with Government Code, Section 481, Subchapter CC.

**43. Small and Rural Community Success Fund Program.** Included in appropriations above is \$1,800,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas, for administrative costs associated with the Texas Small and Rural Community Success Fund Program, in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 489, Subchapter E.

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- 27. Unexpended Balances of Bond Proceeds.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unexpended and unobligated balances of General Obligation Bond Proceeds for projects that have been approved under the provisions of Article IX, Sections 19.70 and 19.71 of House Bill 1, Eightieth Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, remaining as of August 31, 2023, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the repair and renovation of Historic Sites, for the 2024-25 biennium in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites.

Any unexpended balances in General Obligation Bond Proceeds described herein and remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

- 28. National Museum of the Pacific War.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$500,000 in General Revenue in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated to the Historical Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

- 29. Unexpended Balances: Caddo Mounds.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2023, (estimated to be \$0) in General Revenue Funds are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2023, for Caddo Mounds Visitor Center and Repairs and Maintenance.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated to the Historical Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

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**8. Telecommunications Revolving Account.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategies B.4.1, Communications Technology Services; C.1.2, Security Services; D.1.1, Central Administration; D.1.2, Information Resources; and D.1.3, Other Support Services, are all balances not previously encumbered as of August 31, 2023, (estimated to be \$4,662,550) and revenues accruing during the 2024-25 biennium estimated to be \$115,138,814 in fiscal year 2024 and \$122,694,327 in fiscal year 2025 in revenue collected on or after September 1, 2023, appropriated from telecommunications services as provided by Government Code, Chapter 2170 out of Appropriated Receipts and Interagency Contracts to the Telecommunications Revolving Account.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, in the appropriation made herein are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purposes. For each fiscal year, in the event that unexpended and unobligated balances and/or revenues are less than the amounts estimated by this rider, fund balances in the Telecommunications Revolving Account, authorized by Rider 11, Fund Balance Limitations, may be expended to address a shortfall, subject to the limitations on expenditures included in this rider.

Included in amounts appropriated above is \$12,751,832 in fiscal year 2024 and \$13,592,728 in fiscal year 2025 in Appropriated Receipts and Interagency Contracts to the Telecommunications Revolving Account for the purpose of providing operating and administrative costs, excluding payments to service providers for communications technology services for voice, data, wireless, and internet services for which the Department bills customer state agencies and government entities. The Department must notify the Legislative Budget Board to expend funds in excess of amounts identified in this rider for operating and indirect administrative costs. The Department may not expend funds in excess of 110% of the amounts identified in this rider for operating and indirect administrative costs without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board. The Department requesting the approval of the Legislative Budget Board shall submit in a timely manner the request along with adequate information for evaluating the request. Any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board must be submitted promptly and in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board. The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the request and forwards the review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any requests for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

By April 1 and October 1 of each year, the Department shall submit semi-annual reports to the Legislative Budget Board, in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, on actual

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Annually, the Department shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, actual spending by customer agencies and entities on telecommunications services.

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spending by customer agencies and entities on telecommunications services, and if applicable, projections for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- 9. Statewide Technology Account.** In accordance with Government Code, §403.011, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall establish within the state treasury an operational account, called the Statewide Technology Account for all transactions relating to the operation and management of statewide technology centers.

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategies B.2.1, Shared Technology Services; D.1.1, Central Administration; D.1.2, Information Resources; and D.1.3, Other Support Services, are all balances not previously encumbered as of August 31, 2023 (estimated to be \$3,720,515), and revenues accruing during the 2024-25 biennium estimated to be \$432,165,501 in fiscal year 2024 and \$409,128,593 in fiscal year 2025 in revenue collected on or after September 1, 2023 appropriated from the operation and management of Statewide Technology Centers as provided by Government Code, Chapter 2054, Subchapter L out of Interagency Contracts and Appropriated Receipts to the Statewide Technology Account.

By April 1 and October 1 of each year, the Department of Information Resources shall submit semi-annual reports to the Legislative Budget Board, in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, on actual spending by customer agencies and entities on shared technology services, and if applicable, projections for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, in the appropriation made herein are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purposes. For each fiscal year, in the event that unexpended and unobligated balances and/or revenues are less than the amounts estimated by this rider, fund balances in the Statewide Technology Account, authorized by Rider 11, Fund Balance Limitations, may be expended to address a shortfall, subject to the limitations on expenditures included in this rider.

Included in amounts appropriated above is \$10,293,835 in fiscal year 2024 and \$12,584,312 in fiscal year 2025 in Appropriated Receipts and Interagency Contracts to the Statewide Technology Account for the purpose of providing operating and indirect administrative costs, excluding payments to services providers for data center services/shared technology services for which the Department bills customer state agencies and government entities. The Department must notify the Legislative Budget Board to expend funds in excess of amounts identified in this rider for

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Annually, the Department of Information Resources shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, actual spending by customer agencies and entities on shared technology services.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, in the appropriation made herein are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purposes. For each fiscal year, in the event that unexpended and unobligated balances and/or revenues are less than the amounts estimated by this rider, fund balances in the Statewide Technology Account, authorized by Rider 11, Fund Balance Limitations, may be expended to address a shortfall, subject to the limitations on expenditures included in this rider.

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operating and indirect administrative costs. The Department may not expend funds in excess of 110% of the amounts identified in this rider for operating and indirect administrative costs without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board. The Department requesting the approval of the Legislative Budget Board shall submit in a timely manner the request along with adequate information for evaluating the request. Any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board must be submitted promptly and in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board. The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the request and forwards the review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any requests for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

The Department of Information Resources shall report all administrative costs collected and the administrative cost percentage charged to each state agency and other users of statewide technology centers as defined in Government Code, §2054.380 to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board no later than April 1 for the first six month period of the fiscal year and by October 1 for the second six month period of the fiscal year. By the same deadlines, the Department of Information Resources shall submit the proposed administrative costs collected and the proposed administrative cost percentage for the next six month period. The Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office shall consider the incremental change to administrative percentages submitted. Without the written approval of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board, the Department of Information Resources may not expend funds appropriated to the Department if those appropriated funds are associated with an increase to the administrative cost percentage charged to users of the statewide technology centers and deposited to the Statewide Technology Account. The request to increase the administrative cost percentage shall be considered to be approved by the Legislative Budget Board unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the request and forwards the review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any requests for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board interrupt the counting of the 30 business days. In addition, by September 15 of each even-numbered year the Department shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board detailing expended, budgeted and projected costs for data center services by participating agency. The report shall be in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board.

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requesting the approval of the Legislative Budget Board shall submit in a timely manner the request along with adequate information for evaluating the request. Any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board must be submitted promptly and in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board. The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the request and forwards the review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any requests for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

The Department of Information Resources shall report all administrative costs collected and the administrative cost percentage charged to each state agency and other users of statewide technology centers as defined in Government Code, §2054.380 to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board annually as directed in Government Code 2054.0346. The Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office shall consider the incremental change to administrative percentages submitted. Without the written approval of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board, the Department of Information Resources may not expend funds appropriated to the Department if those appropriated funds are associated with an increase to the administrative cost percentage charged to users of the statewide technology centers and deposited to the Statewide Technology Account. The request to increase the administrative cost percentage shall be considered to be approved by the Legislative Budget Board unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the request and forwards the review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any requests for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board interrupt the counting of the 30 business days. In addition, by September 15 of each even-numbered year the Department shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board detailing expended, budgeted and projected costs for data center services by participating agency. The report shall be in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board.

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**14. Reporting.** The Department of Information Resources shall provide to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Legislative Budget Board, and each member of the House and Senate, unless a member requests it not be provided, an annual report providing the following information:

- (a) a list of state agencies that utilize the department's data center or shared technology services;  
and
- (b) a list of state agencies that provide their data center or information technology services in-house or external contracts with a vendor.

## LIBRARY & ARCHIVES COMMISSION

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9. **TexQuest Digital Resources.** The Library & Archives Commission shall ensure that TexQuest digital resources that are provided by a vendor and funded out of amounts appropriated by this Act to the commission include technology protection measures that meet the requirements of 47 U.S.C. Section 254 (h) (5).

## SECRETARY OF STATE

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- 9. Voter Identification Education.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy B.1.1, Elections Administration, for educating the public, including students, regarding the required documents for voting and the general voting process pursuant to Section 31.012, Elections Code.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, out of the appropriations made herein are appropriated to the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

The Secretary of State shall submit an annual report to the Legislature no later than December 31 that provides:

- (a) the types and amounts of any media purchase(s) made using appropriated funds designated by this rider; and
- (b) an analysis of the population of voters, including age and geographic region, who received education under the provisions of this rider.

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- 9. Voter Identification Education.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$3,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy B.1.1, Elections Administration, for educating the public, including students, regarding the required documents for voting and the general voting process pursuant to Section 31.012, Elections Code.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, out of the appropriations made herein are appropriated to the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

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- 14. Service Dogs for Veterans.** Included in Strategy B.1.1, General Assistance Grants is \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year out of General Revenue to provide grants for organizations utilizing trained service dogs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or victims of military sexual trauma.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2024 are appropriated to the Texas Veterans Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024 for the same purpose.

- 15. Veteran Suicide Prevention Website.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Texas Veterans Commission in Strategy A.1.4, Veterans Outreach, and notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Section 14.03 Transfers - Capital Budget, the Texas Veterans Commission shall establish a dedicated website to provide information about veteran suicide prevention.