

**Senate Finance Committee  
Riders - Article I**

**Adopted**

**March 27, 2023**

**Legislative Budget Board**

Adopted as amended

By: Alvarado / Campbell

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Texas Music Incubator Rebate Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/22/2023

**Overview**

Add \$2,500,000 in General Revenue – Dedicated Texas Music Incubator Account No. 5193 in each year of the biennium to the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas and rider directing funding to establish and administer the Texas Music Incubator Rebate Program.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-61 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium in General Revenue – Dedicated Texas Music Incubator Account No. 5193 in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas
2. On page I-70 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Texas Music Incubator Rebate Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas is \$2,500,000 in General Revenue – Dedicated Texas Music Incubator Account No. 5193 in each fiscal year of the biennium to establish and administer the Texas Music Incubator Program, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 485, Subchapter C.

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Regional Law Enforcement Training Facility**

Prepared by LBB Staff: 03/22/2023

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue funding by \$20,000,000 to the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, and add a rider that designates funding to be granted to the University of North Texas at Dallas for the purpose of establishing a Dallas Regional Law Enforcement Training Facility.

**Required Action**

- 1) On page I-61 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add \$10,000,000 in General Revenue funds in each fiscal year of the biennium to Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice.
- 2) On page I-70 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **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.

Adopted as amended

By: Flores

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Related to the appropriation of funds for the Micro-Business Disaster Recovery Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/22/2023

**Overview**

Add a rider that appropriates \$2,500,000 in General Revenue in each year of the 2024-25 biennium for the purpose of implementing the Micro-Business Disaster Recovery Program under the provisions of House Bill 3271, which was passed during the Eighty-seventh Regular Session.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-61 of the Trusted Program Within the Office of the Governor's bill pattern, add \$2,500,000 in each year of the 2024-25 biennium in General Revenue to Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas.
2. On page I-70 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

    **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.



Adopted as amended

By: Hinojosa

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Border Security Operations**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/10/2023

**Overview**

Amend Rider 18, Border Security Operations, to allocate \$11,328,727 in General Revenue for Border Security in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.1.1, Disaster Funds, to border prosecution grants.

**Required Action**

On page I-67 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, amend the following rider:

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.

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Small and Rural Community Success Fund Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff: 03/10/2023

**Overview**

Increase funding to the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor by \$1,800,000 in General Revenue in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas, for administrative costs associated with the Texas Small and Rural Community Success Fund Program. This program was authorized with the passage of SB 1465 during the 87<sup>th</sup> Session, Regular Session, to replace the Texas Leverage Fund Program.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-61 of The Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2024 in General Revenue to Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas.
2. On page I-70 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **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.

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding Increase**  
**Rider 31 Border Zone Fire Departments**

Prepared by LBB Staff: 03/24/2023

**Overview**

Add \$2,000,000 in General Revenue for Border Security in fiscal year 2024 to Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, and amend Rider 31, Border Zone Fire Departments, to allocate an additional \$2,000,000 in General Revenue for Border Security in fiscal year 2024 to provide fire departments in the border region grants to assist in executing emergency services associated with border activities.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-61 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add \$2,000,000 in GR for Border Security in fiscal year 2024 to Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice
2. On page I-69 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, amend the following rider:
  31. **Grants to Border Zone Fire Departments.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1., Criminal Justice, is ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$3,000,000 in General Revenue for Border Security in fiscal year 2024 to provide professional fire departments in the border region grants to assist in the acquisition of specialized equipment, maintenance, and medical supplies to support emergency services associated with the execution of security activities associated with deterring crimes occurring in the geographic area defined in Article IX, Section 7.10, Border Security, of this Act.

Not later than December 1 of each 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 agencies that applied for funding, the amount distributed, and the utilization of funds by each agency.

By: Hinojosa

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Rider 20 Grants for Local Border Security**

Prepared by LBB Staff: 2/23/2023

**Overview**

Amend Rider 20, Grants for Border Security, to require a portion of the Grants for Local Border Security to be used to provide a grant to the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State for the humane processing of unidentified human remains.

**Required Action**

On page I-67 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, amend the following rider:

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, ~~the grant funds may also be awarded for and~~ the humane processing of the remains of undocumented migrants, ~~or 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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By: Kolkhorst

**Texas Historical Commission, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Washington-on-the-Brazos Capital Projects**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/02/2023

**Overview**

Provide \$7,350,000 in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Historical Commission in fiscal year 2024 with unexpended balance authority in fiscal year 2025 for the purposes of completing Washington-on-the-Brazos Capital Projects.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-71 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, increase General Revenue Funds by \$7,350,000 in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites.
2. On page I-73 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, increase the Washington-on-the-Brazos Capital Projects authority by \$7,350,000 in fiscal year 2024.
3. On page I-78 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, amend Rider 25 as follows:

- 25. Unexpended Balances: Washington-on-the-Brazos Capital Projects.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites, any unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2023, (estimated to be \$0) for the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site in General Revenue are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2023, for the same purpose.

Included in amounts appropriated above is \$7,350,000 in General Revenue in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites, in fiscal year 2024, for the purpose of completion of the Washington-on-the-Brazos capital projects.

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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# **Senate Finance Committee Riders - Article I**

## **Article XI**

**March 27, 2023**

**Legislative Budget Board**

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**Office of the Attorney General**

**Proposed Funding and Rider**

**Related to the Contingent Appropriation of Funds for the Grant Program for Landowner Compensation for Damages Caused by Criminal Activities**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/21/2023

**Overview**

Add a rider that contingent upon the enactment of legislation, which appropriates \$25 million in General Revenue for the purpose of a grant program to compensate certain property owners for damages caused by criminal activity.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-3 of the Office of the Attorney General bill pattern, increase General Revenue by \$25 million in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance.
2. On page I-15 of the Office of the Attorney General bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Grant Program for Landowner Compensation for Damages Caused by Criminal Activities.** Contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1133, or similar legislation relating to the creation of a grant program to compensate certain property owners for damages caused by criminal activity, by the Eighty-eight Legislature, Regular Session, included in the amounts appropriated above, the Office of the Attorney General is appropriated \$25 million in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance to implement the provisions of this legislation. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.



By: Hinojosa

**Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Alzheimer's Research Collaborative of Texas (ARCT)**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/02/2023

**Overview**

Appropriate \$200,000,000 in General Revenue Funds to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas for the 2024-25 biennium, contingent on the enactment of legislation relating to the creation of the oversight committee Alzheimer's Research Collaborative of Texas (ARCT) for the purpose of establishing criteria to support institutions of learning and advanced medical research facilities and collaborations in Texas in all stages of finding the causes of Alzheimer's and neurodegenerative diseases in humans and developing cures from laboratory research to clinical trials and including programs to address the problem of access to advanced Alzheimer's disease treatment.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-17 of the bill pattern for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, increase General Revenue Funds by \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and by \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in new strategy A.1.4, Alzheimer's Research Collaborative of Texas.
2. On page I-19 of the bill pattern for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, add the following new rider:

Alzheimer's Research Collaborative of Texas. Contingent on the enactment of legislation relating to the creation of the Alzheimer's Research Collaborative of Texas (ARCT), by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas is appropriated \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue Funds, included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Alzheimer's Research Collaborative of Texas, to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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

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Roger West

By: West

## Comptroller of Public Accounts, Article I

### Proposed Rider

### Contingency for Senate Bill 949

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/25/2023

#### Overview

Prepare a rider which appropriates \$25,500,000 from General Revenue to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 949, contingent upon its enactment.

#### Required Action

1. On page I-20 of the Comptroller of Public Accounts bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds by \$25,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy B.4.1, Procurement and Support Services.
2. On page I-25 of the Comptroller of Public Accounts bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Contingency for Senate Bill 949.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 949, or similar legislation relating to the creation of a revolving loan program to fund the purchase by historically underutilized businesses of certain bonds required for public work contracts, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated a total of \$25,500,000 for fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue, included in amounts appropriated in Strategy B.4.1, Procurement and Support Services, to implement the provisions of the legislation. Of the amount appropriated, \$25,000,000 is appropriated for transfer to the Historically Underutilized Business Bond Assistance Revolving Loan Account for the purpose of providing loans to historically underutilized businesses to assist the businesses in the purchase of performance and payment bonds required by this chapter for public work contracts with a governmental entity. The remaining appropriation of \$500,000 is appropriated for administration of the program. Any unexpended or unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024 are appropriated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

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By: Hinojosa

**Comptroller of Public Accounts, Article I**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Appropriation for Unclaimed Property Securities Management**

**Overview:**

Add a rider appropriating \$600,000 and 8.0 full-time equivalents (FTE) in Fiscal Year 2025 to the Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer functions related to custody and liquidation of unclaimed securities from the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company to the Comptroller's Unclaimed Property Division and allow the agency to manage a contract for custodial services and related activities to return unclaimed securities to their rightful owners.

**Required Action:**

On page I-X of the Comptroller of Public Accounts bill pattern, add the following rider:

- \_\_\_\_\_. **Appropriation for Unclaimed Property Securities Management.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, \$600,000 in General Revenue is appropriated in fiscal year 2025 in a new appropriately numbered strategy, Unclaimed Property Securities Management, 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. In addition, the "Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE)" for the Comptroller of Public Accounts is increased by 8.0 in fiscal year 2025.

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By: Hall

*Bob Hall*

**Comptroller of Public Accounts**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Contingency for Senate Bill 356**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/23/2023

**Overview**

Prepare a rider which appropriates \$X from General Revenue to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 356, contingent upon its enactment.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-20 of the bill pattern for the Comptroller of Public Accounts, increase General Revenue in Strategy C.1.1, Revenue and Tax Processing by \$X in fiscal year 2024 and \$X in fiscal year 2025.
2. On page I-25 of the bill pattern for the Comptroller of Public Accounts, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for Senate Bill 356.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 356, or similar legislation relating to a franchise tax credit for a taxable entity that participates in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated \$X for fiscal year 2024, and \$X in 2025 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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By: Schwertner

**Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Relating to addressing healthcare costs incurred by TML Health during the coronavirus pandemic**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2023

**Overview**

Prepare a rider which provides \$29,000,000 in Coronavirus Relief Funds to TML Health to address health care costs incurred because of the coronavirus pandemic.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-26 of the bill pattern for the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts, increase Coronavirus Relief Fund by \$29,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 in a new strategy, A.1.15, Support for Public Employee Healthcare.
2. On page I-32 of the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Support for Public Employee Healthcare.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.15, Support for Public Employee Healthcare, in fiscal year 2024 the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall provide \$29,000,000 in Coronavirus Relief Funds to Texas Municipal League Health to address health care costs incurred during the period beginning March 3, 2021 and ending January 1, 2023, due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on behalf of public employees. Texas Municipal League Health shall provide to the Comptroller of Public Accounts any requested reporting and documentation related to such expenses.

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By: Perry

**Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Contingency for Senate Bill 377 & Senate Joint Resolution 27**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/25/2023

**Overview**

Prepare a rider which authorizes the Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer funds appropriated in the new Texas Connectivity Fund to the Public Utilities Commission and the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts, contingent upon the enactment of Senate Joint Resolution 27, which creates the Texas Connectivity Fund, and Senate Bill 377, which directs the transfers out of the Connectivity Fund to the Universal Services Fund and the Broadband Development Account.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-32 of the bill pattern for the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts, add the following new rider:

**Contingency for Senate Bill 377 and Senate Joint Resolution 27.**

- (a) The provisions of this rider are contingent on:
  - (1) the enactment of Senate Bill 377, or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session directing the Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer from the Texas Connectivity Fund to the Public Utility Commission the amount necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Universal Service Fund and remaining amounts to the Broadband Development Account; and
  - (2) approval of the voters of Senate Joint Resolution 27, or similar legislation proposing a constitutional amendment creating the Texas Connectivity Fund for the development of broadband and other telecommunications services in all areas of the state and authorizing the appropriation to that fund of a portion of revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes on telecommunications services while not increasing the rate of the sales and use taxes.
- (b) The Public Utility Commission shall report at the end of each fiscal year on the amount of funds necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Universal Service Fund. The report shall be delivered to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Legislative Budget Board, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.
- (c) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer from the Texas Connectivity Fund the greater of the amount designated in the report described in Subsection (b) or the balance of the Connectivity Fund to the Universal Service Fund for appropriation to the Public Utility Commission to implement the provisions of the legislation as provided by the constitution. Any remaining funds shall be credited to the Broadband Development Account and are appropriated to the Broadband Development Office within the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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By Senator Angela Paxton

**Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts, Article I  
Proposed Funding and Rider  
Contingent for Senate Bill \_\_\_\_  
Texas Electric Cooperatives Rate Relief**

Prepared by Randy Samuelson, 3/3/2023

**Overview**

Prepare a rider which appropriates \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from General Revenue to the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts for purposes of providing ratepayer relief from extraordinary costs related to Winter Storm Uri in 2021 to electric cooperatives organized under Chapter 161 of the Utilities Code, contingent upon passage of SB \_\_\_\_.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-25 of the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts bill pattern, increase General Revenue by \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in fiscal year 2024 in a new strategy, A.1.15, Ratepayer Relief.
2. On page I-32 of the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. Contingency for Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_. Contingent on enacted of Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_, or similar legislation relating to the providing ratepayer relief from extraordinary costs related to Winter Storm Uri in 2021 to electric cooperatives organized under Chapter 161 of the Utilities Code, by the Eighty-eight Legislature, Regular Session, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.1.15, Ratepayer Relief Fund, to provide ratepayer relief from extraordinary costs related to Winter Storm Uri to electric cooperatives organized under Chapter 161 of the Utilities Code. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024 are appropriated to the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024 for the same purpose.

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By: King/ Whitmire

**Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts, Article I**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Contingency for Senate Bill 267**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/22/2023

**Overview**

Prepare a rider which appropriates \$20,000,000 in Federal Funds to the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts in fiscal year 2024 for the purposes of implementing the provisions of SB 267, contingent upon its enactment. The bill would establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to each law enforcement agency for purposes of becoming accredited or maintaining accreditation.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-25 of the bill pattern for the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts, increase Coronavirus Relief Fund by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 in a new strategy A.1.15, Law Enforcement Accreditation Grants.
2. On page I-32 of the bill pattern for Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts, add the following new rider:

**Contingency for Senate Bill 267.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 267, or similar legislation relating to a grant program that provides financial assistance to law enforcement agencies for the purposes of becoming accredited or maintaining accreditation, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Comptroller is appropriated \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 from funds received by the state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325, included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.15, Law Enforcement Accreditation Grants, to implement the provisions of the legislation. Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2024 are appropriated to the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose.

If the appropriation identified in this rider is determined by the United States Department of the Treasury or any other qualified state or federal authority to have been made for an improper use, the appropriated money may not be spent, and \$20,000,000 in General Revenue is appropriated for the same purpose.

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By: Hinojosa

**Comptroller of Public Accounts – Fiscal Programs, Article I**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Appropriation for Unclaimed Property Securities Management**

**Overview:**

Add a rider appropriating \$2,900,000 in Fiscal Year 2025 to the Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer functions related to custody and liquidation of unclaimed securities from the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company to the Comptroller's Unclaimed Property Division and allow the agency to manage a contract for custodial services and related activities to return unclaimed securities to their rightful owners.

**Required Action:**

On page I-X of the Comptroller of Public Accounts – Fiscal Programs bill pattern, add the following rider:

- \_\_\_\_\_. **Appropriation for Unclaimed Property Securities.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Unclaimed Property, an amount estimated to be \$2,900,000 in General Revenue is appropriated 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 to assist in the function of the unclaimed property program.

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By: Hinojosa

**Employees Retirement System, Article I**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Contingency for HB 2406**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/01/2023

**Overview**

Prepare a rider which appropriates \$400,000 from General Revenue in fiscal 2024 and \$500,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 for the purposes of implementing the provisions of HB 2406, contingent upon its enactment. The bill would amend the Government Code to add peace officers at the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to the definition of law enforcement officers who participate in the Law Enforcement and Custodial Officer Supplemental Retirement Fund (LECOS).

**Required Action**

On page I-44 of the bill pattern for the Employees Retirement System, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for House Bill 2406.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 2406, or similar legislation relating to service retirement benefits payable by the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) to commissioned peace officers employed by the attorney general, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, in addition to amounts appropriated in this Act to the ERS, ERS is appropriated \$400,000 for fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 from fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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By: Sen. Hall



**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Contingency for Senate Bill 237**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/1/2023

**Overview**

Prepare a rider which directs the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor to use funds appropriated in the bill pattern to implement Senate Bill 237, contingent upon its enactment.

**Required Action**

On page I-70 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. Contingency for Senate Bill 347. Contingent upon enactment of Senate Bill 237, or similar legislation relating to an interstate compact on border security and immigration enforcement, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor shall use funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Disaster Funds, to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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**One Time Investment Appropriation Rider**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Roger W. N.

**Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor, Article I  
Proposed Rider  
Contingency for HB 2466**

**Overview**

Add a rider in the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor bill pattern that appropriates \$25,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to be transferred to the Texas Technology Innovation Trust Fund to provide state grant matching funds to eligible business entities headquartered in Texas that have received a grant or contract under the federal Small Business Innovation Research or Small Business Technology Transfer programs, contingent upon enactment of HB 2466 , or similar legislation creating the Texas Technology Innovation Trust Fund.

**Required Action**

On page I-XX of the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for HB 2466.** Contingent on enactment of HB 2466, or similar legislation relating to creation of the Texas Technology Innovation Trust Fund, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor is appropriated \$25,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas, to be transferred to the Texas Technology Innovation Trust Fund held outside the State treasury.

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By Senator John Whitmire

***Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I***  
**Motion for Funding and Rider**  
**Modernization of Crime Victim Notification**

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$10,000,000.00 in General Revenue to the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor in each fiscal year for the purpose of providing funding to state and local public safety and criminal justice agencies who procure a modernized victim notification and survey system.

**Required Action**

On page I-71 of Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern in SB1, add the following new rider:

- Modernization of Crime Victim Notification.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor is \$10,000,000.00 in General Revenue in Strategy B.1.1., Criminal Justice in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000.00 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 for the purpose of providing funding to state and local public safety and criminal justice agencies who procure a modernized victim notification and survey system. The program must provide proactive text, email, and portal access for updates and support bi-directional communication with citizens, while not requiring the victims to download or ~~sig-up~~ for notifications.

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**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

Prepared by LBB staff: 03/14/2023

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue funding to the Trusted Programs by \$7,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, and add a rider that designates funding to be used for supplementing the existing federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-61 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add \$7,000,000 in each fiscal year in General Revenue to Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security.
2. On page I-62 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, increase the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) by 1.0 in each fiscal year.
3. On page I-67 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

- \_\_\_\_. **Nonprofit Security Grant Program. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$7,000,000 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the biennium for the purpose of supplementing the existing federal Nonprofit Security Grant 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.**

By: Hinojosa/Middleton

**Texas Historical Commission, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Grant for Promoting Texas History**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/01/2023

**Overview**

Appropriate \$2,000,000 in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Historical Commission for the purpose of providing grants during the 2024-25 biennium for programs promoting Texas history among students and to encourage participation in competitions that enable students to learn about Texas history and display their accumulated knowledge.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-71 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, increase General Revenue Funds by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy A.1.2, Archeological Heritage Protection.
2. On page I-78 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Grant for Promoting Texas History.** Contingent on the enactment of legislation establishing a grant program promoting Texas history among students and encouraging participation in competitions that enable students to learn about Texas History and display their accumulated knowledge, the Historical Commission is appropriated \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue Funds, included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Archeological Heritage Protection, to provide grants to non-profit entities based in Texas, whose sole mission is promoting Texas history, and organizes Texas history competitions and promotes Texas history among students for the purposes of supporting the programs the entities offer.

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Roger West

By: West

**Texas Historical Commission, Article I**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Contingency for Senate Bill 667 and House Bill 2580**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/26/2023

**Overview**

Appropriate \$150,000 in General Revenue to the Texas Historical Commission, contingent upon the passage of Senate Bill 667 or House Bill 2580, for the purposes of funding the Texas Black Reconstruction Legislator Historical Marker Program.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-71 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, increase General Revenue by \$150,000 in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resources.
2. On page I-78 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Texas Black Reconstruction Legislator Historical Marker Program.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 667, House Bill 2580, or similar legislation relating to establishing a state historical marker program to honor African Americans who served in the Texas Legislature during Reconstruction, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Historical Commission is \$150,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resource, to implement the provisions of the legislation. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024 is appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

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Ryan W. West

By: West

**Texas Historical Commission, Article I**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Funding for the Texas Historic Theater Grant Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/26/2023

**Overview**

Appropriate \$25,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2024 for the purposes of implementing the Texas Historic Theater Grant Program. This program would be designed to provide funding for historic movie theater restoration projects, but only those projects for which: (a) the recipient of a state grant will result in the drawdown of additional federal or local government, private, or non-profit dollars; and (b) is part of a larger-scale community, neighborhood, or downtown redevelopment project, including cities actively participating in the Texas Main Street Program.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-71 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, increase General Revenue by \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.2.1, Development Assistance.
2. On page I-78 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, add the following new rider:

**Texas Historic Movie Theater Grant Program.**

Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Historical Commission is \$25,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.2.1, Development Assistance, for the purpose of establishing a one-time Texas Historic Theater Grant Program for the preservation of historic theaters. It is the intent of the Legislature that funds disbursed under this program by the Commission be disbursed only for projects for which:

- (a) the recipient may use the funds to draw down or raise additional federal or local government dollars, private funds, or non-profit funds; and
- (b) is part of a larger-scale community, neighborhood, or downtown redevelopment project, including cities actively participating in the Texas Main Street Program.

It is the intent of the Legislature that a single grant awarded may not exceed \$7,000,000.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024 is appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024 for the same purpose.

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By Senator Hughes

**Texas Historical Commission, Article 1,  
Republic of Texas International Boundary Marker**

**Overview**

Adjacent to State Highway 31 near Deadwood, Texas stands a four-foot tall granite marker: the Republic of Texas International Boundary Marker. Placed in 1841 to designate the boundary between the Republic of Texas and the United States, this marker is the only one of its kind known to still be in existence.

With original inscriptions visible, this monument is a treasure from an important period of Texas history. A Texas Historical Marker stands nearby to explain the monument's historical significance, but the International Boundary Marker has no real protection from the elements or vandalism. The following rider would provide \$475,000 in fiscal year 2024 to improve, maintain, and preserve the site of the marker.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-71 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, increase General Revenue Funds by \$475,000 in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resources.
2. On page I-78 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, add the following new rider:

**Republic of Texas International Boundary Marker.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$475,000 in General Revenue in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resources in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of providing site improvements, maintenance, and preservation for the Republic of Texas International Boundary Marker in accordance with Government Code, Section 442.0074.

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.

**Texas Veterans Commission, Article I**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Veteran Outreach Database Initiative**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/21/2023

**Overview**

Add a rider and a total of \$976,708 in General Revenue Funds for the 2024-25 biennium to A.1.4, Veterans Outreach, for the purchase and maintenance of a customer relations management platform and the hiring of 3.0 FTEs to collect, store, and use veteran contact information from the U.S. Department of Defense, TX Department of Public Services, and TX Department of Motor Vehicles to perform outreach about the services provided by the Texas Veterans Commission.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-102 of the bill pattern for the Texas Veterans Commission, add \$493,454 in fiscal year 2024 and \$483,254 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue to Strategy A.1.4, Veterans Outreach.
2. On page I-103 of the bill pattern for the Texas Veterans Commission, increase the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents by 3.0 in each fiscal year.
3. On page I-107 of the bill pattern for the Texas Veterans Commission, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Veteran Outreach Database Initiative. Included in 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, is \$493,454 in fiscal year 2024 and \$483,254 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue, and 3.0 full-time-equivalent positions, for the purchase and maintenance of a customer relations management platform.**

**By: Senator Donna Campbell, MD. & Senator Parker**

**Texas Veterans Commission, Article I  
Proposed Funding and Rider**

**Additional Staffing to Meet Statewide Needs of Veterans and Families**

**Overview**

Identified Need: 8 additional staff to meet statewide needs of veterans and families

Description and Justification: The Veterans Mental Health Department (VMHD) is focused on ensuring access to competent mental health services for service members, veterans, and their families. VMHD accomplishes this task by providing training, certification, and technical assistance across Texas and by connecting veterans directly to local services. VMHD is made up of the Justice Involved Veteran Program, the Homeless Veteran Initiative, the Military Veteran Peer Network, the Veteran Provider Program, the Community & Faith-Based Program, and the Veteran Suicide Prevention Program.

VMHD works closely with federal, state, and local partners to address veteran mental health needs including suicide prevention and intervention, veteran homelessness, military cultural competency, justice involvement, military-related traumas, the needs of women and rural veterans, and peer services. Across all programming, VMHD has the broadest definition of veteran regardless of discharge status, branch of services, or having served one day or a career. All services provided by VMHD are offered freely to all who are in need.

**Required Action**

On page I-103 of the Texas Veterans Commission bill pattern, amend the number of Full-time equivalent positions to 446.5 in fiscal year 2024 and 446.5 in fiscal year 2025.

On page I-103 of the Veterans Commission bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Funds for Veterans' Mental Health Department**

For A.1.4 Strategy: VETERANS OUTREACH, an additional \$837,040 is appropriated from General Revenue for FY 2024 and \$799,840 for FY 2025 to fund 2 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) for the Justice Involved Veteran Program, 1 FTE for the Homeless Veteran Initiative, 1 FTE for the Military Veteran Peer Network, 1 FTE for the Veteran Provider Program, 2 FTEs for the Community & Faith-Based Program, and 1 FTE for the Veteran Suicide Prevention Program per fiscal year to meet statewide needs of veterans and families.

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**Senate Finance Committee  
Riders - Article I**

**Not Adopted**

**March 27, 2023**

**Legislative Budget Board**

By: Whitmire

Texas Commission on the Arts  
Article I of SB 1 of the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session  
Harris County Cultural Arts Council Rider

**Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$3,500,000 (three million and five hundred thousand dollars) for the capital improvements and arts programming to the Harris County Cultural Arts Center located at 13334 Wallisville Rd, Houston, Texas 77409. Therefore, not to take away from other arts organization this rider adds to the amount the of 3,500,000 (three million and five hundred thousand dollars).

Harris County Cultural Arts Council is an independent - not affiliated with any governmental entity - 501(c)(3) arts and culture organization serving 70,000+ residents across 6 zip codes in Unincorporated East 1Harris County (UEHC). UEHC is a cultural desert with no museums, theaters, or performance venues and has limited facilities for community engagement, and blight and crime are on the rise. Harris County Cultural Arts Council was organized in 2019 to improve quality of life for residents by serving as a catalyst for economic growth and development. HCCAC uses the arts to help position Unincorporated East Harris County as a tourist destination, reduce area blight, and build civic pride. Specifically, HCCAC leverages the transformative power of the arts to:

- ⇒ generate new business and development
- ⇒ attract tourists through festivals and other high profile cultural events
- ⇒ revitalize UEHC communities through installation of public art, gateway signage and development of greenspace
- ⇒ create jobs
- ⇒ increase sales tax revenue, and
- ⇒ raising the quality of life for residents in UEHC.

**Required Action**

On page I-3 of the Commission on the Arts bill pattern, add the following new rider:

**6. Cultural and Performing Arts Center Grant.** Included in Strategy A.1.1, Arts Organization Grants, is \$3,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to provide a grant to the Harris County Cultural Arts Center to construct, make improvements, remodel a community cultural and performing arts center, and to provide programming for public arts. Portions of this grant are contingent upon application for designation as a

Cultural Arts District in 2024. The contingency of the funds distributed would be as followed: \$1,500,000 for Capital Improvements upon authorization of the appropriations, \$2,000,000 for tourism activities released upon application approval as cultural district designation.

The amounts appropriated in Strategy A.1.1, Arts Organizations is increased to \$1,500,000 for Year Ending August 31, 2024 and \$2,000,000 for Year Ending August 31, 2025

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

By: Whitmire / Alvarado

**Texas Commission on the Arts, Article 1**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Latino Museum of Cultural and Visual Arts Complex Grant**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/28/2023

**Overview**

Appropriate \$28,900,000 in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Commission on the Arts in fiscal year 2024 with unexpended balance authority in fiscal year 2025 for the purposes of planning and constructing a Latino Museum of Cultural and Visual Arts Complex in Houston.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-1 of the bill pattern for the Commission on the Arts, increase General Revenue Fund by \$28,900,000 in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.1.1, Arts Organizations Grants.
2. On page I-3 of the bill pattern for the Commission on the Arts, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Latino Museum of Cultural and Visual Arts Complex Grant. Included in Strategy A.1.1, Arts Organization Grants, is \$28,900,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to provide a grant to the Advocates of a Latino Museum of Cultural and Visual Arts & Archive Complex in Houston, Harris County (ALMAAHH) to plan and construct a Latino museum of cultural and visual arts complex.**

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



By: Sen. Hinojosa

**Office of the Attorney General, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Technical Adjustment: Funding Designation for Victims Assistance Grants**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/01/2023

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue funding by \$2,477,089 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,289,598 in fiscal year 2025 to the Office of the Attorney General in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, and amend language in Rider 9, Victims Assistance Grants, regarding amounts included in MOF table for C.1.2, Victims Assistance. Amend language to designate funding for the implementation of a Victim Information and Notification Everyday program.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-4, within the Office of the Attorney General's bill pattern, add \$2,477,089 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,289,598 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue to Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance.
  2. On page I-8, within the Office of the Attorney General bill pattern, amend the following rider:
9. **Victims Assistance Grants.** Funds appropriated above in C.1.2, Victims Assistance, shall be spent as follows:

<u>Program:</u>	2024	2025
(1) Victims Assistance Coordinators and Victims Liaisons	\$2,431,001	\$2,431,001
(2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program	27,134,016	26,134,016
(3) Sexual Assault Services Program Grants	2,024,468	2,024,468
(4) Legal Services Grants	2,500,000	2,500,000
(5) Other Victims Assistance Grants	10,886,361	10,886,360
(6) Statewide Victim Notification System	3,023,114	3,023,114
	<u>5,500,203</u>	<u>4,312,712</u>
(7) Address Confidentiality	161,349	161,349
Total	\$48,160,309 <u>\$50,637,398</u>	\$47,160,308 <u>\$48,449,906</u>

**Method of Financing:**

General Revenue:	\$28,190,476	\$28,190,475
	<u>\$30,667,565</u>	<u>\$29,480,073</u>

General Revenue - Dedicated

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Victims of Crime Auxiliary Fund No. 0494	161,349	161,349
Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010	16,596,100	15,596,100
Subtotal, General Revenue - Dedicated	<u>\$16,757,449</u>	<u>\$15,757,449</u>
Federal Funds	3,212,384	3,212,384
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$48,160,309</u>	<u>\$47,160,308</u>
	<u>\$50,637,398</u>	<u>\$48,449,906</u>

The Office of the Attorney General shall adopt rules for the competitive allocation of funds under item number (5) Other Victims Assistance Grants.

Included in appropriations above in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, for program (2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program, the Office of the Attorney General shall enter into contracts or provide grants in the amount of \$38,569,602 for rape crisis centers to provide the minimum services as statutorily required by Government Code, Section 420.008(c)(1) to adult survivors of stranger and non-stranger sexual assault. This amount includes \$6,850,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$6,850,000 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue and \$12,434,801 in fiscal year 2024 and \$12,434,801 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue-Dedicated Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010. Of this amount, \$9,000,000 shall be prioritized for the purposes of addressing current and projected waitlists for counseling of adult sexual assault survivors and sexual assault advocacy services at rape crisis centers. For the purposes of this rider, "rape crisis center" shall have the same meaning as "sexual assault program" in Government Code, Section 420.003 (7). In accordance with Texas statute, rape crisis centers remain eligible to apply for victim assistance funds in addition to the funds listed in program (2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program.

Included in appropriations above in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, for program (2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program, the Attorney General shall enter into contracts or provide grants in the amount of \$1,377,017 in fiscal year 2024 and \$377,017 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue-Dedicated Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010 for the sexual assault nurse examiner program.

Included in appropriations above in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, for program (2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program, the Attorney General shall enter into contracts or provide grants in the amount of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 to rape crisis centers for a pilot program that provides dedicated funding to support the unique challenges of rural and border counties including, but not limited to, support for satellite offices, co-location efforts, transportation costs, technology assistance and workforce challenges.

Included in appropriations above in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, for program (3) Sexual Assault Services Program Grants is \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 for the sexual assault services program grant recipient to implement a centralized training, technical assistance and evaluation program for rape crisis centers across the state.

Included in appropriations above in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, for program (6) Statewide Victim Notification System, \$1,187,500 in General Revenue shall be used by the agency to implement the Victim Information and Notification Everyday program in the current

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county jails, district courts, and county courts that do not receive these services. Furthermore, \$1,289,589 in General Revenue is appropriated in each year of the biennium for ongoing costs associated with the program.

It is the intent of the Legislature that \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2025 appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General be used to fund domestic violence high risk teams.

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

None of the funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, may be expended on grants to organizations that make contributions to campaigns for elective office or that endorse candidates.

The Office of the Attorney General shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, Governor and Comptroller at least 30 days prior to the start of a new fiscal year if the revenue sources listed above are insufficient to provide the full appropriations to rape crisis centers or sexual assault nurse examiners program as indicated in this rider for the upcoming fiscal year.

Within 100 days after the close of each fiscal year, the Office of the Attorney General shall submit a report detailing the expenditure of funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance. The report shall include information on the guidelines used to select programs that receive grants, the amount of grants awarded in each of the categories listed above, the amount of expenditures for administration, and audit and oversight activities conducted relating to the victims assistance grants and the programs receiving such grants. The report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.

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By: Perry

**Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Related to Law Enforcement Education Funding.**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/13/23

**Overview**

Provide \$13,200,000 million in General Revenue in Strategy A.1.7, Law Enforcement Education Funds, for transfer to General Revenue- Dedicated Account No. 0116, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-25 of the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts bill pattern, increase General Revenue Funds by \$6,600,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$6,600,000 in fiscal year 2025 in Strategy A.1.7, Law Enforcement Education Funds.
2. On page I-32 of the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Law Enforcement Education Funds** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.7, Law Enforcement Education Funds, is \$6,600,000 in fiscal year 2024, and \$6,600,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue for transfer to the General Revenue- Dedicated Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Account No. 0116 for the purpose of funding law enforcement training for peace officers and telecommunicators.

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By: Sen. Bob Hall

*Bob Hall*

**Employees Retirement System**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Related to prohibiting funding for transgender treatments or procedures**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2023

**Overview**

Add a rider that prohibits the Employees Retirement System from using appropriated funds for medical treatment intended to transition a person's biological sex, as determined by the individual's sex organs, chromosomes, and endogenous profiles.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-44 of the Employees Retirement System bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Prohibition of Use of Appropriated Funds for Transgender Treatments.**

The Employees Retirement System (ERS) may not use appropriated funds for the provision of gender transitioning or gender reassignment procedures and treatments to individuals for the purpose of transitioning a person's biological sex organs, chromosomes, and endogenous profiles of the individual or affirming the individual's perception of the individual's sex if that perception is inconsistent with the individual's biological sex. Specifically, funds may not be used for the following:

- a. To perform a surgery that sterilizes the child, including:
  - (1) castration;
  - (2) vasectomy;
  - (3) hysterectomy;
  - (4) oophorectomy;
  - (5) metoidioplasty;
  - (6) orchiectomy;
  - (7) penectomy;
  - (8) phalloplasty; and
  - (9) vaginoplasty;
- b. To perform a mastectomy;
- c. To provide, prescribe, administer, or supply any of the following prescription drugs that induce transient or permanent infertility:
  - (1) puberty suppression or blocking prescription drugs to stop or delay normal puberty.
  - (2) supraphysiologic doses of testosterone to females; or
  - (3) supraphysiologic doses of estrogen to males; or
- d. To remove any otherwise healthy or non-diseased body part or tissue.

This prohibition does not apply to the provision by a physician or health care provider, with the consent of the child's parent or legal guardian, of appropriate and medically necessary gender transitioning or gender reassignment procedures or treatments to a child who:

- a. is born with a medically verifiable genetic disorder of sex development, including
  - (1) 46,XX chromosomes with virilization;
  - (2) 46,XY chromosomes with undervirilization; or
  - (3) both ovarian and testicular tissue; or
- b. does not have the normal sex chromosome structure for male or female as determined by a physician through genetic testing.

The expenditure of any public funds for the purposes outlined in the provisions shall result in a freeze of all state funding of the Employee Retirement System, until such time as the Office of the Attorney General can conduct an investigation into the agency's compliance with these provisions.

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*Anna Campbell*

*Zaffirini*

*[Signature]*

By: Senator Zaffirini

**Texas Facilities Commission, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Construct a Medical Office Building in Guadalupe County**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/28/23

**Overview**

This rider would provide an appropriation of ARPA Federal Funds to TFC for the purpose of constructing a medical office building for the use of the Guadalupe Regional Medical Center.

**Required Action**


1. On page I-46 of the Texas Facilities Commission bill pattern, increase Coronavirus Relief Fund by \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.2.1, Facilities Design and Construction.
2. On Page I-50 of Texas Facilities Commission bill pattern, amend Rider 3, Capital Budget, to provide capital budget authority of \$10,000,000 in Coronavirus Relief Fund with unexpended balance authority within the biennium for Guadalupe Regional Medical Center construction.
3. On page I-54 of the Texas Facilities Commission bill pattern, add the following rider:

Guadalupe County Medical Facility. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$10,000,000 from 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) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the purpose of constructing a medical office building to serve Guadalupe County during the 2024-25 biennium.

This facility shall be constructed on land owned by the Guadalupe Regional Medical Center. Upon completion of the construction, ownership of the building shall transfer to the Guadalupe Regional Medical Center.

This appropriation is contingent on the completion of a signed agreement between the Texas Facilities Commission and the Guadalupe Regional Medical Center guaranteeing the ongoing operations of the medical office building to ensure the continuing benefit to the residents of this state.

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By \_\_\_\_\_

*Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I*  
*School Marshal Grant Program*

**Overview**

The following adds a new rider that directs \$500,000 in each fiscal year to Governor's Public Safety Office for the purposes of administering the School Marshal Grant Program.

**Required Action**

On page I-70 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, add the following new rider:

- **School Marshal Grant Program.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$500,000 in each fiscal year appropriated out of General Revenue to the Public Safety Office for the purposes of administering the School Marshal Grant Program.



By: Sen. Zaffirini

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**City of Laredo Police Department Auto Theft Task Force**

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue funding by \$1,465,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, and add a rider that designates funding to be granted to the City of Laredo Police Department Auto Theft Task Force to recover stolen vehicles used for human smuggling and drug-related crime.

**Required Action**

- 1) On page I-70 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, increase appropriations in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, by \$1,465,000 in General Revenue Funds in each fiscal year of the biennium.
- 2) On page I-61 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Laredo Auto Theft Task Force.** It is the intent of the legislature that included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$1,465,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium out of General Revenue for the purpose of a grant to the City of Laredo's Police Department to support the City of Laredo Police Department Auto Theft Task Force in recovering stolen vehicles used for human smuggling and drug-related crime.

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By: Sen. Zaffirini

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Laredo Border Texas Anti-Gang Center**

Prepared by LBB Staff: 2/23/2023

**Overview**

Increase funding to the Trusted Programs by \$911,034 in General Revenue and designate \$2,500,000 appropriated as part of Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice in the 2024-25 biennium to the Laredo Police Department to maintain and increase funding for the Texas Anti-Gang Center (TAG) in Laredo.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-61 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add \$883,017 in fiscal year 2024 and \$28,017 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue to Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice.
2. On page I-67 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, amend the following rider:

**22. Anti-Gang Programs.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$7,900,000 in General Revenue for Border Security in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium \$8,783,017 in fiscal year 2024 and \$7,928,017 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue for Border Security for the purpose of making grants for anti-gang activities. Out of that amount, the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor shall allocate \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,300,000 in fiscal year 2025 for the Texas Anti-Gang Center in Laredo.

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By: Sen. LaMantia

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Enhanced Border Communications Pilot Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/03/2023

**Overview**

Increase General Revenue for Border Security funding by \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, for the purpose of the Enhanced Border Communications Pilot Program.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-61 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add \$15,000,000 in General Revenue for Border Security funds in each fiscal year of the biennium to Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice.
2. On page I-70 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

\_\_\_\_. **Enhanced Border Communications Pilot Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$15,000,000 in General Revenue for Border Security in each fiscal year of the biennium to be evenly distributed to provide a pilot demonstration program to Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Department of Public Safety, and Texas Military Department for the establishment of a meshed communications network in LTE denied areas using Mobile networking, satellite and cellular backhaul technologies. The network shall be operable across multiple border participants and compatible with pilot networks funded by Federal sources including the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Surveillance and Communications Towers Program.

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By: Sen. Hinojosa/Alvarado

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Related to the appropriation of funds for the Small Business Disaster Recovery Loan Program**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/17/2023

**Overview**

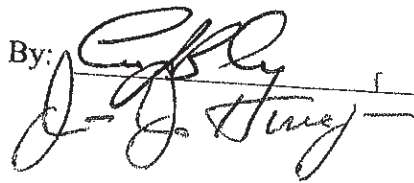
Add a rider that appropriates \$50,000,000 in General Revenue for the Small Business Disaster Recovery Loan program to provide assistance to small businesses affected by a disaster.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-61 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor's bill pattern, add \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 in General Revenue to Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas.
2. On page I-70 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Small Business Disaster Recovery Loan Program. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas, is \$50,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor to provide assistance to small businesses affected by a disaster through the Small Business Disaster Recovery Loan program, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 481, Subchapter CC, and for associated administrative costs.**

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By: 

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Related to the appropriation of funds for Spaceport Development Corporations**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/22/2023

**Overview**

Amend Rider 27, Create Jobs and Promote Texas, and increase funding to the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor by \$50,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas to be directed to the Spaceport Trust Fund to be granted to a spaceport corporation located in a county or municipality that borders Mexico and another U.S. State.

**Required Action**


1. On page I-61 of the Trusted Program Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 in General Revenue to Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas.
2. On page I-69 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, amend the following rider:

**27. Create Jobs and Promote Texas.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas is ~~\$267,149,150~~ **\$317,149,150** in All Funds to enhance and promote the economic development of Texas. The distribution of available amounts in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas includes the following allocations:

- a. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$33,614,572 in General Revenue Hotel Occupancy Tax Deposits Account No. 5003 in fiscal year 2024 and \$35,926,451 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue Hotel Occupancy Tax Deposits Account No. 5003 to be used for tourism promotion activities in the 2024-25 biennium.
- b. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$45,000,000 in General Revenue in the 2024-25 biennium, in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas, for the Texas Film Commission, the Texas Music Office, and the Moving Image Industry Incentive Program (MIIP) as authorized under Chapter 485, Government Code.
- c. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$0 in estimated unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2023, in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Enterprise Fund Account No. 5107 for the biennium beginning September 1, 2023, for the purposes of economic development initiatives in accordance with Government Code §481.078.
- d. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$40,000,000 in estimated unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2023, in General Revenue-Dedicated

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- f. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$50,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to be transferred to the Spaceport Trust Fund held outside the State treasury, in accordance with Government Code §481.0069. This amount is to be provided to an eligible spaceport corporation located in a county or municipality that borders Mexico and another U.S. State.

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By: J. J. Aguilar

**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Related to the appropriation of funds for the Grant Program for Advanced Aerospace**  
**Manufacturing and Economic Development.**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/01/2023

**Overview**

Add \$50,000,000 in General Revenue to the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor and rider directing the funds towards the development of Border Grant Program for Advanced Aerospace Manufacturing and Economic Development.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-61 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 in General Revenue to Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas.
2. On page I-70 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Aerospace, Defense, and Advanced Manufacturing.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas, is \$50,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 for the development of a grant to promote Aerospace, Defense, and Advanced Manufacturing for eligible municipalities. An eligible municipality is one that borders Mexico and another U.S. State and has received federal funds for the purposes of promoting an advanced manufacturing district and innovation network. Grant recipients shall not expend grant funds for recruitment and promotion activities that result in a business relocation to a community outside of the state of Texas. A grantee shall provide to the Office of the Governor a report on the use of funds awarded and number of jobs created or moved to Texas and the total amount of new investment brought to Texas resulting from the grant award.

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By Peter P. Flynn

***Texas Historical Commission, Art. I***  
**Additional Funding for the National Museum of the Pacific War**

**Overview**

The National Museum of the Pacific War is located in Fredericksburg, Texas in the original boyhood home of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. Nimitz served as the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Ocean Areas during World War II. The six-acre site includes the Admiral Nimitz Museum, which is housed in the old Nimitz Hotel and tells the story of Nimitz beginning with his life as a young boy through his naval career as well as the evolution of the old hotel. The Education Department at the museum seeks to inspire all audiences – students and adults alike - to engage with the collection and exhibitions through programs and resources and provides programs and lesson plans that are aligned with TEKS and National Curriculum Standards. The Center for Pacific War Studies contains thousands of manuscript collections, recordings, photographs, artwork, and publications that can be made available to researchers by appointment. Their research center focuses on educating and inspiring present and future generations about World War II in the Pacific Theater and the relevance of its lessons.

The Legislature officially designated this site in 1968 and has played a critical role in supporting it, along with donated funding, ever since. This rider would increase funding for the Pacific War Museum by \$5,100,000 and would fund improvements to the Historic Nimitz Hotel Facility & Nimitz Gallery and the Japanese Garden of Peace Restoration. These improvements include critical health and safety upgrades and items that will improve the overall visitor experience. This will continue the great tradition of this museum and draw even more visitors to the Fredericksburg area to learn about our state's great history.

**Required Action**

1. On page I-71 of the Historical Commission bill pattern, increase Strategy A.1.4. Historic Sites by \$5,100,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page I-78 of the Historical Commission bill pattern, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_. **National Museum of the Pacific War.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4., Historic Sites is \$5,100,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 for the National Museum of the Pacific War. The Historical Commission shall grant this funding to the museum for capital improvements including, but not limited to, restoration to the Japanese Garden of Peace, health and safety renovations to the Historic Nimitz Hotel Facility, and developing addition

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Phil King

By: Kelly Harmon

**Texas Historical Commission, Article I**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Funding for Construction of the National Juneteenth Museum**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/26/2023

**Overview**

Appropriate \$15,000,000 in Federal Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to the Texas Historical Commission in fiscal year 2024, with unexpended balance authority in fiscal year 2025, for the purposes of constructing the National Juneteenth Museum in Fort Worth. Also add a rider designating the funding for this purpose and which also provides appropriation out of General Revenue in the event ARPA funds are not available.

**Required Action**

1. On page 1-71 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, increase Coronavirus Relief Fund by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resources.
2. On page 1-78 of the bill pattern for the Texas Historical Commission, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **National Juneteenth Museum.** The Texas Historical Commission is appropriated \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 from funds received by the state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325, included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resources, to construct the National Juneteenth Museum.

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

If the appropriation identified in this rider is determined by the United States Department of the Treasury or any other qualified state or federal authority to have been made for an improper use, the appropriated money may not be spent, and \$15,000,000 in General Revenue is appropriated for the same purpose.

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Roger West

By: West

**Department of Information Resources**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Relating to procurement of digitization services.**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/28/2023

**Overview**

Prepare a rider which requires the Department of Information Resources to consult with institutions of higher education on all projects relating to the digitization of historic records by state agencies prior to engaging in an external procurement or utilizing an existing master vendor agreement or contract.

**Required Action**

On page 1-87 of the Department of Information Resources bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Procurement of Digitization Services through Institutions of Higher Education.**

Consistent with Government Code, 2157.068 and other law, the Department of Information Resources may create a process for all projects relating to the digitization of historic records by state agencies, prior to engaging in an external procurement, or utilizing an existing master vendor agreement or contract, to consult with institutions of higher education to determine if the digitization can be done at the institution of higher education in a cost-effective manner which meets the needs of the agency seeking digitization. To be considered in the procurement process, the institution of higher education must:

- (a) have the ability to mass digitize large quantities of historical documents; and
- (b) operate digital online repositories viewable by the public containing primary source historical material; or
- (c) participate in a digital consortium which shares historical material from multiple institutions in a single digital online repository

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*Bob Hall*

*Angela Paxton*

By: Senator Paxton

**Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Article I**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Restriction of Library Grants**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/1/2023

**Overview**

Add a rider that would restrict the Texas Library and Archives Commission from awarding grant funds to public libraries that host "drag queen" story hour programs.

**Required Action**

On page I-91 of the Texas Library and Archives Commission bill pattern, add the following rider:

**Restriction of Library Grant Awards to Public Libraries.** The Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall not award grants using funds appropriated by this act to public libraries which host drag queen story hour programs or other events for individuals under the age of 18 which feature drag performers. For the purposes of this rider, a drag performer is defined as a performer who exhibits a gender identity that is different than the performer's gender assigned at birth using clothing, makeup, or other physical markers and sings, lip syncs, dances, or otherwise performs before an audience for entertainment.

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By: Hall

*Bob Hall*

**Secretary of State, Article I**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Prohibit Payment of Fees for Electronic Registration Information Center**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/1/2023

**Overview**

Prohibit the expenditure of funds for interstate voter crosscheck programs.

**Required Action**

On page I-101 of the Secretary of State bill pattern, amend the following rider:

15. **Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).** ~~Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.I.1, Elections Administration, is \$1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2024 to provide for Texas' continued enrollment in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) pursuant to Election Code, Section 18.062.~~

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

No funds appropriated above may be used for the purpose of paying any fees associated with enrollment in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) or other interstate voter crosscheck program as specified in Election Code, Section 18.062.

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By: Hinojosa

## **Texas Veterans Commission, Article I**

### **Proposed Funding and Rider**

#### **Pilot Program for Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), or Victims of Military Sexual Assault Trauma.**

##### **Overview**

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$4.4 million for each year of the biennium for a pilot program utilizing trained service dogs for veterans with PTSD, TBI or victims of military sexual assault trauma.

##### **Required Action**

On page I-XX of the Texas Veterans Commission bill pattern, add the following new rider :

**. Pilot Program for Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), or Victims of Military Sexual Assault Trauma. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6 Health Care Advocacy Program, \$2.2 million each year of the biennium, beginning September 1, 2023, shall be allocated to implement a pilot program utilizing trained service dogs for veterans suffering from PTSD, TBI, or Military Sexual Assault Trauma.**

Qualified organization(s) shall provide programs which provide wrap around services, support, and training for veterans; a trained Service Dog, housing, meals, equipment, veterinary care, and 120 hours of on-site training with the Service Dog; and a Caregiver Support Program for the spouses, children, or other family and friends who are the direct support-givers to the veteran. Qualified organization(s) must be a member of and accredited by the Association of Service Dog Providers for Military Veterans, comply with any requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.); must provide services statewide, must be delivered by trained professional staff, and address existing conditions for veterans suffering from PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, or are victims of Military Sexual Assault Trauma. Any organization selected to deliver these services must provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds and shall provide these services at no cost to the veteran or the veteran's family.

Program services shall; provide each veteran participating in the pilot program a fully trained service dog; cover the costs of travel, lodging, and meals for each veteran participating in the pilot program when the veteran is traveling for the program; provide peer-supported training to help pair each veteran participating in the pilot program with a

service dog; while a veteran is participating in the pilot program, ensure that regular mental health and depression assessments are conducted on the veteran in coordination with a licensed clinical mental health provider; ensure that wraparound support services are provided to each veteran participating in the pilot program, the veteran's caregiver, and the veteran's family before,

The Commission shall issue a report no later than December 1, 2024, to the appropriate legislative committees and to the Governor's office on the progress of pilot program, including the number of veterans serviced, cost per veteran served, outcomes of the program and other appropriate metrics as determined by the agency.