

**Senate Finance Committee  
Article IX**

**Not Adopted**

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**Legislative Budget Board**

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By: Blanco

**Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IX**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Amendment to Sec. 17.16, Contingency for Texas Space Commission**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/23/2023

**Overview**

Amend Art. IX, Sec. 17.16, Contingency for Texas Space Commission, to increase the appropriated amount by \$50,000,000 and to direct \$50,000,000 of the appropriated amount towards a spaceport corporation located in a county or municipality that borders Mexico and another U.S. state.

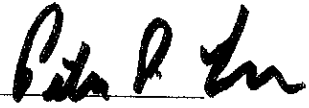
**Required Action**

On page IX-117, amend Sec. 17.16 as follows:

**Sec. 17.16. Contingency for Texas Space Commission.** Contingent upon the enactment of legislation relating to the creation of a Texas space commission by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, in addition to the amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, ~~\$350,000,000~~\$400,000,000 in General Revenue is appropriated in the 2024-25 biennium to implement the provisions of the legislation. Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated to the commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purpose. Of the \$400,000,000 appropriated to implement the legislation, \$50,000,000 shall be appropriated for an eligible spaceport corporation located in a county or municipality that borders Mexico and another state.

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By: Hinojosa



**Salary Administration and Employment Provisions, Article IX**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Modification of Sec. 3.12, Exceptions for Salary Schedule C**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 3, 2023

**Background and Purpose**

Increasing the Schedule C stipends for commissioned peace officers who achieve certain levels of skill or certifications will help with recruitment and retention. We see our officers being recruited to local agencies where benefits are better; or they are simply leaving law enforcement altogether.

**Overview**

Amend Article IX, Section 3.12 to change salary stipend amounts.

**Required Action**

On page IX-26 of Art IX, amend Sec. 3.12, Exceptions for Salary Schedule C, as follows:

**Sec. 3.12. Exceptions for Salary Schedule C.**

- (a) Notwithstanding other provisions in this Act, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas may pay its employees classified as Corporal I, II, III, IV, or V, Traffic Law Enforcement, at rates that exceed the maximum rates designated in Salary Schedule C by up to \$600 per fiscal year.
- (b) (1) Notwithstanding other provisions in this Act, the Department of Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Criminal Justice, Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Department of Insurance, and the Alcoholic Beverage Commission of Texas shall pay its employees classified as commissioned peace officers in Salary Schedule C, salary stipends at rates that exceed the maximum rates designated in Salary Schedule C.
  - (2) Salary stipends shall be paid to commissioned peace officers who achieve certain levels of skill or certifications as approved by the departments. Such skills and certifications shall include:
    - (A) Education Level: ~~\$50~~\$133 per month for an associate degree; ~~\$100~~\$251 per month for a bachelor degree; and ~~\$150~~\$328 per month for a masters degree;
    - (B) Commission on Law Enforcement Certification Level: ~~\$50~~\$109 per month for intermediate; ~~\$100~~\$204 per month for advanced; and ~~\$150~~\$403 per month for masters;
    - (C) Bilingual Capabilities: ~~\$50~~\$133 per month for the ability to speak a language other than English.
  - (3) Commissioned peace officers may receive a stipend for education level or certification level, but not both.
- (c) The agencies listed in this section shall work with the Comptroller to establish an efficient salary reporting and payment system.



Roger West

By: West

**Article IX**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Relating to procurement of digitization services.**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/01/2023

**Overview**

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

**Required Action**

In Part 9, Article IX, add the following rider:

**Sec. 9.12. Procurement of Digitization Services through Institutions of Higher Education.**

(a) Consistent with general law, prior to engaging in an external procurement or utilizing an existing master vendor agreement or contract, state agencies shall consult with institutions of higher education for all projects relating to the digitization of historic records, 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.

(b) To be considered in the agency procurement process, the institution of higher education must:

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

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**Article IX  
Proposed Cybersecurity Rider  
Prohibition on Payment of Ransom**

**Overview**

The proposed rider will guide agencies in their response to computer ransomware attacks.

**Required Action**

Add the following riders to Part 9, Article IX, General Appropriations Act.

**Sec. 9.12. Ransomware Payment Prohibition.**

(a) In this section "breach of system security" includes the definition provided by Business & Commerce Code, Section 521.053(a), and an event in which a computer system or digitally stored data of a state agency or institution of higher education is compromised by use of malicious software (malware) or by other means.

(b) Except as provided by this section, money appropriated by this Act may not be used to pay a ransom in connection with a breach of system security.

(c) The ransom payment prohibition established by this section does not apply to a payment made in a circumstance in which the payment is:

(1) necessary to avoid an immediate hazard to the life, health, safety, or welfare of humans, or to avoid a significant immediate hazard to property; or

(2) the only method for resolving the breach of system security.

(d) An agency or institution of higher education must notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor prior to making a ransom payment under subsection (c) of this rider.

**Sec. 9.13. Reporting of Breach of System Security.**

(a) In this section "breach of system security" includes the definition provided by Business & Commerce Code, Section 521.053(a), and an event in which a computer system or digitally stored data of a state agency or institution of higher education is compromised by use of malicious software (malware) or by other means.

(b) An agency or institution of higher education appropriated money by this Act may not expend funds appropriated by this Act for travel expenses during the 30-day period following a breach of system security if the agency or institution of higher education fails to report the occurrence of the breach of system security to the Department of Information Resources including to the Department's chief information security officer within 24 hours after discovery of the breach of system security.

**Sec. 9.14. Prohibition of the Purchase of Certain Insurance Policies.**

(a) In this section "breach of system security" includes the definition provided by Business & Commerce Code, Section 521.053(a), and an event in which a computer system or digitally stored data of a state agency or institution of higher education is compromised by use of malicious software (malware) or by other means.

(b) Money appropriated by this Act may not be used to purchase an insurance policy providing indemnification to the policyholder in the event of a breach of system security if that insurance policy contains a clause, rider, or other provision requiring the policyholder to withhold or delay disclosure of a breach of system security from state officials or state agencies.

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By: Schwertner

**General Limitations on Expenditures, Article IX**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Amendment to Sec. 6.12, Expenditures for State-Federal Relations**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/28/2023

**Overview**

Amend Art. IX, Sec. 6.12, Expenditures for State-Federal Relations, by striking subsections (b) and (c).

**Required Action**

On page IX-35, amend Sec. 6.12, Expenditures for State-Federal Relations, as follows:

**Sec. 6.12. Expenditures for State-Federal Relations.**

- (a) Monies appropriated by this Act may not be spent by a state agency to carry on functions for which monies have been appropriated to the Office of State-Federal Relations to perform except when an interagency contract has been executed between the Office of State-Federal Relations and the state agency.
- ~~(b) Prior to travel to the Washington, D.C. area, including any trip with a destination to the Reagan National, Dulles International, or Baltimore Washington International airports, state agency personnel shall inform the Office of State-Federal Relations regarding:
  - ~~(1) the timing of the trip;~~
  - ~~(2) the purpose of the trip; and~~
  - ~~(3) the name of a contact person for additional information.~~~~
- ~~(c) Under Subsection (b) the term "travel" is limited to only activities:
  - ~~(1) involving obtaining or spending federal funds; or~~
  - ~~(2) impacting federal policies.~~~~

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