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Rider Highlights - House

Modification of Existing Riders

- 3. Funding for Health Professions Council.** Recommendations include amending the rider to provide updated amounts and additional detail in the informational listing of the amounts appropriated to the Health Professions Council (HPC) through Interagency Contracts with other agencies. The rider provides a funding breakdown of each Interagency Contract by function area and services provided. Additionally, recommendations list the Health and Human Services Commission in place of Department of State Health Services as a contributing agency to HPC due to the transfer of regulatory oversight of certain health occupations between the two agencies.
- 4. Texas.gov Appropriation.** Recommendations include an updated informational listing of the amounts appropriated to participating agencies in bill pattern order and continue to require notifications of agency exemptions from participation and certifications by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The rider is designed to authorize each licensing agency participating in the program to set its listing fees in order to pay for the costs associated with the program. The rider appropriates to each participating agency an amount equal to revenue raised by that agency for new application fees.
- 6. Contingency Appropriation for Criminal History Record Information.** Recommendations include an updated informational listing of the amounts appropriated to agencies conducting criminal history background checks in bill pattern order and the continuation of a requirement that appropriations are limited to revenue collections for these checks. The rider is designed to authorize each licensing agency conducting criminal background checks to set fees in order to pay for the costs associated with those checks as necessary. An additional requirement is included to ensure agencies utilize the funds appropriated for the Criminal History Record Information only for the purpose of paying for the cost of the fee charged by entities performing the background checks. The rider appropriates to each participating agency an amount equal to revenue raised by that agency for this purpose.