

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2026-27 General Appropriations Bill

Article IV – Judiciary

As of May 23, 2025

Conference Committee Issue Docket
Article IV
Conferees: Senator Schwertner and Representative Gonzalez

Decisions as of May 23, 2025 @ 8:00 AM

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	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Decisions	
Article IV, Judiciary SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds	
Supreme Court of Texas (201)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 3,180,074	\$ 3,180,074	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,180,074	\$ 3,180,074
Court of Criminal Appeals (211)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,981,618	\$ 1,981,618	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,981,618	\$ 1,981,618
15 Courts of Appeals (221-235)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 4,830,511	\$ 4,830,511	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,830,511	\$ 4,830,511
Office of Court Administration (212)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 30,348,404	\$ 30,795,586	\$ 28,500,000	\$ 28,500,000	\$ 29,504,719	\$ 29,951,901
Office of Capital and Forensic Writs (215)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 315,214	\$ 315,214	\$ 1,294,400	\$ 1,294,400	\$ 1,609,614	\$ 1,609,614
Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney (213)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 37,776	\$ 37,776	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,776	\$ 37,776

Article IV, Judiciary SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Decisions	
	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
State Law Library (243)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 220,144	\$ 220,144	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,144	\$ 220,144
State Commission on Judicial Conduct (242)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 470,991	\$ 470,991	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 398,671	\$ 398,671
Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department (241)						
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 3,098,114	\$ 3,098,114	\$ 1,216,569	\$ 1,216,569	\$ 2,739,660	\$ 2,739,660
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 44,482,846	\$ 44,930,028	\$ 31,010,969	\$ 31,010,969	\$ 44,502,787	\$ 44,949,969

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article IV, Judiciary Supreme Court of Texas (201) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Supreme Court of Texas		\$ 61,746,102	\$106,510,898	\$58,566,028	\$103,330,824			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		90.0	90.0	86.0	86.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	6% Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment. Senate provides \$857,362 in General Revenue funding to provide a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$ 857,362	\$ 857,362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 857,362	\$ 857,362	SENATE
2.	Four Additional FTEs. General Revenue funding for 4.0 FTEs, including:							
a.	Senate provides \$243,600 in General Revenue and 1.0 Children's Commission Attorney position to provide juvenile justice training, bench cards, and peer-to-peer support.	\$ 243,600	\$ 243,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 243,600	\$ 243,600	SENATE
b.	Senate provides \$149,612 in General Revenue and 1.0 Program Specialist position for curriculum creation and statewide training provided by the Judicial Commission on Mental Health.	\$ 149,612	\$ 149,612	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,612	\$ 149,612	SENATE
d.	Senate provides \$406,000 and 2.0 Paralegal positions to assist reviewing and publishing court decisions.	\$ 406,000	\$ 406,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 406,000	\$ 406,000	SENATE
3.	Travel Funding for Oral Arguments. Senate provides \$70,000 in General Revenue funding for the court to continue to hear out-of-town oral arguments.	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	SENATE

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Article IV, Judiciary Supreme Court of Texas (201) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
4.	Local Mental Health Court Liaison Pilot Program Expansion. Senate provides \$1,453,500 General Revenue funding to expand the Local Mental Health Court Liaison Pilot Program to an additional five counties.	\$1,453,500	\$1,453,500	\$-	\$-	\$1,453,500	\$1,453,500	SENATE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$3,180,074	\$3,180,074	\$-	\$-	\$3,180,074	\$3,180,074	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						4.0	4.0	

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article IV, Judiciary Court of Criminal Appeals (211) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Explanation
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Court of Criminal Appeals	\$ 45,306,523	\$46,042,025	\$43,324,905	\$44,060,407			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	74.0	74.0	72.0	72.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Travel Reimbursements. Senate provides \$216,000 in General Revenue funding to provide travel reimbursement to judges authorized by Government Code, Section 22.3015.	\$ 216,000	\$ 216,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 216,000	\$ 216,000	SENATE
2. Two Additional FTE's: Senate provides General Revenue funding for 2.0 FTEs to assist Judges with maintaining workloads and assisting with administrative and legislative duties, including:							
a. 1.0 Research Attorney;	\$ 273,420	\$ 273,420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 273,420	\$ 273,420	SENATE
b. 1.0 Administrator position; and	\$ 273,420	\$ 273,420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 273,420	\$ 273,420	SENATE
c. Additional expenses for new hires, including retirement and benefits.	\$ 15,810	\$ 15,810	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,810	\$ 15,810	SENATE
3. Travel Reimbursements for Oral Arguments. Senate provides \$60,000 in General Revenue funding for travel costs associated with oral arguments held at law schools throughout the state.	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	SENATE
4. Inflationary Adjustment for Judicial Education. Senate provides \$400,000 in General Revenue funding to offset increased costs associated with hosting judicial education seminars, including lodging and travel.	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	SENATE

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Article IV, Judiciary Court of Criminal Appeals (211) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
5.	6% Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment. Senate provides \$742,968 in General Revenue funding to provide a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial and non-attorney staff positions.	\$ 742,968	\$ 742,968	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 742,968	\$ 742,968	SENATE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 1,981,618	\$ 1,981,618	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,981,618	\$ 1,981,618	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						2.0	2.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions			
Article IV, Judiciary 15 Courts of Appeals (221-235) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, 15 Courts of Appeals		\$ 113,784,675	\$119,810,349	\$108,954,164	\$114,979,838				
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027				
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		421.0	421.0	421.0	421.0				
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:									
Metropolitan Courts									
First Court of Appeal District, Houston									
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$514,988 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$ 514,988	\$ 514,988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 514,988	\$ 514,988	SENATE	
Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas									
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$681,958 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$ 681,958	\$ 681,958	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 681,958	\$ 681,958	SENATE	
Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston									
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$517,980 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$ 517,980	\$ 517,980	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 517,980	\$ 517,980	SENATE	

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All Other Courts of Appeals									
Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth									
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$410,756 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$ 410,756	\$ 410,756	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 410,756	\$ 410,756	SENATE	
Third Court of Appeals District, Austin									
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$359,558 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$ 359,558	\$ 359,558	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 359,558	\$ 359,558	SENATE	
Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio									
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$400,770 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$ 400,770	\$ 400,770	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,770	\$ 400,770	SENATE	
Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana									
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$183,926 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$ 183,926	\$ 183,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183,926	\$ 183,926	SENATE	
Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo									
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$230,666 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$ 230,666	\$ 230,666	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,666	\$ 230,666	SENATE	

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Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso								
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$185,452 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$185,452	\$185,452	\$-	\$-	\$185,452	\$185,452	SENATE
Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont								
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$235,134 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$235,134	\$235,134	\$-	\$-	\$235,134	\$235,134	SENATE
Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco								
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$183,203 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$183,203	\$183,203	\$-	\$-	\$183,203	\$183,203	SENATE
Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland								
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$185,098 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$185,098	\$185,098	\$-	\$-	\$185,098	\$185,098	SENATE
Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler								
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$183,686 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$183,686	\$183,686	\$-	\$-	\$183,686	\$183,686	SENATE

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Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg								
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$351,166 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$351,166	\$351,166	\$-	\$-	\$351,166	\$351,166	SENATE
Fifteenth Court of Appeals District, Austin								
1.	Judiciary - Wide Adjustment for Inflation, Retention, and continued Recruitment. Senate provides \$206,170 in General Revenue funding for a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$206,170	\$206,170	\$-	\$-	\$206,170	\$206,170	SENATE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$4,830,511	\$4,830,511	\$-	\$-	\$4,830,511	\$4,830,511	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

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Article IV, Judiciary Office of Court Administration (212) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Office of Court Administration		\$ 357,611,952	\$373,110,952	\$355,763,548	\$370,815,366			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		378.7	378.7	376.7	376.7			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	6% Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment. Senate provides \$2.9 million in General Revenue funding and Interagency Contracts to provide a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$ 2,909,802	\$ 2,909,802	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,909,802	\$ 2,909,802	SENATE
2.	Court Coordinator Salary Adjustment. Senate provides \$1.2 million in All Funds to provide a 15.0 percent salary increase for the Children's Courts court coordinators.	\$ 720,670	\$ 1,167,852	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720,670	\$ 1,167,852	SENATE
3.	Specialty Court Case Management System. Senate provides \$3.9 million in General Revenue funding for a new Specialty Court Case Management System and 1.0 Director position to standardize data collection practices and court reporting for specialty courts.	\$ 3,943,685	\$ 3,943,685	\$ -	\$ -			SENATE Amount in HB 500 Add 1.0 FTE in SB 1
	House provides \$3.9 million in General Revenue in HB 500 for the same purpose.							

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Article IV, Judiciary Office of Court Administration (212) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
4.	Contingency for Senate Bill 9. Senate rider provides \$4.1 million in General Revenue funding contingent on passage of Senate Bill 9, relating to relating to the release of defendants on bail, the duties of a magistrate in certain criminal proceedings, the regulation of charitable bail organizations, and the notice provided by peace officers to victims of family violence, stalking, harassment, or terroristic threat.	\$ 4,124,247	\$ 4,124,247	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,124,247	\$ 6,124,247	SENATE PLUS \$2,000,000 IN GR
<u>Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) Requests</u>								
1.	Address Revenue Shortfall. Senate provides \$9.9 million in General Revenue funding for grants to counties providing indigent defense services.	\$ 9,900,000	\$ 9,900,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	HOUSE
	House provides \$10.0 million in General Revenue funding for the same purpose.							
2.	Expansion of Public Defender Offices. Senate provides \$8.8 million in General Revenue funding to create new public defender offices and expand the issuance of Improvement Grants to counties.	\$ 8,750,000	\$ 8,750,000	\$ 17,500,000	\$ 17,500,000	\$ 8,750,000	\$ 8,750,000	SENATE
	House provides \$17.5 million in General Revenue funding for the same purpose.							

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Article IV, Judiciary Office of Court Administration (212) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
3.	Contingency for Senate Bill 9. Senate rider provides \$4.1 million in General Revenue funding contingent on passage of Senate Bill 9, relating to the release of defendants on bail, the duties of a magistrate in certain criminal proceedings, the regulation of charitable bail organizations, and the notice provided by peace officers to victims of family violence, stalking, harassment, or terroristic threat (see Item #4 above).	IV-28, Rider 13 Rider Packet page IV-3						SENATE	
4.	Wharton and Matagorda County Rural Public Defender Office. Senate rider amends Rider 5, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, requiring TIDC fully fund approved program costs for the first year and two-thirds of eligible costs in subsequent years for each office.	IV-27, Rider 5 Rider Packet page IV-2						SENATE	
5.	Texas Indigent Defense Appellate Proceedings. Senate rider amends Rider 5, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, to restrict grants to public defender offices to be used to fund appellate proceedings.	IV-27, Rider 5 Rider Packet page IV-2						SENATE AS AMENDED	
6.	Terrell and Val Verde County Rural Public Defender Office. House rider directs \$1,000,000 in General Revenue to establish and operate a regional public defender office to serve Terrell and Val Verde counties.			IV-27, Rider 5 Rider Packet page IV-2				HOUSE	
7.	TIDC Grants Parental Representation Prioritization. House provides a rider directing TIDC to prioritize grants to counties that provide pre-petition legal representation or early appointment of counsel to parents during a Department of Family and Protective Services investigation.			IV-27, Rider 5 Rider Packet page IV-2				SENATE	

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Conference Committee Revisions and Additions:								
1.	Add a rider to provide unexpended balance authority for 2024-25 OLS appropriations to TIDC, not to exceed \$10.0 million, to be used in the 2026-27 biennium for programs with onetime expenses or temporary assistance in rural counties.							
2.	Add a rider to provide appropriation authority to business courts to expend collected fee revenue to support the costs of administering the courts and for reimbursement to counties for jury-related costs.							
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 30,348,404	\$ 30,795,586	\$ 28,500,000	\$ 28,500,000	\$ 29,504,719	\$ 29,951,901	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						3.0	3.0	

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Article IV, Judiciary Office of Capital and Forensic Writs (215) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs		\$7,419,709	\$7,419,709	\$8,398,895	\$8,398,895				
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027				
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		28.5	28.5	33.5	33.5				
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:									
1.	6% Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment. Senate provides \$315,214 in General Revenue funding to provide a 6.0 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$315,214	\$315,214	\$-	\$-	\$315,214	\$315,214	SENATE	
2.	Five Additional FTEs. House provides \$1.3 million in General Revenue funding and 5.0 FTE positions, including 2.0 Attorneys, 2.0 Mitigation Specialists, and 1.0 Paralegal, to create a new litigation team to accept additional death penalty cases.	\$-	\$-	\$1,294,400	\$1,294,400	\$1,294,400	\$1,294,400	HOUSE	
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$315,214	\$315,214	\$1,294,400	\$1,294,400	\$1,609,614	\$1,609,614		
						FY 2026	FY 2027		
Total, Full-time Equivalents						5.0	5.0		

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article IV, Judiciary Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney (213) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney		\$1,343,289	\$1,388,289	\$1,305,513	\$1,350,513			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	6% Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment. Senate provides \$37,776 in General Revenue funding to provide a 6.0 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$37,776	\$37,776	\$-	\$-	\$37,776	\$37,776	SENATE
2.	Contract Attorney Funding. Senate rider specifies \$285,497 of funds appropriated to OSPA are intended for a contract attorney as a one-time cost for the 2026-27 biennium.	IV-31, Rider 2 Rider Packet page IV-4						SENATE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$37,776	\$37,776	\$-	\$-	\$37,776	\$37,776	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article IV, Judiciary State Law Library (243) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration		Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> GR & GR-DedicatedAll Funds		Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, State Law Library		\$ 3,126,175	\$ 3,140,175	\$ 2,906,031	\$ 2,920,031			
		FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)		14.0	14.0	13.0	13.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:								
1.	Restoration of Librarian Position. Senate provides General Revenue funding for 1.0 librarian position.	\$ 127,720	\$ 127,720	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127,720	\$ 127,720	SENATE
2.	6% Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment. Senate provides General Revenue funding to provide a 6 percent salary increase for non-judicial staff.	\$ 92,424	\$ 92,424	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,424	\$ 92,424	SENATE
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 220,144	\$ 220,144	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,144	\$ 220,144	
						FY 2026	FY 2027	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						1.0	1.0	

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Article IV, Judiciary State Commission on Judicial Conduct (242) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration			Senate		House		Adopted		
			<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		
			GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	Explanation
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, State Commission on Judicial Conduct			\$ 4,763,024	\$ 4,763,024	\$ 4,292,033	\$ 4,292,033			
			FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)			20.0	20.0	18.0	18.0			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:									
1.	Salary Equity Increase for Vacant Attorney Position, Computer and Equipment Costs, and Annual Dues and Education Costs. Senate provides General Revenue funding to increase the salary of one vacant attorney position from \$81,200 to \$121,000, provide hardware and software, and provide annual attorney dues and continuing legal education costs.		\$ 88,872	\$ 88,872	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,872	\$ 88,872	SENATE
2.	Two Additional FTEs. Senate provides General Revenue funding for 2.0 FTEs, including:								
a.	1.0 Administrative Assistant position to assist with increased volume of complaints anticipated with the re-opening of the online complaint filing portal.		\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	SENATE
b.	1.0 Investigator position to conduct investigations of complaints.		\$ 144,000	\$ 144,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 144,000	\$ 144,000	SENATE
c.	Computers and equipment for 5.0 FTEs.		\$ 28,765	\$ 28,765	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,765	\$ 28,765	SENATE
d.	Annual attorney dues and continuing legal education costs.		\$ 7,034	\$ 7,034	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,034	\$ 7,034	SENATE
3.	New Case Management System. Senate Provides General Revenue funding to procure a new case management system.		\$ 72,320	\$ 72,320	\$ -	\$ -			SENATE Amount in HB 500

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			GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions			\$ 470,991	\$ 470,991	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 398,671	\$ 398,671
							<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
Total, Full-time Equivalents							2.0	2.0

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Conference Committee Decisions		
Article IV, Judiciary Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department (241) SB 1 Conference Committee Items for Consideration	Senate <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		House <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Explanation
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Senate / House Committee Substitute Grand Total, Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department	\$ 265,976,469	\$409,710,303	\$264,094,924	\$407,828,758			
	FY 2026	FY2027	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Senate / House Total Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	677.1	677.1	677.1	677.1			
Senate / House Differences in SB 1:							
1. Special Prosecution Unit, Walker County Exceptional Items.							
a. New Case Management System - Techshare. Senate provides \$188,454 in General Revenue funding to provide a new case management system.	\$ 188,454	\$ 188,454	\$ -	\$ -			SENATE Amount in HB 500
b. New Case Management System - Axon. Senate provides \$170,000 in General Revenue funding to create a new discovery management system.	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	\$ -	\$ -			SENATE Amount in HB 500
c. Three New Trial Teams/ Database Manager. Senate provides \$2.4 million in General Revenue funding for 10.0 FTEs to improve case management within each Special Prosecution Unit division.	\$ 2,433,138	\$ 2,433,138	\$ 1,216,569	\$ 1,216,569	\$ 2,433,138	\$ 2,433,138	SENATE
House provides \$1.2 million in General Revenue for the same purpose.							
2. 6% Judiciary-Wide Inflation Relief and Staff Retention and Recruitment. Senate provides \$306,522 in General Revenue funding to provide a 6.0 percent salary increase for non-judicial and non-attorney staff.	\$ 306,522	\$ 306,522	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 306,522	\$ 306,522	SENATE

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		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		
		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 3,098,114	\$ 3,098,114	\$ 1,216,569	\$ 1,216,569	\$ 2,739,660	\$ 2,739,660	
						<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	
Total, Full-time Equivalents						0.0	0.0	

By: _____

Office of Court Administration, Article IV
Proposed Rider Amendment
Prohibiting the use of TIDC grant funds on funding appeals by PDOs

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/5/2025

Overview

Amend rider to state that appeals are not an approved use of Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) grant funds by recipient public defender offices.

Required Action

On page IV-29 of the Office of Court Administration bill pattern in SB 1, amend the following rider:

5. Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC).

(a) **Consolidated Fees on Conviction.** Amounts appropriated above from the General Revenue Dedicated Fair Defense Account No. 5073 in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, include court costs pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 133, Subchapter C, Criminal Fees.

(b) **Grants to Counties.** Also, out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, TIDC shall make grants to counties from the General Revenue-Dedicated Fair Defense Account No. 5073 in accordance with all uses authorized by Government Code, Chapter 79, with funds being disbursed by the Comptroller. Of this amount, \$2,566,528 in fiscal year 20242026 and \$2,474,370 in fiscal year 20252027 shall be distributed to counties that implement cost containment initiatives designed to limit local indigent defense cost increases. No portion of the appropriation governed by this subsection shall be used to offset the Office of Court Administration's administrative support provided to the TIDC except by mutual agreement of the TIDC and the Office of Court Administration.

(c) **TIDC County Cost Reduction Report.** TIDC shall submit a report to the Legislature no later than December 1, 20242026, detailing the effectiveness of various cost containment measures implemented by counties and proposing additional measures to reduce county operating costs with respect to indigent defense.

(d) **Innocence Projects.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, \$600,000 in each year of the biennium from the General Revenue Dedicated Fair Defense Account No. 5073 shall be used by the Commission to contract with law schools at the University of Houston, the University of Texas, Texas Tech University, Texas Southern University, University of North Texas and Texas A&M University to support innocence project screening, investigation, and litigation activities regarding claims of actual innocence in non-capital cases in Texas and associated expenses necessary to conduct those activities. Funding shall be used to provide direct assistance to investigate actual innocence cases post-conviction and to pursue relief for defendants with credible claims of actual innocence, and shall not be used for legal clinic expenses, teaching, and student supervision. The amount of each contract with each university shall be \$100,000. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining from the \$600,000 in funds designated for innocence projects as of August 31, 20242026, are appropriated to Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 20242026.

(e) **Indigent Defense with Mental Illness.** Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, \$2,500,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Fair Defense Account No. 5073 each fiscal year shall be used to provide

funding to public defender offices and managed assigned counsel programs for the early identification and specialized representation of indigent defendants with a mental illness. The Commission shall use the funds to provide grants to public defender offices and managed assigned counsel programs to expand the capacity of existing mental health defender programs, to establish mental health defender programs in counties currently without these programs, and/or to sustain effective mental health defender programs.

(f) Rural Regional Public Defender Sustainability Grants - Wharton and Matagorda. Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, TIDC shall include grant funding to establish and operate on an ongoing basis a regional public defender office to serve Wharton and Matagorda Counties.

(g) Allowable Uses of Grant Funds. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, funds appropriated to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for grants to public defender offices ~~for indigent defense~~ related to Operation Lone Star shall not be used, directly or indirectly, to fund appellate proceedings.

By: _____

Office of Court Administration, Article IV
Proposed Rider
Business Court Filing Fees

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/6/2025

Overview

Prepare a rider that allows the business court to expend certain filing fees to cover certain costs, including jury reimbursement, selection of jurors, and juror reimbursement.

Required Action

On page IV-29 of the Office of Court Administration bill pattern in SB 1, add the following rider:

. Business Court Filing Fees. In addition to the amounts appropriated above in Strategy E.1.1., Administer Business Court, filing fees authorized and collected by the Supreme Court of Texas for filings and actions in the business court, and for jury fees, as of August 31, 2025, shall be appropriated to the business court. These funds are appropriated for use by the business court pursuant to Government Code, Section 25A.018, to support the costs of administering the business court and to provide reimbursement to counties for drawing jury panels, selection of jurors, paying jurors and other jury-related processing costs incurred by the district court in the county in which the trial is held. Fees collected under Local Government Code Section 133.151 (a)(1), Section 133.151 (a)(2), Section 133.151 (a-1) and Section 135.101 are not appropriated to the business court by this Act.

By: _____

Office of Court Administration, Article IV
Proposed Rider
County Integration into the Public Safety Reporting System

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/8/2025

Overview

Prepare a rider that directs the Office of Court Administration to, without cost to a county, allow a county to integrate with the Public Safety Reporting System and case management system maintained by the agency.

Required Action

On page IV-29 of the Office of Court Administration bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Contingency for Senate Bill 9.** In addition to amounts appropriated above the Office of Court Administration is appropriated \$323,559 in fiscal year 2026 and \$289,264 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue in Strategy A.1.1, Court Administration; and ~~\$3,410,012~~\$5,410,012 in fiscal year 2026 and \$101,412 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue, and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal each fiscal year in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 9, or similar legislation, relating to the release of defendants on bail, the duties of a magistrate in certain criminal proceedings, the regulation of charitable bail organizations, and the notice provided by peace officers to victims of family violence, stalking, harassment, or terrorist threat.

By: _____

Office of Court Administration, Article IV

Proposed Rider Unexpended Balance Authority

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/5/2025

Overview

Prepare a rider that grants unexpended balance authority to TIDC for unused OLS funds and restricts the use of those funds during the 2026-27 biennium for existing programs in rural counties.

Required Action

On page IV-29 of the Office of Court Administration bill pattern in SB 1, add the following text:

5. Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC).

(a) **Consolidated Fees on Conviction.** Amounts appropriated above from the General Revenue Dedicated Fair Defense Account No. 5073 in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, include court costs pursuant to Local Government Code, Chapter 133, Subchapter C, Criminal Fees.

(b) **Grants to Counties.** Also, out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, TIDC shall make grants to counties from the General Revenue-Dedicated Fair Defense Account No. 5073 in accordance with all uses authorized by Government Code, Chapter 79, with funds being disbursed by the Comptroller. Of this amount, \$2,566,528 in fiscal year 20242026 and \$2,474,370 in fiscal year 20252027 shall be distributed to counties that implement cost containment initiatives designed to limit local indigent defense cost increases. No portion of the appropriation governed by this subsection shall be used to offset the Office of Court Administration's administrative support provided to the TIDC except by mutual agreement of the TIDC and the Office of Court Administration.

(c) **TIDC County Cost Reduction Report.** TIDC shall submit a report to the Legislature no later than December 1, 20242026, detailing the effectiveness of various cost containment measures implemented by counties and proposing additional measures to reduce county operating costs with respect to indigent defense.

(d) **Innocence Projects.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, \$600,000 in each year of the biennium from the General Revenue Dedicated Fair Defense Account No. 5073 shall be used by the Commission to contract with law schools at the University of Houston, the University of Texas, Texas Tech University, Texas Southern University, University of North Texas and Texas A&M University to support innocence project screening, investigation, and litigation activities regarding claims of actual innocence in non-capital cases in Texas and associated expenses necessary to conduct those activities. Funding shall be used to provide direct assistance to investigate actual innocence cases post-conviction and to pursue relief for defendants with credible claims of actual innocence, and shall not be used for legal clinic expenses, teaching, and student supervision. The amount of each contract with each university shall be \$100,000. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining from the \$600,000 in funds designated for innocence projects as of August 31, 20242026, are appropriated to Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 20242026.

(e) **Indigent Defense with Mental Illness.** Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, \$2,500,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Fair Defense Account No. 5073 each fiscal year shall be used to provide

funding to public defender offices and managed assigned counsel programs for the early identification and specialized representation of indigent defendants with a mental illness. The Commission shall use the funds to provide grants to public defender offices and managed assigned counsel programs to expand the capacity of existing mental health defender programs, to establish mental health defender programs in counties currently without these programs, and/or to sustain effective mental health defender programs.

(f) Rural Regional Public Defender Sustainability Grants - Wharton and Matagorda. Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, TIDC shall include grant funding to establish and operate on an ongoing basis a regional public defender office to serve Wharton and Matagorda Counties.

(g) Unexpended Balance Authority. Out of amounts appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission under strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, for the 2024-25 biennium for Operation Lonestar, any unobligated or unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025 (not to exceed \$10,000,000), are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for programs in rural counties, created on or before September 1, 2025. The use of any remaining balances may only be used for programs with one-time expenses or temporary assistance.