

Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2010-11 General Appropriations Bill

Article IV - Judiciary

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2. **Appropriation: Basic Civil Legal Services.** All fees deposited into the Basic Civil Legal Services Account of the Judicial Fund are appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Basic Civil Legal Services. Any fees deposited in excess of \$7,221,000 in fiscal year 2010 and \$7,220,000 in fiscal year 2011 are hereby appropriated to the Supreme Court for the same purpose (estimated to be \$0). Any unexpended balances in the Basic Civil Legal Services Account at the end of fiscal year 2009 are hereby appropriated to the Supreme Court in fiscal year 2010 for the same purpose (estimated to be \$0 and included in amounts appropriated above).

The Supreme Court of Texas shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor within 90 days following February 28 and August 31 of each fiscal year showing disbursements from the Basic Civil Legal Services Account of Judicial Fund No. 573, the purpose for each disbursement, and compliance with grant conditions.

7. **Supreme Court Advisory Committees.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations, and Strategy B.1.2, Court Improvement Projects, is funding in the following estimated amounts to provide travel reimbursement for the following Supreme Court advisory committees:
- a) Rules Advisory Committee, \$19,000 per fiscal year;
 - b) Task Force on Judicial Readiness in Time of Emergency, \$26,000 per fiscal year;
 - c) Committee on Children, Youth and Families, \$14,000 per fiscal year;
 - d) Ancillary Proceeding Task Force, \$9,000 per fiscal year; and,
 - e) Task Force on Judicial Foreclosure, \$500 per fiscal year.

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8. **Appropriation Transfers between Fiscal Years for Multi-District Litigation.** Out of the General Revenue Fund amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations, the Supreme Court of Texas is authorized to transfer an amount not to exceed

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\$241,500 in funds appropriated in fiscal year 2011 to fiscal year 2010, subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Board, to make grants available for trial courts, the Multi-District Litigation Panel, and appellate courts to process cases in the multi-district litigation system.

- 8. One-time Funding for Basic Civil Legal Services.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Basic Civil Legal Services, is \$11,000,000 in fiscal year 2010 and \$11,000,000 in fiscal year 2011 in one-time funding from the General Revenue Fund (for the 2010-11 Biennium only), to offset the reduction in funding provided by the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts Program for Basic Civil Legal Services.
- 9. Supreme Court Performance Measures.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor compiling data on each Justice's compliance with the Court's internal deadlines. The report shall be due no later than December 1 of each year and compile data from the prior fiscal year. The first report must be filed no later than August 31, 2011.

- 9. Contingency Appropriation for Sexually Oriented Business Fee.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Basic Civil Legal Services, out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010, is the amount of \$750,000 in fiscal year 2010 and \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2011. These funds are appropriated contingent upon the litigation which prohibits the Comptroller of Public Accounts from releasing the receipts from admission fees to certain sexually-oriented businesses established in House Bill 1751, Eightieth Legislature, 2007, for appropriation is resolved in favor of the State of Texas. This appropriation is also contingent on the receipts from admission fees to certain sexually-oriented businesses, during the 2010-11 biennium, generating \$750,000 in excess of the \$8,000,000 (Object Code 3175) contained in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate for fiscal year 2010 and \$1,250,000 in excess of the \$8,000,000 (Object Code 3175)

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contained in the Comptroller of Public Accounts Biennial Revenue Estimate for 2011. Any unexpended balances in appropriations made for this purpose for fiscal year 2010 are appropriated to the Supreme Court in fiscal year 2011 for the same purposes.

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- 15. Lump Sum Payments for Child Support Courts Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above for Strategy B.1.1, Child Support Courts Program, is \$50,000 in fiscal year 2010 and \$50,000 in fiscal year 2011 shall be used only for the purpose of paying lump sum termination payments for child support court employees in the event of the employee's separation from state employment in accordance with existing statutes and rules governing these payments. Any unexpended balances as of appropriations made for this purpose for fiscal year 2010 are appropriated to the Office of Court Administration in fiscal year 2011 for the same purposes.

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Sec. 10. Appellate Court Salary Limits. It is the intent of the Legislature that no intermediate appellate court may pay more than one chief staff attorney promoted or hired after September 1, 2009, more than \$92,400 annually under this provision. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that no intermediate appellate court may pay other permanent legal staff hired or promoted after September 1, 2009 more than \$79,750 annually. This provision does not apply to law clerk positions at any appellate court.

Sec. 10. Appellate Court Salary Limits. It is the intent of the Legislature that no intermediate appellate court may pay more than one chief staff attorney promoted or hired after September 1, 2009, more than \$84,000 annually under this provision. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that no intermediate appellate court may pay other permanent legal staff hired or promoted after September 1, 2009 more than \$72,500 annually. This provision does not apply to law clerk positions at any appellate court.

Sec. 15. Contingency Appropriation Transfer for Senate Bill 497. Contingent on passage of Senate Bill 497, or similar legislation relating to compensation paid to certain judges and justices, by the Eighty-first Legislature, Regular Session, \$63,250 in each fiscal year appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund to the Office of Court Administration in Strategy A.1.1, Court Administration shall be transferred to Strategy A.1.1, District Judge Salaries in the bill pattern for the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department for the purpose of paying salary supplements for district judges presiding over asbestos- or silica-related multi-district litigation cases.