

**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article I**

Adopted

March 24, 2021

Legislative Budget Board

By: Senator Huffman

Office of the Attorney General

**Increased Funding for Rape Crisis Centers:
Address Waiting Lists for Victims of Sexual Assault**

Overview

Rape Crisis Centers are the primary way that survivors of sexual assault receive counseling, advocacy and support services to heal from the trauma of sexual assault. Rape Crisis Centers receive funding through the Office of Attorney General's office to provide the minimum services required by Texas law to victims of sexual assault. These services include: a 24-hour hotline, accompaniment for forensic exams, counseling and legal advocacy.

The impact of COVID and the corresponding shutdowns have created unforeseen barriers to providing services and increased demand in certain parts of the state. Of the 76 centers across the state, 31 are currently reporting a waitlist for services, with 15 centers reporting a waitlist between 1-3 months long. Additionally, the demand for services has increased along with the Texas population. This growth will continue to put a strain on sexual assault centers and impact waitlists.

This rider would increase appropriations to Rape Crisis Centers by \$4.7 million in General Revenue to provide additional services, including mental health counseling, to address waitlists due to COVID-19 and population growth.

Required Action

On page I-4 and I-9 Rider 9 of Office of the Attorney General's bill pattern, add the following new appropriation:

_____ Increase appropriations in Strategy C.1.2., Victims Assistance, for program (2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program by \$2,350,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2022 and \$2,350,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2023. This appropriation is a \$4.7 million increase over FY20-21 levels for Rape Crisis Centers to provide services as statutorily required by Texas Government Code, Section 420.008(c)(1) to adult survivors of stranger and non-stranger sexual assault and may not be used to supplant other revenue sources, such as fund 5010.

By Huffman

Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor
Study of Economic Impact of an Additional Top 50 Ranked Public University

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor to conduct a study to measure the value of having an additional top 50 public university in Texas.

Required Action

On page I-__ of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following rider:

____. **Study of Economic Impact of an Additional Top 50 Ranked Public University.** Out of funds appropriated above, or through gift proceeds in accordance with Article IX, Sec. 8.01, Acceptance of Gifts of Money, the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor shall conduct a study to examine the economic impact of appropriating additional university funding for an existing ethnically diverse public university in order to elevate that university to a Top 50 ranked public university. The study results shall be submitted to the Legislature no later than June 1, 2022.

Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor, Article I
Proposed Rider
Update IT Case Management System

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/17/2021

Overview

The following action adds a new rider to require the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor to direct \$1,198,500 from federal funds to implement an updated case management system for children's advocacy center programs.

Required Action

On page I-68 of the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor's bill pattern, add the following rider:

- _____. **Update IT Case Management System.** Contingent on the availability of federal funds, and the expenses being an allowable use, include \$1,198,500 in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice in federal funds for the purpose of contracting with a statewide organization as described in Texas Family Code 264.409(a) to implement an updated case management system for children's advocacy center programs in furtherance of duties described in Texas Family Code 264.405. Duties include, but are not limited to, the statutory requirements to receive, review, and track reports relating to the suspected abuse or neglect of a child and coordinate the activities of participating agencies relating the suspected abuse or neglect of a child and coordinate the activities of participating agencies relating to abuse and neglect investigations and delivery of services to alleged abuse and neglect victims and their families. Unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2022, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.

Historical Commission, Article I
Proposed Funding and Rider
Relating to the National Museum of the Pacific War

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/23/2021

Overview

Provide \$1,000,000 in General Revenue for the 2022-23 biennium to the National Museum of the Pacific War.

Required Action

1. On page I-69 of the Historical Commission bill pattern, increase General Revenue by \$500,000 in each fiscal year of the 2022-23 biennium in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites.
2. On page I-76 of the Historical Commission bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **National Museum of the Pacific War. Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$500,000 in General Revenue in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites in each fiscal year of the 2022-23 biennium.**

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2022, are appropriated to the Historical Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022, for the same purpose.

Secretary of State, Article I
Proposed Funding and Rider
Reimbursement for Auditable Voting Machines

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/20/21

Overview

Provide \$34,000,000 in federal funds to the Secretary of State to reimburse local jurisdictions for the upgrade or replacement of voting and scanning machines that provide an auditable record as well as costs related to mail ballot tracking systems, contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 7 and availability of federal funds for this purpose.

Required Action

On page I-101 of the Secretary of State bill pattern, add the following rider:

- _____. **Reimbursement for Auditable Voting Machines.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 7, or similar legislation relating to the reimbursement of auditable voting machines, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, and to the extent the agency receives federal funds for the purposes described in this rider, the Secretary of State is appropriated \$34,000,000 in federal funds in Strategy B.1.4, Elections Improvement, in fiscal year 2022 for the purpose of reimbursements for the retrofitting of certain auditable voting systems, the replacement of certain systems that cannot be so upgraded, and the development of secure tracking systems for mail ballots. Unexpended balances remaining for this purpose as of August 31, 2022, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.

By ___ Senator Hinojosa/ Senator Campbell ___

Texas Veterans Commission
Veteran Hospital Billing

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs the Veterans Commission to investigate unpaid hospital bills from treatment of veterans at hospitals the Veterans Administration has identified as "veteran designated hospitals." While the VA is responsible for these payments, Texas veterans have found them unpaid and negatively impacting their credit. With this rider, the Veterans Commission can help identify why this continues to happen and how to solve this problem.

Required Action

On page I-106 of the Veterans Commission bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Veteran Hospital Billing.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, the Texas Veterans Commission shall conduct a review of billing practices of hospitals designated by the Veterans Administration (VA) as "veteran designated hospitals." This review shall focus on the volume of bills that have been unpaid by the veteran and/or the VA and make recommendations to the Legislature on how to reduce the outstanding unpaid bills and prevent future occurrences.

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Article XI

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By: Buckingham/Springer

Comptroller – Fiscal Programs, Article I
Proposed Rider
Contingency for Senate Bill 1507

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/12/2021

Overview

Prepare a rider which appropriates \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from General Revenue for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 1507, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page I-31 of the bill pattern for the Comptroller – Fiscal Programs, add the following new rider:

____. **Contingency for Senate Bill 1507.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 1507, or similar legislation relating to the salaries of sheriffs and to state assistance payments to offset the cost of sheriff's salaries in certain counties, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, the Comptroller – Fiscal Programs is appropriated \$3,000,000 for each fiscal year of the biennium from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation.

Adopted into Article XI as modified -
Reduce amount from \$10,000,000 in each
fiscal year to \$2,500,000 in each fiscal
year.

By Alvarado/Campbell

Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor
Texas Music Incubator Rebate Program

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs fees collected by the Texas Comptroller to the Music, Film, Television, and Multimedia Office in the Office of the Governor to establish and administer the Texas Music Incubator Program and allow eligible music venues and eligible music festival promoters to apply for a rebate of the Mixed Beverage Gross Receipts Tax and sales tax paid on the sale of alcoholic beverages in the preceding fiscal year, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

Required Action

On page I-____ of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

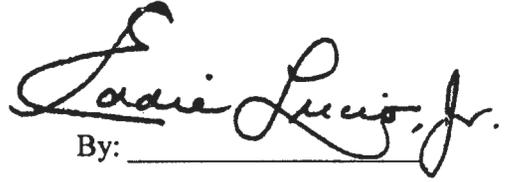
____. **Texas Music Incubator Rebate Program.** Contingent on passage of Senate Bill 609 or other similar legislation relating to the Texas Music Incubator Rebate Program, included in amounts appropriated above out of the Texas Music Incubator Account established by the bill in Strategy C.1.1. to the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor are \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year to establish and administer the Texas Music Incubator Program and allow eligible music venues and eligible music festival promoters to apply for a rebate of the Mixed Beverage Gross Receipts Tax and sales tax paid on the sale of alcoholic beverages in the preceding fiscal year, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

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Not Adopted

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By: _____

**Texas Commission on the Arts
Gelman Stained Glass Museum**

Overview:

The Gelman Stained Glass Museum 501(c)(3) is located in the Rio Grande Valley in the City of San Juan in Hidalgo County, Texas. Located across the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle, which has over 1 million visitors to this small community; the Basilica has been designated as the number one tourist destination in the Rio Grande Valley. The newly constructed Gelman Stained Glass Museum consists of the largest stained-glass window exhibit in the country. Initial construction began in 2015 and remains uncompleted due to structural interior and electrical modifications concerning the proper installation of the stained-glass windows.

The need for this rider stems from the necessity to complete construction for a parking lot in the adjacent property. The funds appropriated would allow for the construction of a parking lot that would accommodate the flux of visitors from around the world visiting the museum and the Basilica next door. Additionally, this parking lot would contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents in the City of San Juan, as we plan to host theme-inspired events throughout the year. In turn this would also align with the City of San Juan's downtown revitalization plans, as well as future endeavors to designate this area as a cultural district.

Required Action

On page I-1 of the Texas Commission on the Arts's bill pattern, increase Strategy A.1.1, Arts Organization Grants, by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022.

On page I-3 of the Texas Commission on the Arts's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

_____. **Stained Glass Museum in San Juan.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Arts Organization Grants, the Commission shall allocate \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 for supplemental funding for the construction and maintenance of a parking lot adjacent to the Gelman Stained Glass Museum in San Juan, Texas to accommodate and host community inspired events.

By: Buckingham

Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts, Article I
Proposed Rider
Contingency for House Bill 4150 and Senate Bill 524

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/12/2021

Overview

Prepare a rider which appropriates \$2,907,405 in fiscal year 2022 and \$2,907,405 in fiscal year 2023 from General Revenue for the purposes of implementing the provisions of House Bill 4150 or Senate Bill 524, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page 1-31 of the Fiscal Programs – Comptroller of Public Accounts bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Contingency for House Bill 4150 and Senate Bill 524. Contingent on enactment of House Bill 4150, Senate Bill 524, or similar legislation relating to the applicability of the law governing the provision of state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected by the granting of ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, in addition to amounts appropriated above, the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated in Strategy A.1.12, Disabled Veteran Assistance Payments to Cities and Counties, \$2,907,405 for fiscal year 2022 and \$2,907,405 for fiscal year 2023 from the General Revenue Fund for transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated Disabled Veterans Local Government Assistance Account No. 5160 to implement the provisions of the legislation. Any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining as of August 31, 2022 is appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022.**

By: Perry

Employees Retirement System, Article I
Proposed Rider
ERS Unfunded Liability

Prepared by LBB Staff. 03/03/2021

Overview

Provide \$50 million each year of the biennium to reduce the state's unfunded liability for the ERS pension system.

Required Action

1. On page I-37 of the Employees Retirement System bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add Strategy A.1.1, ERS Retirement Program, and add \$50,000,000 in general revenue in each fiscal year.

2. On page I-42 of the Employees Retirement System bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

Unfunded Liability for ERS Retirement Program. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1., ERS Retirement Program, is \$50,000,000 in general revenue funds for each fiscal year of the 2022-23 biennium for the purpose of addressing the state's unfunded liability for employee pensions.

 By: _____



**Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I
Proposed Funding and Rider
Laredo Border Texas Anti-Gang Center**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/04/2021

Overview

The proposed rider modification would designate \$1,600,000 appropriated as part of Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice in the 2022-23 biennium to the Laredo Police Department to establish a Texas Anti-Gang Center (TAG) in Laredo.

Required Action

On page I-65 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, amend the following rider:

22. **Anti-Gang Programs.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$7,900,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year of the 2022-23 biennium for the purpose of making grants for anti-gang activities. Out of that amount, the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor shall allocate \$800,000 in each fiscal year for the establishment of a new Texas Anti-Gang Center in Laredo.

By: Ladislav L. Lewis, Jr.

Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I
Proposed Funding and Rider
Laredo Border Texas Anti-Gang Center

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/04/2021

Overview

The proposed rider modification would designate \$1,600,000 appropriated as part of Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice in the 2022-23 biennium to the Laredo Police Department to establish a Texas Anti-Gang Center (TAG) in Laredo.

Required Action

On page I-65 of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, amend the following rider:

22. **Anti-Gang Programs.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$7,900,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year of the 2022-23 biennium for the purpose of making grants for anti-gang activities. Out of that amount, the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor shall allocate \$800,000 in each fiscal year for the establishment of a new Texas Anti-Gang Center in Laredo.

By: Perry

Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article I
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grants for County Jail Medication-assisted Treatment for Opioid and Alcohol Dependence

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/04/2021

Overview

Reinstate a rider that designates \$1.0 million General Revenue funding out of Strategy B.1.1., Criminal Justice for a grant program that provides funding to county jails administering qualified medication-assisted treatments for opioid and alcohol dependence. The proposed rider is based off Rider 34 of the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor's bill pattern in the 2020-21 GAA.

Required Action

On page I-68 of the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor's bill pattern, add the following rider:

36. **Grants for County Jail Medication-assisted Treatment for Opioid and Alcohol Dependence.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1., Criminal Justice, is \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2022 with the purpose of providing inmates in Texas county jails access to Federal Drug Administration-approved, evidence-based medication-assisted treatment for opioid and alcohol dependence. Treatment may be administered while the inmate is confined in the county jail and when participating in outpatient care upon release. Grant funding may only be used for medical evaluations, the purchase of Federal Drug Administration-approved medication to treat opioid or alcohol dependency, individual and group counseling services, cognitive behavioral therapies, and necessary medical and behavioral health staff needed to implement the program.

Not later than December 1 of each year, the Office of the Governor shall provide a report on the previous fiscal year's grants to the Legislative Budget Board that includes participant relapse and recidivism rates for each county receiving funding.



By Gutierrez/Lucio

Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor
Pleasanton Business Center and Business Incubator Project

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$250,000 for the Pleasanton Business Center and Business Incubator Project. The Business Center will support special programs and initiatives aimed at supporting and fostering economic development. The Business Center will support small businesses, business start-ups, and job creation opportunities for the City of Pleasanton. The Business Center is adjacent to the Pleasanton City Park and located along the city's historic downtown main street.

Required Action

On page I-56 of the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Business Center and Business Incubator Project.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1 Strategy: Create Jobs and Promote Texas, \$250,000 Included in the amount appropriated above is \$250,000 in General Revenue for the purpose of the Governor's Small Business and Incubator fund dedicated to the Pleasanton Business Center and Business Incubator Project to small businesses, business start-ups, and job creation opportunities for the City of Pleasanton. .

By Buckingham/Hinojosa

Historical Commission
Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$500,000 for the Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History. The Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History is a 100,000sf world-class museum of science, history, natural science, and local culture that provides educational opportunities, community engagement and cultural inclusion. Due to COVID-19, the Museum has experienced a significant loss in revenue. This institution not only serves as a place for children and families to learn, but has a real economic impact for the area.

Required Action

On page I-76 of Historical Commission bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History.** In addition to the funds appropriated above, the Historical Commission is appropriated \$250,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2022 and \$250,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2023 to provide grants to the Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History.