



LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 8 – Highlights

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 8 appropriates \$16.3 billion in Federal Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

\$7.2 BILLION	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND The bill provides \$7.2 billion to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for deposit into the Unemployment Compensation Fund to pay back outstanding advances and to bring the balance of the fund to the statutory floor.	\$237.8 MILLION	DALLAS STATE HOSPITAL The bill provides \$237.8 million to the Health and Human Services Commission to complete construction of a state hospital in Dallas.
\$3.5 BILLION	PUBLIC SAFETY SALARIES The bill provides \$3.5 billion for salaries and benefits of state employees directly involved in pandemic response, including \$2,729.9 million to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and \$806.8 million to the Department of Public Safety.	\$286.3 MILLION	TRS-ACTIVECARE AND TRS-CARE PROGRAMS The bill provides \$286.3 million to the Teacher Retirement System for use in TRS-ActiveCare and TRS-Care programs for claims related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
\$2.5 BILLION	STATE AND LOCAL HOSPITAL SURGE STAFFING The bill provides \$2.5 billion to the Department of State Health Services for state and local hospital surge staffing, purchasing of therapeutic drugs, and continuation of regional infusion centers related to the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$325.0 MILLION	UNIVERSITY CONSTRUCTION The bill provides \$325.0 million to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for university construction, contingent on passage of legislation by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Third Called Session, providing for the issuance of tuition revenue bonds.
\$500.5 MILLION	BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE The bill provides \$500.5 million from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for broadband infrastructure, \$75.0 million of which is to be used for the Texas broadband pole replacement program.	\$300.0 MILLION	STATE OPERATIONS CENTER The bill provides \$300.0 million to the Texas Department of Emergency Management for acquisition of land and construction of a state operations center.
\$200.0 MILLION	CYBERSECURITY The bill provides \$200.0 million to the Department of Information Resources for cybersecurity projects.	\$113.1 MILLION	CHILD MENTAL HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM INITIATIVES The bill provides \$113.1 million to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to support the operations and expansion of mental health services for Texas children and families through Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium initiatives.
\$160.0 MILLION	VICTIMS OF CRIME GRANTS The bill provides \$160.0 million to the Office of the Governor to address the federal Victims of Crime Act shortfall affecting Crime Victims Assistance grants.	\$100.0 MILLION	TEXANS FEEDING TEXANS The bill provides \$100.0 million to the Department of Agriculture for Texans Feeding Texans for supplemental funding for food banks and home-delivered meals in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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\$200.0 MILLION	TOURISM, TRAVEL, HOSPITALITY, AND BUSINESS AID The bill provides \$200.0 million to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor to implement a new tourism, travel, and hospitality recovery grant program.	\$5.0 MILLION	TECHNOLOGY UPDATES The bill provides \$5.0 million to the Health and Human Services Commission for technology updates to the Medicaid eligibility system for automatic enrollment of Medicaid clients into managed care.
\$1.2 MILLION	CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER’S IT SYSTEM The bill provides \$1.2 million to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for an Information Technology Case Management System for the Children’s Advocacy Centers.	\$16.7 MILLION	SOUTH TEXAS HEALTH LAB The bill provides \$16.7 million to the Department of State Health Services for the DHR Health lab in South Texas to enable infrastructure to better respond to future emergencies and health crises.
\$400.0 MILLION	CRITICAL STAFFING NEEDS The bill provides \$400.0 million to the Health and Human Services Commission to administer onetime grants related to critical staffing needs of front-line healthcare workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic including recruitment and retention bonuses for nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, home health facilities, community attendants, and emergency medical services.	\$5.0 MILLION	FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER INCUBATOR PROGRAM The bill provides \$5.0 million to the Department of State Health Services for the Federally Qualified Health Center incubator program.
\$75.0 MILLION	RURAL HOSPITALS The bill provides \$75.0 million to the Health and Human Services Commission for grants to support rural hospitals that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$40.0 MILLION	TEXAS EPIDEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE The bill provides \$40.0 million to the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for operation of the Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute.
\$15.0 MILLION	MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES The bill provides \$15.0 million to the Health and Human Services Commission to expand a mental health facility in West Texas.	\$15.0 MILLION	TEXAS RESKILLING AND UPSKILLING THROUGH EDUCATION The bill provides \$15.0 million to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for the Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education Program.
\$20.0 MILLION	INTERNET PORTAL The bill provides \$20.0 million to the Health and Human Services Commission to procure a third party to implement a single, consolidated portal for Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program data by all providers who bill the Medicaid program.	\$20.0 MILLION	COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY FORMULA The bill provides \$20.0 million to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for performance based funding for at-risk students at comprehensive universities.
		\$35.0 MILLION	VETERAN HOMES HVAC/AIR FILTRATION The bill provides \$35.0 million to the General Land Office for HVAC upgrades to all nine Texas State Veteran Homes along with the new Fort Worth Home (\$29.5 million) and for negative-pressure COVID-19 wards and mobile high-efficiency particulate air filtration units for the Homes (\$5.5 million).