

Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2022-23 General Appropriations Bill

Article X

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

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- 4. Special Education Status and Funding Report.** The Legislative Budget Board shall deliver a report on the status and funding of special education services to the Eighty-eighth Legislature. The review will produce a report summarizing the status of corrective actions required by the U.S. Department of Education; the implementation of the Texas Education Agency's Special Education Strategic Plan; agency compliance with federal maintenance of financial support; agency compliance with special education requirements established in the 2022-23 General Appropriations Act; any new special education initiatives enacted by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021; and a listing of fiscal year 2022 expenditures and fiscal year 2023 budgeted amounts by method of finance for special education services, including by federal funds and general revenue funds.

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5. **Interpreter Services for Committee Hearings.** From funds appropriated above, the Legislative Council shall provide for interpreter services at each legislative committee hearing at which a redistricting bill is considered and at any other committee hearing on request of the committee.

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5. Actuarial Analysis of Health and Human Services Managed Care Rates. From funds appropriated above, in accordance with Chapter 321, Texas Government Code, the State Auditor's Office (SAO) shall conduct an actuarial analysis of the fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 rates for Medicaid managed care at the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

- (a) Within 45 days of the submission of rates by HHSC to the Legislative Budget Board, the SAO shall provide and file a report on the actuarial soundness of the rates, as well as an analysis of key factors that affect the rates with the Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee.
- (b) No later than November 1, 2022, the SAO shall provide an audit report on the rate making process used by HHSC. The report should identify improvements that can be made to the rate making process, including identifying significant cost drivers in the rate setting process, and identifying improvements to the process of communicating rates with oversight entities. In evaluating the rate making process, determine if the HHSC followed appropriate procurement processes in obtaining vendors. The report should be provided to the Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee.

6. Audit of Texas Department of Public Safety TXGANG Index. From funds appropriated above, in accordance with Chapter 321, Texas Government Code, the State Auditor's Office shall conduct an audit of the TXGANG index to identify all records older than 10 years that have not been recently validated, as defined by the TXGANG Operating Policies and Procedures.

7. Audit Plan for Local Emergency Communication Systems.

- (a) By December 31, 2021, the State Auditor shall develop a methodology for an audit for inclusion in the audit plan subject to approval by the Legislative Audit Committee examining and reporting on emergency communications systems and their utilization by Texas counties, municipalities, independent school districts, special purpose districts, other local government entities, and utilities. The audit shall examine the five-year period from

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calendar years 2017-2021. The audit shall provide a broad and comprehensive review of the policies, practices, and capabilities of these entities regarding emergency communications. The audit shall also include an evaluation of the emergency communications tools available to local government entities and utilities and their effectiveness and limitation in reaching the desired audience in an effective and timely fashion. The audit shall address and examine:

- (1) the entities' current emergency communication capacities including: method(s) of communication, percentage of constituents or customers reached, deployment time, and process for deployment;
 - (2) actual usage of emergency communications by local government entities and utilities during this time period, including types of events in which emergency communications are deployed;
 - (3) gaps in emergency communication capacity including: particular groups or classes of Texans who are not effectively reached by current communications systems, communication methods unable to operate effectively in certain types of emergencies, and language and information barriers that preclude effective communication.
- (b) In developing the audit, the office shall compile and analyze information relating to emergency communications for, but not limited to, Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Imelda, the Odessa shooting, Winter Storm Uri, the Intercontinental Terminals Company Deer Park fire, and the Texas Petrochemicals Group Port Neches plant fire and explosion.
- (c) The State Auditor shall conduct the audit and provide and file a report of the audit and results with all members of the legislature who sit on a committee with oversight responsibility for any entity or program that is the subject of any portion of the report. The State Auditor shall also file a copy of the report with the Texas Department of Emergency Services, and any other agencies, offices, or task forces working on issues related to state emergency communications, or that the State Auditor considers to be a relevant recipient of the report. The report shall be delivered on or before November 1, 2022.
- (d) The State Auditor shall coordinate with the Texas Division of Emergency Management governmental agencies, municipalities and counties to use information and data those entities may already possess, including from a previously completed or currently contracted comparable audit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State Auditor shall not be limited to

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using existing data or any specific sources for relevant data and the State Auditor is directed to use all reasonable efforts to obtain relevant data from any and all sources, including publicly available data and data provided to and/or by educational and non-profit entities.