

Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2026-27 General Appropriations Bill

Article V – Public Safety & Criminal Justice

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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- 56. Statewide Reentry Services Pilot Programs.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the Revenue Fund in Strategy C.2.3, Treatment Services, for the Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to establish and operate a statewide pilot program for reentry services to offenders released from TDCJ facilities who are returning to the community. The programs shall at a minimum implement reentry services in the City of Houston and the City of Dallas, which may include agreements with non-profit entities, faith-based organizations, community groups, and the private sector for the provision of reentry services. TDCJ shall report on the recidivism rate and effectiveness of each program to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor no later than January 1 of each fiscal year.
- 66. Victim’s Liaison Program.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$653,203 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year in Strategy D.1.1, Board of Pardons and Paroles, for the agency’s Victim’s Liaison Program. Prior to the use of any General Revenue funds appropriated by this act for the Victim’s Liaison Program, the Board of Pardons and Paroles shall first expend all other funds received through other methods of finance for this purpose.
- 67. Giles Dalby Correctional Facility.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$41,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$41,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the operation of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility in Post, Texas.

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- 65. Telehealth Diversion Programs.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Diversion Programs, is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to establish a pilot program for three counties, which shall at a minimum include Bexar and Harris Counties, to coordinate with local law enforcement and local mental health authorities to connect individuals to telehealth resources necessary for certain diversion programs.

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67. Female Inmate Health Care. Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.8, Unit and Psychiatric Care, is \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to expand health care services to female inmates. Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

68. Residential Reentry Center Reporting. Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) shall prepare a report on individuals being housed in residential reentry centers. The report shall contain:

- (a) The number of individuals released from residential reentry centers into counties other than their county of residence;
- (b) The number of individuals released from residential reentry centers into counties other than their county of residence who have committed violent offenses;
- (c) The number of individuals released from residential reentry centers into counties other than the county in which their offense occurred;
- (d) The number and percentage of individuals released from residential reentry centers that have a driver's license or identification card; and
- (e) The number and percentage of individuals released from residential reentry centers that have been connected to workforce development and family reunification services.

This report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board and posted publicly on the agency’s website no later than December 1 of each year.

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68. Wastewater Testing. Included in the amounts appropriated above are \$546,825 in fiscal year 2026 and \$546,825 in fiscal year 2027 from General Revenue-Dedicated Fund 5189, Opioid Abatement Account, that shall be used for wastewater testing.

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- 5. Wildland Urban Interface Firefighter Training.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to Strategy A.1.1, Fire Safety Education, is \$600,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing statewide training on Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) firefighting. Such training shall be conducted in coordination with the Texas A&M Forest Service and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated to the Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026 for the same purpose.

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3. Maternal Health and Mortality Report. Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for Strategy A.3.1, Auditing Population and Costs, is \$125,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$125,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to be used for no other purpose than to provide funds for a report on Maternal Health and Mortality in Texas jails. The report should include the following:

- (1) The nature and use of restraints on pregnant inmates;
- (2) Mental health indicators;
- (3) Prenatal Care;
- (4) Mortality rates by cause of death;
- (5) Acute complications;
- (6) Birth rates;
- (7) Number of postpartum exams;
- (8) Average wait time for postpartum exam;
- (9) Regionality of inmates;
- (10) Type and level of offenses; and
- (11) Any additional information that the Commission deems appropriate.

The agency shall submit the report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, the House Committee on Corrections, and the House Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs no later than December 1, 2026.

4. Continuity of Care Query Report. Included in funds appropriated above to the Commission on Jail Standards for Strategy A.3.1, Auditing Population and Costs, is \$250,000 from the General

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Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to be used for no other purpose than for the commission to complete quarterly reports on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and CCQ data that has been collected. Not later than December 1, 2026, TCJS should make a report summarizing the data and making recommendations to the legislature on ways to help improve CCQ matches. Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

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24. Reporting Requirements to the Legislative Budget Board. From funds appropriated above, the Juvenile Justice Department shall maintain a specific accountability system for tracking funds targeted at making a positive impact on youth. JJD shall implement a tracking and monitoring system so that the use of all funds appropriated can be specifically identified and reported to the Legislative Budget Board. In addition to any other requests for information, the agency shall produce an annual report on the following information for the previous fiscal year to the Legislative Budget Board by December 1st of each year:

- (a) The report shall include detailed monitoring, tracking, utilization, and effectiveness information on all funds appropriated in Goal A, Community Juvenile Justice. The report shall include information on the impact of any new initiatives and all programs tracked by JJD. Required elements shall include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) Prevention and intervention programs;
 - (2) Residential placements;
 - (3) Enhanced community-based services for serious and chronic felons such as sex offender treatment, intensive supervision, and specialized supervision;
 - (4) Community-based services for misdemeanants no longer eligible for commitment to the Juvenile Justice Department; and
 - (5) Commitment Diversion Initiatives.
- (b) The report shall include a section dedicated to Regional Diversion Alternatives and the Regionalization Task Force. The section shall include regionalization program details, relevant program data, outcome data, Regionalization Task Force updates, and provide a long-term plan for diverting more youth from state to local care.
- (c) The report shall include information on all training, inspection, monitoring, investigation, and technical assistance activities conducted using funds appropriated in Goals A and E. Required elements include training conferences held, practitioners trained, facilities inspected, and investigations conducted.
- (d) The report shall include a summary of data, including performance measure details on programs in Goal B, State Services and Facilities. The information shall include:

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- (a) The report shall include detailed monitoring, tracking, utilization, and effectiveness information on all funds appropriated in Goal A, Community Juvenile Justice. The report shall include information on the impact of any new initiatives and all programs tracked by JJD. Required elements include, but are not limited to, prevention and intervention programs, residential placements, enhanced community-based services for serious and chronic felons such as sex offender treatment, intensive supervision, and specialized supervision, community-based services for misdemeanants no longer eligible for commitment to the Juvenile Justice Department, Commitment Diversion Initiatives, and Regional Diversion Alternatives.
- (b) The report shall include information on all training, inspection, monitoring, investigation, and technical assistance activities conducted using funds appropriated in Goals A and E. Required elements include training conferences held, practitioners trained, facilities inspected, and investigations conducted.
- (c) The annual report submitted to the Legislative Budget Board pursuant to this provision must be accompanied by supporting documentation detailing the sources and methodologies utilized to assess program effectiveness and any other supporting material specified by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (d) The annual report submitted to the Legislative Budget Board pursuant to this provision must contain a certification by the person submitting the report that the information provided is true and correct based upon information and belief together with supporting documentation.
- (e) The annual report submitted to the Legislative Budget Board pursuant to this provision must contain information on each program receiving funds from Strategy A.1.1, Prevention and Intervention, including all outcome measures reported by each program and information on how funds were expended by each program.

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- (1) Data on recidivism for state and local commitments (including re-arrest, re-referrals, and any other LBB performance measures related to recidivism;
 - (2) A long-term proposal to reduce recidivism at the state and local levels; and
 - (3) Data on youth who commit assaults and other violent offenses on staff or youth while in TJJD custody and a plan to expedite transfer of youth serving determinate sentences to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- (e) The annual report submitted to the Legislative Budget Board pursuant to this provision must be accompanied by supporting documentation detailing the sources and methodologies utilized to assess program effectiveness and any other supporting material specified by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (f) The annual report submitted to the Legislative Budget Board pursuant to this provision must contain a certification by the person submitting the report that the information provided is true and correct based upon information and belief together with supporting documentation.
- (g) The annual report submitted to the Legislative Budget Board pursuant to this provision must contain information on each program receiving funds from Strategy A.1.1, Prevention and Intervention, including all outcome measures reported by each program and information on how funds were expended by each program.

In addition to the annual report described above, the Juvenile Justice Department shall report juvenile probation population data as requested by the Legislative Budget Board on a monthly basis for the most recent month available. JJD shall report to the Legislative Budget Board on all populations specified by the Legislative Budget Board, including additions, releases, and end-of month populations. End of fiscal year data shall be submitted indicating each reporting county to the Legislative Budget Board no later than two months after the close of each fiscal year. JJD will use Legislative Budget Board population projections for probation supervision and state correctional populations when developing its legislative appropriations request for the 2028-2029 biennium.

Upon the request of the Legislative Budget Board, the Juvenile Justice Department shall report expenditure data by strategy, program, or in any other format requested, including substrategy

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Upon the request of the Legislative Budget Board, the Juvenile Justice Department shall report expenditure data by strategy, program, or in any other format requested, including substrategy expenditure detail.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the expenditure of funds appropriated by this Act to JJD in Goal F, Indirect Administration, if the Legislative Budget Board certifies to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that JJD is not in compliance with any of the provisions of this Section.

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38. Special Education Reporting. From funds appropriated above, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) shall develop and maintain a system for tracking special education and dyslexia services as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. § 1400 (2004), Part B, to ensure that all students committed to TJJD receive a free and appropriate public education. To meet this goal, TJJD shall submit a report including data and information on special education and dyslexia programming to the Legislative Budget Board by August 31, 2026. The report shall include the following information:

- (1) Student demographic and special program information;
- (2) documents provided by previous school district or campus;
- (3) description of “child find” system used at intake to evaluate youth entering TJJD;
- (4) type of assessments performed and frequency of assessments;
- (5) number of students eligible for reevaluation per fiscal year (as prescribed by IDEA, reevaluations should be completed no less than triennially);
- (6) detailed description of modification to preexisting Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), 504 Plans, or Behavioral Intervention Plans (BIPs);
- (7) development and implementation plan for behavioral intervention services at each facility;
- (8) curriculum plans and varying educational interventions for various disabilities;

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- (a) Special Education Services Reporting requirements
 - (1) student demographic and special program information;
 - (2) documents provided by previous school district or campus;
 - (3) description of “child find” system used at intake to evaluate youth entering TJJD;
 - (4) type of assessments performed and frequency of assessments;
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- (9) data on classroom removals, minutes in and out of general instructional setting;
- (10) professional development plan and programming for staff for writing and developing IEPs, BIPs, 504s, including transition plan writing;
- (11) data and documentation on parent/guardian communication (or attempted communication) regarding the Admission, Determination, and Review (ARD) process; and
- (12) data and documentation on number of minutes provided to youth for each educational setting (resource room, counseling, general education, interventions).

If any data or information is not available or is in development, the agency shall include the development and implementation plan for future reporting.

- (8) curriculum plans and varying educational interventions for various disabilities;
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- (12) data and documentation on number of minutes provided to youth for each educational setting (resource room, counseling, general education, interventions)

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- (b) Dyslexia Services Reporting requirements:
 - (1) student demographic data for juveniles identified with dyslexia;
 - (2) description of dyslexia screening protocols used at TJJD intake, including the use of a standardized or respected dyslexia screening tool aligned with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Dyslexia Handbook;
 - (3) number and percentage of students screened for dyslexia upon entry into TJJD facilities;
 - (4) type and frequency of dyslexia assessments conducted, including but not limited to:
 - (A) techniques such as telehealth assessments with dyslexia specialists;
 - (B) expert consultations with universities, medical institutions, and dyslexia researchers; and

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- (C) advanced screening tools beyond traditional intake evaluations
- (5) comparison of screening results with prior school records, including IEPs or 504 Plans that reference dyslexia;
- (6) implementation of a tiered intervention framework to ensure appropriate dyslexia services based on individual student needs, including:
 - (A) small-group instruction for mild cases;
 - (B) specialized dyslexia tutoring for moderate cases; and
 - (C) one-on-one intervention for students with severe dyslexia-related challenges
- (7) number of students receiving dyslexia-specific interventions, along with data on instructional minutes provided for support;
- (8) identification of barriers to dyslexia diagnosis and support within the juvenile justice system;
- (9) evaluation of existing dyslexia intervention programs at TJJD facilities, including their effectiveness and accessibility;
- (10) training programs developed for TJJD staff to improve dyslexia identification and support, including annual professional development with certified dyslexia specialists;
- (11) integration of assistive technology, such as text-to-speech software, audiobooks, and dyslexia-friendly digital tools, to enhance instruction for students with dyslexia;
- (12) pilot program results from select TJJD facilities implementing enhanced dyslexia screening and interventions, including measurable improvements in literacy outcomes;
- (13) a post-release follow-up process to track whether youth identified with dyslexia in TJJD continue to receive appropriate interventions and accommodations in their home school districts or alternative placements;

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- (14) establishment of a Dyslexia Program Coordinator within TJJD to oversee screening, intervention, staff training, and compliance with state reporting requirements; and
- (15) a formal partnership between TJJD and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Dyslexia Division to align dyslexia intervention strategies and ensure consistent application of best practices across facilities.
- (16) Implementation and Policy Action Requirement: the findings from the annual dyslexia report shall be used to enact meaningful policy and programmatic changes within TJJD. Upon submission of the report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Texas Legislature, TJJD shall:
 - (A) review the findings to determine the effectiveness of current dyslexia identification and intervention efforts;
 - (B) identify any gaps or areas of improvement within dyslexia screening, assessment, and intervention;
 - (C) develop an action plan to address deficiencies or confirm the efficacy of existing programs;
 - (D) incorporate necessary changes into TJJD’s educational policies, staff training, and facility procedures to improve dyslexia services; and
 - (E) submit a supplemental implementation plan alongside the annual report that outlines steps taken to enact recommendations, including proposed budgetary needs or legislative action.
- (17) If the study finds that current dyslexia screening and intervention efforts are effective, TJJD shall document and formalize these best practices for permanent implementation across all facilities to the extent of their authority.

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41. Career and Technical Education. From amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.4, Education, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) shall prioritize the expansion of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses. TJJD is to develop and maintain a system for tracking CTE courses and programs at all state secure facilities and shall submit a report that includes data and information on CTE programs and faculty to the Legislative Budget Board by September 1, 2026.

The report shall include information on courses offered at each facility, the number of certified teachers at each facility, students enrolled in courses, students completing courses, certifications earned by students, and details on the expenditure of appropriations on CTE courses and programs.

41. Harris County Youth Diversion Center. Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, Commitment Diversion Initiatives, is \$345,074 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,380,296 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund, which shall be used for continuing operations of the Harris County Youth Diversion Center.

42. Dyslexia Services at State Secure Facilities. Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.4, Education, is \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund intended by the Legislature to be used to establish a dyslexia and reading disabilities services pilot program to improve the identification, evaluation, and intervention of youth with dyslexia and other reading disabilities through:

- (a) hiring additional specialists trained in the identification of reading disabilities and dyslexia;
- (b) contracting with licensed reading specialists, dyslexia specialists, or universities;
- (c) expanding telehealth-based evaluations for screenings;
- (d) developing standardized intake screening procedures;

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- (e) providing intervention services; and
- (f) collecting and analyzing data on student progress.

Not later than December 31, 2026, TJJD shall submit a report to the legislature containing information on program findings, effectiveness of interventions, identification of gaps and areas for improvement, and recommendations for improvement.

Any unexpended and unencumbered funds from fiscal year 2026 may be used for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027. The program and funding shall expire on December 31, 2027.

42. Increased Capacity at Local Juvenile Probation Departments. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Pre and Post Adjudication Facilities, is \$15,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund which may be expended only for the purpose of increasing the number of beds at local juvenile detention centers. Any unexpended balance as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

43. Juvenile Correctional Officer Uniforms. Included in the amounts appropriated above, in Strategy B.1.2, Facility Operations and Overhead, is \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund intended by the legislature for the purchase of new uniforms for Juvenile Correctional Officers (JCOs). TJJD shall enter into an Interagency Contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for the manufacture and purchasing of JCO uniforms. The purchase of new uniforms will be contingent upon Legislative Budget Board (LBB) approval. It is the intent of the legislature that these uniforms are to be of a style to distinguish JCOs from other facility staff members.

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43. Juvenile State Facility Consolidation and Youth Transition Audit. Out of funds appropriated above, the department shall conduct a census to identify all youth on indeterminate sentences who have been housed within state secure facilities for six months or less. Following the identification of these youth, the department shall develop a transition plan that:

- (a) Transfers custody of eligible youth from state secure facilities to county residential or outpatient facilities within a one year period;
- (b) Prioritizes the youth’s placement in their original county of residence;
- (c) Ensures that the care provided within the county residential or outpatient facilities is a comparable level of care, meets the specific needs of each youth, and does not exceed the capacity of the county facility; and
- (d) Identifies any legal, statutory, or capacity impediments to the eventual execution of the plan.

The transition plan may be developed with the consultation of a third party. The results of the census and the written plan shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Committee on Corrections, the House Criminal Jurisprudence Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice, and the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice no later than December 31, 2026.

44. Juvenile State Facility Staffing and Condition Assessment. Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) shall assess outstanding staffing and maintenance liabilities at state-operated secure facilities and submit the information in writing, not later than December 31, 2026, to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Committee on Corrections, the House Criminal Jurisprudence Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice, and the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice. The information shall include:

- (a) current state-operated secure facilities whose staffing levels are lower than the overall average for state secure facilities;
- (b) current state-operated secure facilities whose outstanding deferred maintenance needs as a percentage of the facilities total replacement value is greater than the overall average for

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state secure facilities;

- (c) current state-operated secure facilities with adequate staffing levels that may benefit from the temporary or permanent expansion of dormitory space;
- (d) any special healthcare needs, rehabilitative treatment, or security needs unique to the current residential population of the facilities identified in subsections (a) and (b); and
- (e) any other information that may inform the potential consolidation of state operated secure facilities.

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9. Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network. Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Technical Assistance, is \$1,200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to establish a mental health peer network for law enforcement officers. Additionally, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) is authorized to contract with an institution of higher education with mental health or police training expertise. Not later than the end of each fiscal year, TCOLE will report the following outcome metrics:

- (a) The number of vacant regional director positions and the average length of time each position has been vacant during the fiscal year;
- (b) The number and types of community engagement events and outreach activities hosted by the peer network to promote awareness and utilization of the network among law enforcement officers;
- (c) Indicators of peer network sustainability including the number of active peers, the retention rate of peers, and the number of critical incident responses or officer wellness interventions facilitated by the network; and
- (d) The peer network's funding sources and overall budget.

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13. Law Enforcement Staff Vacancy Report. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2. Technical Assistance, The Commission on Law Enforcement shall conduct a study on staff vacancies among law enforcement agencies in this state including: comparisons among full-time and part-time positions, sworn and non-sworn positions, varying sizes and types of law enforcement agencies, and across regions with varying costs of living. The Commission on Law Enforcement shall submit a report on the results of the study to the Office of the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over the agency not later than November 1, 2026.

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- 30. State Military Tuition Assistance.** Out of funds appropriated above is \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.2, State Military Tuition Assistance, to be used for tuition reimbursement for members of the Texas Military Forces. The department shall submit an annual report by December 31 of each year to the Legislative Budget Board outlining performance of the assistance program over the previous fiscal year. The report shall contain at a minimum information on:
- (a) Total number of applications received for tuition assistance;
 - (b) Number of applications that are approved for tuition assistance;
 - (c) Average award amount for tuition assistance;
 - (d) Percentage of recipients who complete their degree;
 - (e) Number of recipients who indicated the program created a willingness to stay in the military after degree completion;
 - (f) Information on marketing and outreach efforts to recruiters; and
 - (g) Strategies for program expansion and/or improvement.

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13. Polygraph Examinations. None of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Safety may be expended for polygraph testing of commissioned law enforcement officers of the Department of Public Safety, unless requested by the officer.

27. Estimated Appropriation for Handgun Licensing Program. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) shall deposit all revenue collected from handgun licensing application fees to Revenue Object Code 3126 in the General Revenue Fund. Included in the amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.2, Crime Records Services, is an estimated appropriation of \$6,106,882 in fiscal year 2026 and an estimated appropriation of \$6,106,882 in fiscal year 2027, representing a portion of revenue from each application fee, to fund costs of all required background checks.

For the 2026-27 biennium, DPS is appropriated all additional revenues from handgun licensing application fees that are collected by the agency and deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund in excess of the amounts reflected in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate for the 2026-27 biennium, for the purpose of conducting all required background checks.

29. Driver License Services Reporting. From amounts appropriated above in Goal D, the Department of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board and the relevant standing committees of the Legislature on the effectiveness of improvements made to the driver license operations no later than December 1 of each fiscal year. The report shall include information related to specific expenditures, program outcomes and outputs, obstacles to improvement, and any other information that the department deems necessary to fully report on the progress of driver license operations. The report shall also detail the following: (1) number of available work stations statewide and by metropolitan statistical area; (2) average wait times and booking times for each driver license office; (3) number of available FTEs statewide and by metropolitan statistical area; (4) an analysis and explanation if wait times and booking times have increased at any driver license office; and (5) current and future improvements to driver license

26. Estimated Appropriation for Handgun Licensing Program. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) shall deposit all revenue collected from handgun licensing application fees to Revenue Object Code 3126 in the General Revenue Fund. Included in the amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.2, Crime Records Services, is an estimated appropriation of \$6,106,882 in fiscal year 2026 and an estimated appropriation of \$6,106,882 in fiscal year 2027, representing a portion of revenue from each application fee, to fund costs of all required background checks.

For the 2026-27 biennium, DPS is appropriated all additional revenues from handgun licensing application fees that are collected by the agency and deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund in excess of the amounts reflected in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate for the 2026-27 biennium, for the purpose of conducting all required background checks. By August 31 of fiscal year 2027, in a manner prescribed by the Comptroller, DPS and the Comptroller shall establish a process to ensure these additional revenues do not exceed the cost of conducting required background checks in both years of the fiscal year 2026-27 biennium.

28. Driver License Services Reporting. From amounts appropriated above in Goal D, the Department of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board and the relevant standing committees of the Legislature on the effectiveness of improvements made to the driver license operations no later than December 1 of each fiscal year. The report shall include information related to specific expenditures, program outcomes and outputs, obstacles to improvement, and any other information that the department deems necessary to fully report on the progress of driver license operations. The report shall also detail the following: (1) number of available work stations in the state; (2) average wait times for each mega center; (3) number of available FTEs; (4) average wait times at all driver license offices; (5) an analysis and explanation if wait times have increased at any driver license office; and (6) current and future improvements to driver license operations and customer service.

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operations and customer service.

45. Statewide Safe Gun Storage Campaign. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Regulatory Services, is \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the continuation and promotion of the statewide safe gun storage campaign.

The public awareness campaign may include online materials, printed materials, public service announcements, or other advertising media. The public awareness campaign may not convey a message that is unlawful under state law to keep or store a firearm that is loaded or that is readily accessible for self-defense.

44. Statewide Safe Gun Storage Campaign. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Regulatory Services, is \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the continuation and promotion of the statewide safe gun storage campaign. DPS shall:

- (a) work with the Texas School Safety Center to develop and distribute educational resources;
- (b) work with the Department of State Health Services to distribute educational materials and resources throughout the state;
- (c) work with the Health and Human Services Commission to distribute educational resources through Texas WIC offices;
- (d) work with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to distribute educational materials to our higher education institutions;
- (e) work with the Texas Education Agency to distribute educational materials to our public education and private education schools; and
- (f) work with the Texas Department of Transportation to amplify the “Keep ‘Em Safe Texas” safe gun storage campaign.

The public awareness campaign may include online materials, printed materials, public service announcements, or other advertising media. The public awareness campaign may not convey a message that is unlawful under state law to keep or store a firearm that is loaded or that is readily accessible for self-defense.

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54. New Trooper Funding.

- (a) Included in the amounts appropriated above is:
- (1) \$6,651,701 from the General Revenue Fund and 37.5 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,809,926 from the General Revenue Fund and 37.5 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.1.1, Intelligence;
 - (2) \$834,668 from the General Revenue Fund and 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$737,659 from the General Revenue Fund and 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.1.2, Interoperability;
 - (3) \$23,242,440 from the General Revenue Fund and 65.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$11,621,740 from the General Revenue Fund and 65.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.2.1, Criminal Investigations;
 - (4) \$185,448,565 from the General Revenue Fund and 524.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$84,352,205 from the General Revenue Fund and 524.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.3.1, Texas Highway Patrol;
 - (5) \$5,227,917 from the General Revenue Fund and 14.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,013,963 from the General Revenue Fund and 14.0 FTEs for fiscal year 2027 in Strategy C.1.1, Crime Laboratory Services;
 - (6) \$9,035,742 from the General Revenue Fund and 81.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,789,617 from the General Revenue and 81.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy E.1.1, Headquarters Administration; and
 - (7) \$49,853,173 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to Strategy E.1.4, Training Academy and Development to be used for 567.0 commissioned law enforcement FTE positions and 159.5 support staff FTE positions.
- (b) DPS shall only use appropriations from the General Revenue Fund as listed above in Subsection (a) for the purpose of training or funding 567.0 new commissioned law enforcement FTE positions and 159.5 new support staff FTE positions in fiscal years 2026-27. DPS shall lapse any appropriations from the General Revenue Fund as listed above in

53. New Trooper Funding.

- (a) Included in the amounts appropriated above is:
- (1) \$6,651,701 from the General Revenue Fund and 37.5 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,809,926 from the General Revenue Fund and 37.5 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.1.1, Intelligence;
 - (2) \$834,668 from the General Revenue Fund and 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$737,659 from the General Revenue Fund and 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.1.2, Interoperability;
 - (3) \$23,242,440 from the General Revenue Fund and 65.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$11,621,740 from the General Revenue Fund and 65.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.2.1, Criminal Investigations;
 - (4) \$185,448,565 from the General Revenue Fund and 524.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$84,352,205 from the General Revenue Fund and 524.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.3.1, Texas Highway Patrol;
 - (5) \$5,227,917 from the General Revenue Fund and 14.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,013,963 from the General Revenue Fund and 14.0 FTEs for fiscal year 2027 in Strategy C.1.1, Crime Laboratory Services;
 - (6) \$9,035,742 from the General Revenue Fund and 81.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,789,617 from the General Revenue and 81.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy E.1.1, Headquarters Administration; and
 - (7) \$49,853,173 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to Strategy E.1.4, Training Academy and Development to be used for 567.0 commissioned law enforcement FTE positions and 159.5 support staff FTE positions.
- (b) Each fiscal year, DPS shall lapse any appropriations from the General Revenue Fund as listed above in Subsection (a) that have not been expended or obligated for the purpose of training or funding 567.0 new commissioned law enforcement FTE positions and 159.5 new support staff FTE positions. On October 1 of each fiscal year, DPS shall report to the

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Subsection (a) that have not been expended or obligated for the purpose of training or funding 567.0 new commissioned law enforcement FTE positions and 159.5 new support staff FTE positions at the end of fiscal year 2027. Within 30 days after completion of each recruit school during fiscal years 2026-27, DPS shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, the number of commissioned officers and support staff hired and trained since the previous report under this subsection; the number of graduates for each recruit school, and the amount of remaining appropriations listed above in Subsection (a).

- (c) DPS shall also use the General Revenue appropriations and FTEs positions as listed above in Subsection (a) for the purpose of providing expanded capitol complex security in the 2026-27 biennium.

Legislative Budget Board, in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, the number of commissioned officers and support staff hired and trained in the prior fiscal year and the amount of lapsed appropriations.

- (c) DPS shall also use the General Revenue appropriations and FTEs positions as listed above in Subsection (a) for the purpose of providing expanded capitol complex security in the 2026-27 biennium.

54. Driver License Office. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Driver License Services, is \$9,547,117 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund, \$8,143,519 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund, and 83.3 full-time equivalent positions for the establishment of a twenty-four counter driver license office located within the following geographic boundaries: east of Interstate-35, west of State Highway 130, north of Farm-to-Market 2720, and south of Farm-to-Market 2001. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2027, are appropriated for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2027.

55. Tactical Training Facility in Cameron County. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy E.1.4, Training Academy and Development, is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to operate, manage, and maintain a tactical training facility in the border region. The facility may contain pistol firing lanes and long-range rifle firing lanes. DPS shall make the training facility available for use by the agency, Texas Military Forces, county and municipal law enforcement agencies, and agencies of the federal government for training purposes. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026 and appropriated to the department for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026 for the same purpose.

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55. Driver License Performance Improvement Group. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strtategy D.1.1, Driver License Services, is \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund and 28.0 full-time equivalent positions to establish a performance improvement group within the Driver License Division that can improve the core functions of the division. A report shall be submitted to the legislature no later than November 1, of the biennium. The report should outline the progress of the Performance Improvement Group.

56. Brenham Driver License Office. Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Driver License Services, is \$8,750,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund, for the Department of Public Safety to purchase or lease, furnish, and equip a driver license office located in Brenham, TX. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2026.

56. Magnolia Driver License Office. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Driver License Services, is \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund, and 30 full-time equivalent positions to establish a drivers license office in Magnolia. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2027, are appropriated for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2027.

57. Study on Child Abuse Committed by Religious Leaders.

(a) Using funds appropriated above for the Department of Public Safety, the department shall

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conduct a study on religious leaders who abuse children in this state.

- (b) In conducting the study under this rider, the Department of Public Safety shall:
 - (1) compile a list of individuals who:
 - (A) filed with the comptroller an application for tax exemption for a religious organization or any other document supporting the exemption claim; or
 - (B) are otherwise listed in the application or other document as a leader or organizer of the religious organization;
 - (2) cross-reference the list of individuals described by Subdivision (1) with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to identify leaders or organizers of religious organizations who have been accused, investigated, charged, or convicted of any offense involving the abuse of a child; and
 - (3) provide legislative recommendations on how to end child abuse in religious organizations in this state.
- (c) The Department of Public Safety may request assistance from the Commission on Law Enforcement in conducting the study under this rider.
- (d) Not later than September 1, 2026, the Department of Public Safety shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and members of the legislature the findings of the study conducted under this rider.

57. Federal Firearm Reporting Training. Out of funds appropriated above, the Department of Public Safety (DPS), in consultation with the Office of Court Administration (OCA), shall develop an online training course for district and county clerks regarding reporting requirements defined by Government Code, Sections 411.052 and 411.0521 and provide specific information on how to prepare and submit a report under Sections 411.052 and 411.0521. The training course shall be made available on DPS’s website. The OCA shall disseminate information regarding the course to

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district and county clerks using funds made available to OCA by DPS.

- 58. Study on Public Safety Impact of Vehicle Pursuits by the Texas Department of Public Safety.**
Out of funds appropriated above to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, the office shall conduct an independent study on the public safety impact of high-speed vehicle pursuits conducted by the Department of Public Safety. No later than September 1, 2026, a written report shall be prepared and submitted to the legislature and published on the agency website summarizing the results of the study and detailing recommendations for legislative action.