

Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1

2026-27 General Appropriations Bill

Article I – General Government

COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

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5. Arts Organization Grants. Included in amounts appropriated above to the Commission on the Arts in Strategy A.1.1, Arts Organization Grants, is \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for the commission to continue to provide grants to different arts organizations across the state for short-term projects and operational expenses.

Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Commission on the Arts for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

6. Funding for Fine Arts Projects At or Near Construction Projects Prohibited. The Commission of the Arts may not use money appropriated by this Act for fine arts projects at or near the site of public construction projects established under Section 444.029, Government Code.

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9. **Victims Assistance Grants.** Funds appropriated above in C.1.2, Victims Assistance, shall be spent as follows:

<u>Program:</u>	2026	2027
(1) Victims Assistance Coordinators and Victims Liaisons	\$2,441,509	\$2,441,509
(2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program	28,826,323	27,826,321
(3) Sexual Assault Services Program Grants	2,024,468	2,024,468
(4) Legal Services Grants	2,500,000	2,500,000
(5) Other Victims Assistance Grants	10,952,664	10,952,664
(6) Statewide Victim Notification System	3,044,471	3,044,471
(7) Address Confidentiality	180,432	180,432
Total	\$49,969,867	\$48,969,865
<u>Method of Financing:</u>		
General Revenue	\$29,810,083	\$29,810,083
<u>General Revenue - Dedicated</u>		
Victims of Crime Auxiliary Fund No. 0494	\$180,432	\$180,432
Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010	\$16,766,968	\$15,766,966
Subtotal, General Revenue - Dedicated	<u>\$16,947,400</u>	<u>\$15,947,398</u>
Federal Funds	\$3,212,384	\$3,212,384
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$49,969,867</u>	<u>\$48,969,865</u>

The Office of the Attorney General shall adopt rules for the competitive allocation of funds under item number (5) Other Victims Assistance Grants.

Included in appropriations above in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, for program (2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program, the Office of the Attorney General shall enter into contracts or provide grants in the amount of \$38,569,602 for rape crisis centers to provide the minimum services as statutorily required by Government Code, Section 420.008(c)(1) to adult

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<u>Program:</u>	2026	2027
(1) Victims Assistance Coordinators and Victims Liaisons	\$2,441,509	\$2,441,509
(2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program	27,326,323	26,326,321
(3) Sexual Assault Services Program Grants	3,024,468	3,024,468
(4) Legal Services Grants	2,500,000	2,500,000
(5) Other Victims Assistance Grants	10,952,664	10,952,664
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Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010	<u>\$16,766,968</u>	<u>\$15,766,966</u>
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survivors of stranger and non-stranger sexual assault. This amount includes \$6,850,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,850,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund and \$12,434,801 in fiscal year 2026 and \$12,434,801 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue-Dedicated Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010. Of this amount, \$9,000,000 shall be prioritized for the purposes of addressing current and projected waitlists for counseling of adult sexual assault survivors and sexual assault advocacy services at rape crisis centers. For the purposes of this rider, “rape crisis center” shall have the same meaning as “sexual assault program” in Government Code, Section 420.003 (7). In accordance with Texas statute, rape crisis centers remain eligible to apply for victim assistance funds in addition to the funds listed in program (2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program.

Included in appropriations above in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, for program (2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program, the Attorney General shall enter into contracts or provide grants in the amount of \$1,377,017 in fiscal year 2026 and \$377,017 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue-Dedicated Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010 for the sexual assault nurse examiner program.

Included in appropriations above in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, for program (2) Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program, the Attorney General shall enter into contracts or provide grants in the amount of \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 to rape crisis centers for a program that provides dedicated funding to support the unique challenges of rural and border counties including, but not limited to, support for satellite offices, co-location efforts, transportation costs, technology assistance and workforce challenges.

Included in appropriations above in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, for program (3) Sexual Assault Services Program Grants is \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 for the sexual assault services program grant recipient to implement a centralized training, technical assistance and evaluation program for rape crisis centers across the state.

It is the intent of the Legislature that \$300,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2027 appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General be used to fund domestic violence high risk teams.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

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None of the funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance, may be expended on grants to organizations that make contributions to campaigns for elective office or that endorse candidates.

The Office of the Attorney General shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, Governor and Comptroller at least 30 calendar days prior to the start of a new fiscal year if the revenue sources listed above are insufficient to provide the full appropriations to rape crisis centers or sexual assault nurse examiners program as indicated in this rider for the upcoming fiscal year.

Within 100 calendar days after the close of each fiscal year, the Office of the Attorney General shall submit a report detailing the expenditure of funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.2, Victims Assistance. The report shall include information on the guidelines used to select programs that receive grants, the amount of grants awarded in each of the categories listed above, the amount of expenditures for administration, and audit and oversight activities conducted relating to the victims assistance grants and the programs receiving such grants. The report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.

41. Legal Services Optimization System Project. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, is \$3,558,956 in fiscal year 2026, and \$3,530,764 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to be used only for the implementation of the Office of the Attorney General’s Legal Services Optimization Systems Project. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) complete this project, including all upgrades and enhancements to legal case management systems, no later than August 31, 2027. Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2054.003, the project is a major information resources project and subject to review by the Quality Assurance Team in accordance with Article IX, Section 9.02, Quality Assurance Review of Major Information Resources Projects.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the OAG for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

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- 41. Healthcare Antitrust Enforcement.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, the Office of the Attorney General shall use at least \$1,000,000 to enforce state and federal antitrust laws against entities in the medical industry, health benefits industry, or other entities within the healthcare system. Enforcement shall include investigations or research into consolidation and lack of competition in Texas healthcare markets. The agency shall submit a written report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than December 31, 2026 detailing efforts to comply with this rider and the result of any research or investigations undertaken.
- 42. Report on Victims of Mass Violence.** The Office of the Attorney General shall annually submit a report to the Legislature no later than January 31 of each year on the number of homicide victims who are also victims of mass violence whose survivors receive compensation from the Office of the Attorney General’s Crime Victims Compensation Program in the prior calendar year. The report shall include for each claim the number of days taken to resolve each claim, and the date and location of the associated mass violence event.

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21. Appropriation for County Law Enforcement. The Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated \$330,800,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026, included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.14, County Law Enforcement, to provide financial assistance to qualified sheriff's offices, constable's offices, and prosecutor's offices in accordance with Local Government Code, Sections 130.911, 130.912, and 130.913.

In addition to financial assistance described above, the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts shall use funds appropriated above to provide additional grants to sheriffs’ offices located in counties with a population less than 10,000 but more than 7,500. Each grant award authorized by this section shall be \$100,000. The grants to sheriffs’ offices may be used only to provide salary increases for county sheriffs, deputies, and jailers; hire additional deputies or staff for the sheriffs' office; or purchase vehicles, firearms, and safety equipment for the sheriff’s office.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts for fiscal year 2027, for the same purpose.

24. Transfer to the Texas University Fund. In addition to amounts appropriated above, the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated \$1,300,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in the 2026-27 biennium for deposit to the Texas University Fund to provide additional funds to ensure stable funding for currently eligible institutions, contingent on institutions of higher education meeting eligibility requirements, per Education Code, Sections 62.145 and 62.1481.

\$650,000,000 shall be available for deposit contingent on each instance of an institution of higher education becoming eligible for Level 1 of the permanent endowment for education and research (PEER) base funding, per Education Code, Section 62.1481(a)(1), or an institution of higher education becoming eligible to receive distributions from the Texas University Fund, per Education Code 62.145, as certified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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24. E-Rate State Matching Funds. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3, Texas BDO State Funds, the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer \$5,000,000 from the Broadband Infrastructure Fund in fiscal year 2026 to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to leverage high-speed broadband to and within participating school districts. TEA must determine that each grantee meets the eligibility standard established in Government Code, Section 490I.0106. TEA shall submit a report to the Texas Broadband Development Office detailing project progress, including costs incurred, locations served and service speeds.

Continued funding is contingent on continued federal funding of the federal E-Rate Program. If the federal government ceases funding of the program at any time, the remaining funds for the program shall be returned to the Broadband Infrastructure Fund.

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25. Workspace Optimization. It is the intent of the legislature that the Texas Facilities Commission prioritize the regular occupation of state-owned buildings and the retirement of leased office space where appropriate. In the event a tenant of a state-owned office building under the commission’s purview has implemented a policy which allows for its employees to work outside its assigned office space, the Commission may make adjustments to the tenant agency’s space allocation, pursuant to rules established under Government Code, Section 2165.104. The Commission may consider a tenant agency’s policies concerning alternative work site arrangements for agency employees when adopting space allocation rules under Government Code, Section 2165.104 and when making a determination under Government Code, Section 2165.105. A study conducted under Government Code, Section 2165.104(a) may include follow-up reviews of space allocated to tenant agencies to ensure maximized utilization of state-owned office space. If a tenant agency is found to not utilize at least fifty percent of its allocated space the majority of the work week, the commission may deem the space underutilized and consolidate a tenant agency’s space allocations to shared space under Government Code, Section 2165.106.

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Central Administration, is \$4,946,247 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to be used solely for the purpose of optimizing the use of state owned and leased office space as specified in this rider.

27. Construction Donations. A request to increase capital budget authority under the provisions of Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, through the expenditure of funds donated to the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) under the provisions of Government Code, Section 2152.003 that are intended to support the costs of an ongoing construction project shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and Office of the Governor in a timely manner along with adequate information for evaluating the request.

Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.03, the request shall be considered to be approved by the LBB unless the LBB issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date LBB staff

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Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Central Administration, is \$1,950,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to be used solely for the purpose of optimizing the use of state owned and leased office space as specified in this rider. Also included in the “Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)” are 5.0 FTEs in each fiscal year for this purpose.

The Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board a report detailing cost savings that resulted from workplace optimization activities undertaken under the provisions of this rider by December 1 in each fiscal year of the biennium.

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concludes its review of the request and forwards the review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any requests for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

27. Contingent Appropriation for Sensitive Compartmentalized Information Facilities. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Facilities Design and Construction, is \$100,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for the Texas Facilities Commission to contract for the design and construction of two sensitive compartmentalized information facilities (SCIF). The appropriation made above and identified in this rider is contingent upon Federal sponsorship of facility clearances for the two SCIFs, and shall be used for the construction of one SCIF in the Lubbock area and one SCIF in the San Antonio area.

Any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining as of August 31, 2026, is appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Any unencumbered funds appropriated by this section shall be lapsed back to the state treasury on August 31, 2027.

28. Service Level Agreements and Customer Service Survey. Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) shall develop Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with tenant agencies in state-owned and state leased office buildings on services provided to those customers. These SLAs shall, at a minimum, provide explicit and measurable expectations for the provision of custodial services, parking, landscaping, and responses to maintenance requests.

TFC shall conduct a customer service survey of tenant agencies in state-owned and state leased office buildings each calendar year on its adherence to these SLAs. TFC shall report the results of this survey to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) no later than February 1 in each fiscal year of the biennium. TFC shall coordinate with the LBB to determine the format of the report.

TFC shall provide to the LBB a plan for the inclusion of appropriate survey measures as performance indicators during the development of the TFC budget structure and performance

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indicators for the 2028-29 biennium.

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29. Grants for Testing of Forensic Evidence.

(a) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, to provide grants to reimburse district attorneys for costs associated with the testing of forensic evidence.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of the Governor provide grants to reimburse local law enforcement, district attorneys, medical examiners, and coroners for costs associated with forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis. Also included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for this purpose. Funds specified for this purpose shall not be expended for any other purpose.

42. Governor's University Research Initiative. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.3.2, Governor's University Research Initiative, is \$20,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated Account No. 5161 to provide Governor's University Research Initiative (GURI) grants. It is the intent of the legislature that these grants are awarded only to Texas public institutions of higher education.

In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.3.2, Governor's University Research Initiative, all unexpended and unobligated balances (estimated to be \$0) remaining as of August 31, 2025 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Governor's University Research Initiative Account No. 5161 are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 for the purposes of the Governor's University Research Initiative, in accordance with Education Code, Chapter 62, Subchapter H.

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(a) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, to provide grants to reimburse district attorneys for costs associated with the testing of forensic evidence.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of the Governor provide grants to reimburse local law enforcement, district attorneys, medical examiners, and coroners for costs associated with forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis out of amounts appropriated. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for this purpose.

42. Governor's University Research Initiative. In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.3.2, Governor's University Research Initiative, all unexpended and unobligated balances (estimated to be \$0) remaining as of August 31, 2025 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Governor's University Research Initiative Account No. 5161 are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 for the purposes of the Governor's University Research Initiative, in accordance with Education Code, Chapter 62, Subchapter H.

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45. Higher Education Film Workforce Pilot Program. It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of the Governor establish a workforce pilot program to support the Texas film industry. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Music Television Film Multimedia, is \$30,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to award grants to eligible general academic teaching institutions for the development and enhancement of programs that prepare students for employment in the film and media industry. Funds specified in this section shall not be expended for any other purpose.

45. Support Dogs for First Responders Pilot Program. It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of the Governor establish a pilot program to provide funding to eligible first responder agencies in Texas for the acquisition, care, and maintenance of a support dog. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for this purpose. Funds specified in this rider shall not be expended for any other purpose.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

46. Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026, which is restricted for use as provided by this provision. It is the intent of the legislature that the funds directed for use in this rider be used to provide grants to crime laboratories, medical examiners, or coroner’s offices to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science or medical examiners services. It is the intent of the legislature that priority shall be given for grants to be made to jurisdictions with the largest forensic science backlogs.

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- 46. Grants for Crime Laboratory Portal Records.** It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of the Governor provide grants to crime laboratories for costs associated with establishing and maintaining a computerized crime laboratory portal, in accordance with Government Code, Section 411.162. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to provide grants for this purpose. Funds specified in this rider shall not be expended for any other purpose.
- 47. Additional Public Safety Through Improved Technology.** It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of the Governor provide grants for the Texas Anti-Gang Centers to acquire technology to provide actionable intelligence to local and state law enforcement for purposes including correctional security, homeland security, and violent crimes prevention. Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$60,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 in General Revenue for Border Security for this purpose. Of this amount \$20,000,000 is designated for jails contiguous to Texas Anti-Gang counties with known large gang populations and \$40,000,000 is designated for maximum-security prisons in counties along the Texas-Mexico border. Funds specified in this rider shall not be expended for any other purpose.
- Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

- 47. Crime Victim Rapid Response Grant Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to provide for grants pursuant to Government Code, Section 772.0079 for the purpose of providing financial assistance to a law enforcement agency for purposes of purchasing or developing a crime victim notification system.

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Reimbursement for Eagle Pass Border Operations. It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of the Governor reimburse the City of Eagle Pass for expenses incurred due to the use of Shelby Park for border security operations. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Disaster Funds, is \$2,000,000 in General Revenue for Border Security in fiscal year 2026 for this purpose.
49.

Project Safe Neighborhood Grant Program. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to provide grants to local governments, nonprofit organizations, and community-based partnerships for the purpose of supporting effective and evidence-based violence reduction initiatives.
50.

Federal Victims of Crime Funding Shortfall. Included in the amounts appropriated above to Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$177,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of addressing projected shortfalls in federal Victims of Crime Act funding and to negate any impact on the provision of grants for crime victims services. It is the intent of the legislature that grants made for victims of crime during the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, and the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, equal grants made for victims of crime during the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.
51.

Border Counter-Unmanned Aircraft System Coordination. It is the intent of the legislature that out of funds appropriated above to the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, the agency designate 1.0 Full Time-Equivalent (FTE) position to coordinate the state, local, and federal funds for Border Counter-Unmanned Aircraft System Coordination operations.

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52. Federal Funding Alert. It is the intent of the legislature that constituent services be affected as little as possible in the event federal funding is interrupted to the state. The Office of the Governor shall notify each member of the legislature as soon as practical, but no longer than 14 calendar days after, if federal funds for Victims of Crime Act or Nonprofit Security Grants are interrupted by federal action not authorized by an act of Congress. For the purposes of this subsection, interruption means the discontinuation of a funding source that had been received by the state for the previous calendar year or longer.

- 53. Texas Alcohol Tourism Development Study.** The Office of the Governor Trusteed Program shall conduct a study, in coordination with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, on the economic benefits of tourism from the Texas alcohol industry in this state including:
- (a) The amount of visitors to Texas wineries, breweries and distilleries;
 - (b) How other states promote alcohol tourism in their states and the economic benefit from such promotion; and
 - (c) The feasibility of establishing a Texas Alcohol Tourism Development Program to promote alcohol tourism in Texas.

The Office of the Governor Trusteed Program shall prepare and submit to the Legislature not later than October 1, 2026, an electronic written report containing the findings of the study and other information the Legislature may find useful in promoting tourism to Texas wineries, distilleries and breweries.

TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Senate

House

54. Study on Implementation of Processes and Methodologies of DOGE Service.

The Office of the Governor Trusteed Program shall conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility and benefits of adopting the processes and methodologies used by the United States Department of Government Efficiency, established in the executive office of the president of the United States by Executive Order No. 14158 (2025), for the purpose of identifying and eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse at state agencies. The study must, at a minimum:

- (a) analyze the department ’s methodologies, including data analytics, process improvement, and oversight mechanisms;
- (b) compare the existing practices of state agencies with the standards developed and used by the department to review federal agencies to identify discrepancies and areas for improvement at state agencies;
- (c) assess the potential cost savings, efficiency gains, and improvements in service delivery at state agencies if the department ’s processes and methodologies are adopted by this state;
- (d) make recommendations on how the department ’s processes and methodologies can be tailored to fit the legal, administrative, and cultural contexts of this state and the operations of state agencies; and
- (e) analyze the legal and constitutional considerations, if any, of adopting the department ’s processes and methodologies for use in this state.

The Office of the Governor Trusteed Program shall prepare and submit to the Legislature not later than December 1, 2026, a written report containing the findings of the study and other information the Legislature may find useful in identifying and eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse at state agencies.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Senate

House

6. Cultural Diversity Scholarships. Gifts and donations received by the Historical Commission, not to exceed \$50,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium, may be expended for scholarships of up to \$1,000 per recipient, including nonprofit organizations, for travel expenses, including meals and lodging, in order to encourage diversity among participants at agency sponsored conferences, seminars, and workshops.

30. Rio Vista Farm. Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Historical Commission in Strategy A.1.5, Preservation Trust Fund, is \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to be deposited into the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664 to be used for no other purpose than providing grants for the restoration and preservation of buildings at the Rio Vista Farm National Historic Landmark.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Historical Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

31. Rosenwald School Preservation Grants. Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Historical Commission in Strategy A.1.5, Preservation Trust Fund, is \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to be deposited in fiscal year 2026 into the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664 to provide grants for the surveying, restoration, and preservation of Rosenwald School sites in accordance with Government Code, Section 442.015.

Any unexpended balances of the \$5,000,000 deposited into the Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664 remaining as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated to the Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026 for the same purpose.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Senate

House

31. Transferability of Funding for 5.0 FTEs. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$537,171 in fiscal year 2026 and \$537,170 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.1.1, Central Administration, for the purpose of funding 5.0 full-time-equivalent (FTE) positions. Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, the agency may transfer the funds identified in this rider to all other strategies except Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites, for the purpose of filling staffing positions based on agency priorities after providing notification to the Legislative Budget Board 30 calendar days prior to making the transfer. The notification shall provide the amount to be transferred for the fiscal year; the strategy to which the funds will be transferred; the positions that are intended to be filled; and a description of the need to fill the positions.

32. Fort Worth Juneteenth Museum. Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Historical Commission in Strategy A.1.5, Preservation Trust Fund, is \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to be deposited in fiscal year 2026 into the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664 to provide grants to the National Juneteenth Museum for site acquisition, site clearance, surveying and permitting, engineering studies, architectural designs, preconstruction and construction-related expenses, and exhibition design in accordance with Government Code, Section 442.015.

Any unexpended balances of the \$10,000,000 deposited into the Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664 remaining as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated to the Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026 for the same purpose.

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES

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Senate

House

16. Replacement for Texas.gov Revenue from Vehicle Inspection. Upon approval by the Legislative Budget Board, the Department of Information Resources may utilize additional monies, not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the biennium, from the General Revenue Fund for Strategy B.3.1, Texas.gov, from the amount of revenue collected from the Inspection Program Replacement Fee established in Transportation Code, Section 548.510, subsections (d) and (e), deposited to the General Revenue Fund. The Department, requesting the approval of the Legislative Budget Board, shall submit in a timely manner the request along with adequate information for evaluating the request. Any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board must be submitted promptly and in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board. The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the request and forwards the review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any requests for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

LIBRARY & ARCHIVES COMMISSION

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Senate

House

- 10. Transferability of Funding for 1.0 FTE.** Included in amounts appropriated above is \$75,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium in Strategy A.1.1, Library Support Services, for the purpose of funding 1.0 full-time-equivalent position (FTE). Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, the agency may transfer the funds identified in this rider to other strategies to fill staffing positions based on agency priorities after providing notification to the Legislative Budget Board 30 calendar days prior to making the transfer. The notification shall provide the amount to be transferred for the fiscal year; the strategy to which the funds will be transferred; the position that is intended to be filled; and a description of the need to fill the position.

- 10. Traveling Presidential Library Exhibition Feasibility Study.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission shall conduct a feasibility study and cost analysis on the implementation of a Statewide Traveling Presidential Library Exhibition in partnership with the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum. The Commission shall submit a report to the Legislature by September 1, 2026, detailing the findings of the study.

- 11. TexQuest Digital Resources.** The Library & Archives Commission shall ensure that TexQuest digital resources provided by a vendor and purchased using money appropriated to the commission for that purpose by this Act include technology protection measures that meet or exceed the requirements of 47 U.S.C. Section 254(h)(5).

SECRETARY OF STATE
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9. Voter Identification Education. Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy B.1.1, Elections Administration, for educating the public, including students, regarding the required documents for voting and the general voting process pursuant to Election Code, Section 31.012.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, out of the appropriations made herein are appropriated to the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

The Secretary of State shall submit a biennial report to the Legislature no later than December 31 of each even-numbered calendar year that provides:

- (a) the types and amounts of any media purchase(s) made using appropriated funds designated by this rider; and
- (b) an analysis of the population of voters, including age and geographic region, who received education under the provisions of this rider.

9. Voter Identification Education. Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy B.1.1, Elections Administration, for educating the public, including students, regarding the required documents for voting and the general voting process pursuant to Election Code, Section 31.012.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, out of the appropriations made herein are appropriated to the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

The Secretary of State shall submit an annual report to the Legislature no later than December 31 that provides:

- (a) the types and amounts of any media purchase(s) made using appropriated funds designated by this rider; and
- (b) an analysis of the population of voters, including age and geographic region, who received education under the provisions of this rider.

18. Publicly Available Election Data. Out of funds appropriated above in B.1.4. Strategy: Elections Improvement, it is the intent of the legislature that the office shall use funds to publish and maintain on its publicly accessible Internet website a comprehensive list of all local, state, and federal election held in this state, including the date of the election and the entity holding the election.

18. Expedited Filing Services. Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Secretary of State is \$2,671,588 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,210,732 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.1, Document Filing, to provide expedited services related to the filing of business records. Also, included in the “Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)” is 12.0 FTEs in each fiscal year of the biennium for this purpose.

SECRETARY OF STATE
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Senate

House

19. Providing Balloting Material to Military and Overseas Voters. Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Secretary of State in Strategy B.1.4, Elections Improvement, is \$983,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to provide a more secure method for the transmission of balloting material to military and overseas voters pursuant to the Federal Military Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE) and Texas Election Code, Section 101.056. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026 for the same purpose.

VETERANS COMMISSION
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Senate

House

17. Grants for Gold Star Family Mental Health Assistance Program. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, General Assistance Grants, the Veterans Commission shall provide grants to nonprofit organizations, state-operated or state- funded hospitals, or local mental health authorities for the purpose of providing free mental health services to Gold Star families of Texas Veterans. The eligibility for free services are limited to surviving parents, spouses and children of Texas veterans who died while serving in active duty.

17. Veterinary Care for Veterans. Included in amounts appropriated above to the Veterans Commission in Strategy B.1.1, General Assistance Grants, is \$250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to be used only to provide grants to organizations providing veterinary care and pet lodging for veterans undergoing or seeking medical treatment.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Veterans Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

18. Transferability of Funding for 9.0 FTEs. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$1,103,222 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,103,223 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.1, Claims Benefits & Assistance, for the purpose of funding 9.0 full-time-equivalent (FTE) positions. Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, the agency may transfer the funds identified in this rider to all other strategies for the purpose of filling staffing positions based on agency priorities after providing notification to the Legislative Budget Board 30 calendar days prior to making the transfer. The notification shall provide the amount to be transferred for the fiscal year; the strategy to which the funds will be transferred; the positions that are intended to be filled; and a description of the need to fill the positions.

VETERANS COMMISSION
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Senate

House

18. Study on Veterans Benefits. Out of amounts appropriated above the Veterans Commission shall conduct a study on the provision of veterans benefits and the optimal distribution of claims benefit advisors across the state. The study shall, at the minimum, do the following:

- (a) Assess the number of veterans in Texas eligible for benefits under state and federal law and identify where they are located by county.
- (b) Analyze the current distribution of claims benefit advisors across the state and determine how many additional advisors are needed to serve veterans more efficiently.
- (c) Develop recommendations for an optimized service delivery model, considering:
 - (1) Geographic areas already served by veterans county service officers.
 - (2) The feasibility of regional service locations serving multiple counties to reduce travel times for veterans.
 - (3) Potential cost efficiencies through co-locating claims benefit advisors with existing veteran service organizations or state facilities.

Not later than June 1, 2026, the commission shall submit to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of the Legislature a report on the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative or other action.