

**Commission on Jail Standards
Summary of Budget Recommendations - Senate**

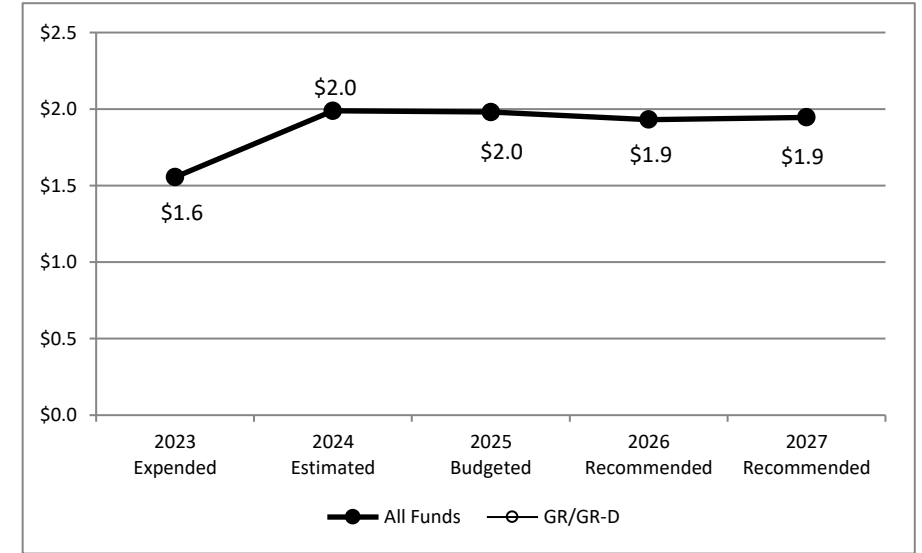
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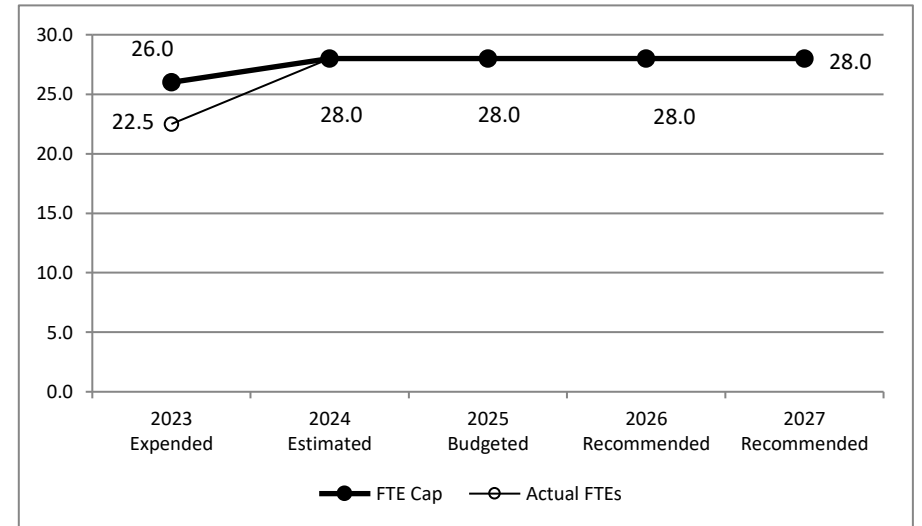
Method of Financing	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$3,966,170	\$3,874,576	(\$91,594)	(2.3%)
GR Dedicated Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$3,966,170</i>	<i>\$3,874,576</i>	<i>(\$91,594)</i>	<i>(2.3%)</i>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Other	\$2,850	\$2,850	\$0	0.0%
All Funds	\$3,969,020	\$3,877,426	(\$91,594)	(2.3%)

	FY 2025 Budgeted	FY 2027 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	28.0	28.0	0.0	0.0%

Historical Funding Levels (Millions)



Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)



The bill pattern for this agency (2026-27 Recommended) represents an estimated 100.0% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2026-27 biennium.

Commission on Jail Standards
Summary of Funding Changes and Recommendations - Senate

Funding Changes and Recommendations for the 2026-27 Biennium compared to the 2024-25 Base Spending Level	General Revenue	GR-Dedicated	Federal Funds	Other Funds	All Funds	Strategy in Appendix A
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<i>OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (these issues are not addressed in Section 3 but details are provided in Appendix A):</i>

A)	Increase in funding to biennialize the statewide salary adjustments included in the 2024-25 appropriations.	\$103,006	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$103,006	A.1.1, A.2.1, A.2.2, B.1.1
B)	Remove onetime funding for technology enhancements to replace old software and provide server upgrades included in the 2024-25 appropriations.	(\$179,600)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$179,600)	A.1.1, A.2.1, A.2.2, A.3.1, B.1.1
C)	Remove onetime funding for pregnant inmate report included in the 2024-25 appropriations.	(\$15,000)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$15,000)	A.1.1

TOTAL SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Changes and Recommendations (in millions)	(\$91,594)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$91,594)	As Listed
<i>SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Increases</i>	\$103,006	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$103,006	As Listed
<i>SIGNIFICANT & OTHER Funding Decreases</i>	(\$194,600)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$194,600)	As Listed

NOTE: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

**Commission on Jail Standards
Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - Senate**

- Risk Based Assessment for Jail Inspections.** Pursuant to House Bill 1545, Eighty-seventh Legislature, 2021, TCJS is required to inspect and report on the conditions of each jail facility under its purview using a risk-based inspection model. This was designed to ensure that all facilities comply with the Texas Administrative Code and the agency’s minimum standards and rules and allows the agency to determine how frequently and intensively it conducts risk-based inspections. Inspections include a full walk-through of the correctional facility and offender housing areas, as well as a review of jailer observation logs, meal plans, medical and recreation records, intake documents, mental health screening forms, and other documents related to facility operations and offender welfare. TCJS may conduct special inspections for facilities identified by the agency as high-risk or not in compliance with minimum jail standards during a previous inspection.

As seen in the chart below, the Commission on Jail Standards has conducted 171 comprehensive inspections that resulted in 25 failed inspections and 208 special inspections which resulted in 22 failed special inspections during fiscal year 2024. As of August 31, 2024, 11 jails were noncompliant with minimum jail standards.

JAIL INSPECTIONS, FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024

	COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTIONS	FAILED COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTIONS	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	FAILED SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	NONCOMPLIANT JAILS AT END OF FISCAL YEAR
2023	93	34	214	50	22
2024	171	25	208	22	11

SOURCE: Texas Commission on Jail Standards.
NOTE: Fiscal year 2024 numbers are as of August 31, 2024

**Commission on Jail Standards
Rider Highlights - Senate**

Deleted Riders

3. **Contingency for Behavioral Health Funds.** Recommendations delete rider as all provisions are in Article IX, Section 10.04, Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures.
4. **Pregnant Inmate Treatment and Assistance Report.** Recommendations delete the rider as report was only mandated for fiscal year 2024.

Modification of Existing Riders

The following riders include recommendations to remove obsolete language, make conforming changes such as updating fiscal years and amounts to reflect funding recommendations, and clarify deadlines: Rider 2, Appropriation: Inspection Fees.

Commission on Jail Standards
Items Not Included in Recommendations - Senate

	2026-27 Biennial Total			Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2028-29
	GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs			

Agency Exceptional Items Not Included (in agency priority order)

1)	Cloud Maintenance & Security. Funding to provide ongoing cloud maintenance to keep data secure.	\$38,000	\$38,000	0.0	Yes	No	\$40,896
2)	Travel Expenses. Funding to supplement travel budget as costs rise.	\$125,000	\$125,000	0.0	No	No	\$75,000
3)	Salary Enhancements. Funding to provide salary increase for targeted positions which have high turnover.	\$181,800	\$181,800	0.0	No	No	\$181,600
4)	Legacy Modernization. Funding for replacement laptops and hardware as well as software updates.	\$87,000	\$87,000	0.0	Yes	No	\$50,000
5)	Executive Director Salary. Funding to provide Executive Director a 5% salary increase. The agency is requesting to increase the salary cap for the Executive Director from \$127,619 to \$134,000 in Group 3.	\$12,762	\$12,762	0.0	No	No	\$12,762
6)	Pregnant Inmate Treatment and Assistance Report. Funding to produce a pregnant inmate treatment and assistance report.	\$15,000	\$15,000	0.0	No	No	\$0

TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations	\$459,562	\$459,562	0.0			\$360,258
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**Commission on Jail Standards
Appendices - Senate**

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* Appendix is not included - no significant information to report

**Commission on Jail Standards
Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - Senate -- ALL FUNDS**

Strategy/Goal	2024-25 Base	2026-27 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT A.1.1	\$2,152,569	\$2,166,146	\$13,577	0.6%	Recommendations reflect the biennialization of salary increases in the amount of \$58,713 offset by a decrease of \$69,000 in onetime funding and a decrease of \$15,000 for the pregnant inmate report. Biennial change also includes \$38,864 in additional funds for travel and salary increases to address increase in complaints and additional duties associated with border security and Operation Lone Star.
CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW A.2.1	\$178,362	\$247,682	\$69,320	38.9%	Recommendations reflect the biennialization of salary increases in the amount of \$7,211 offset by \$4,600 decrease in onetime funding. Recommendations also include \$66,709 in increased funding due to 1 FTE moving to this strategy because of increased workload.
MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION A.2.2	\$744,665	\$615,344	(\$129,321)	(17.4%)	Recommendations reflect the biennialization of salary increases in the amount of \$18,541 offset by \$18,400 decrease in onetime funding. Biennial change also reflects a \$129,180 decrease in other personnel costs due to the shifting of FTEs out of this strategy and decrease in other operating expenses.
AUDITING POPULATION AND COSTS A.3.1	\$56,510	\$33,326	(\$23,184)	(41.0%)	Recommendations reflect a \$18,584 increase and a shifting of 1 FTE to Strategy A.2.2. The salary for this FTE comes out of both A.2.2 and A.3.1. Recommendations also reflect a decrease of \$4,600 for onetime funding.
Total, Goal A, EFFECTIVE JAIL STANDARDS	\$3,132,106	\$3,062,498	(\$69,608)	(2.2%)	
INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION B.1.1	\$836,914	\$814,928	(\$21,986)	(2.6%)	Recommendations reflect the biennialization of salary increases in the amount of \$18,541 offset by \$83,000 decrease in onetime funding. Recommendations also reflect a \$42,473 increase in professional fees and services and other operating expenses.
Total, Goal B, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$836,914	\$814,928	(\$21,986)	(2.6%)	
Grand Total, All Strategies	\$3,969,020	\$3,877,426	(\$91,594)	(2.3%)	

**Commission on Jail Standards
FTE Highlights - Senate**

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2023	Estimated 2024	Budgeted 2025	Recommended 2026	Recommended 2027
Cap	26.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0
Actual/Budgeted	22.5	28.0	28.0	NA	NA

Schedule of Exempt Positions (Cap)					
Executive Director, Group 3	\$121,020	\$127,619	\$127,619	\$127,619	\$127,619

Notes:

- a) Fiscal year 2023 actual FTE figures are less than the FTE cap due to staff vacancies.
- b) The State Auditor's Office is the source for the fiscal year 2023 actual FTE levels.
- c) The State Auditor's Office Report, Executive Compensation at State Agencies (Report No. 22-706, August 2022) indicates a market average salary of \$143,323 for the Executive Director position at the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. The agency is requesting funding and authority to increase the salary cap for the Executive Director from \$127,619 to \$134,000 in Group 3.