

Senate Finance Committee Decision Document  
 Senator Huffman, Chair

Decisions as of March 12 @ 9:00 am

LBB General Counsel: Stewart Shallow

Article IX General Provisions Total, Article IX General Provisions Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
1 Article IX, Section 17.17, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for Licensed Attorneys in Certain Positions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,300,000	\$ 39,300,000	\$ -	\$ -
2 Article IX, Section 18.01, Contingency for Senate Bill 293	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,630,780	\$ 8,000,060	\$ -	\$ -
3 Article IX, Section 18.02, Contingency for Legislation Establishing the Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,000,000)	\$ 290,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
4 Article IX General Provisions, Section 18.03, Contingency for Senate Bill 22 (Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (43,634,070)	\$ (43,634,070)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (8,703,290)</b>	<b>\$ 293,665,990</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b><u>NO-COST ADJUSTMENTS</u></b>								
1 Article IX, Section 2.01, Position Classification Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2 Article IX, Section 3.15, Direction to State Auditor's Office on Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Positions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3 Article IX, Section 3.16, Direction to State Auditor's Office on Texas Juvenile Justice Department Officer Positions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4 Article IX, Section 10.06, The Texas All-Payor Claims Database	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
<b>Total, NO COST ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>
<b>Total GR &amp; GR-D Adopted Items less Cost-out Adjustments</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (8,703,290)</b>	<b>\$ 293,665,990</b>	<b>\$ (5,000,000)</b>	<b>\$ (5,000,000)</b>

Article IX General Provisions Section 17.17, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for Licensed Attorneys in Certain Positions Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Cost-Out Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Other Budget Recommendations:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</b>								
1. <b>Article IX, Section 17.17, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for Licensed Attorneys in Certain Positions.</b> Insert new rider to provide a salary increase for licensed attorneys in certain positions. Increase General Revenue by \$39,300,000 over the biennium.					\$ 39,300,000	\$ 39,300,000		
<b>Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,300,000	\$ 39,300,000	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article IX General Provisions Article IX, Section 18.01, Contingency for Senate Bill 293 Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Cost-Out Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Other Budget Recommendations</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</b>								
1. <b>Article IX, Section 18.01, Contingency for Senate Bill 293.</b> Increase General Revenue by \$5,630,780 and Other Funds by \$2,369,280 over the biennium.					\$ 5,630,780	\$ 8,000,060		
<b>Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,630,780	\$ 8,000,060	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalent / Tentative Decisions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article IX General Provisions Section 18.02, Contingency for Legislation Establishing the Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Cost-Out Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Other Budget Recommendations</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</b>								
1. <b>Article IX, Section 18.02, Contingency for Legislation Establishing the Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas.</b> Decrease General Revenue in FY26 by \$10.0 million and increase Other Funds in FY26 by \$300.0 million.					\$ (10,000,000)	\$ 290,000,000		
<b>Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,000,000)	\$ 290,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalent / Tentative Decisions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article IX General Provisions Section 18.03, Contingency for Senate Bill 22 (Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program)	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Cost-Out Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Other Budget Recommendations</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</b>								
1. <b>Article IX General Provisions, Section 18.03, Contingency for Senate Bill 22 (Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program).</b> Delete existing Section 18.02 and replace with new Section 18.02, creating a new exempt position to oversee TMIIIP and reducing appropriations to the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor by \$43,634,070 over the biennium.					\$ (43,634,070)	\$ (43,634,070)		
<b>Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (43,634,070)	\$ (43,634,070)	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article IX General Provisions Section 2.01, Position Classification Plan Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. Article IX, Section 2.01, Position Classification Plan: correct the job title of Health Specialist to Health Assistant (class number 4160).					Adopted			
2. Article IX, Section 2.01, Position Classification Plan: add the following Class C job titles pursuant to Senate Bill 1237, 88(R), which authorized the Comptroller's office to commission peace officers: 9880 Investigator I (Trainee), Office of the Comptroller (C01); 9881 Investigator II, Office of the Comptroller (C02); 9882 Corporal, Office of the Comptroller (C03); 9883 Sergeant, Office of the Comptroller (C04); 9884 Lieutenant, Office of the Comptroller (C05); 9885 Captain, Office of the Comptroller (C06).					Adopted			
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions</b>			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article IX General Provisions Section 3.15, Direction to State Auditor's Office on Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Positions Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
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<b>Cost-Out Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Other Budget Recommendations</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</b>								
1. Article IX, Section 3.15, Direction to State Auditor's Office on Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Positions: transition all commissioned peace officer positions at TCOLE from Schedule B to Schedule C (law enforcement) and direct SAO to make corresponding changes in the Position Classification Plan.					Adopted			
<b>Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalent / Tentative Decisions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article IX General Provisions Section 3.16, Direction to State Auditor's Office on Texas Juvenile Justice Department Officer Positions Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Cost-Out Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Other Budget Recommendations</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</b>								
1. Article IX, Section 3.16, Direction to State Auditor's Office on Texas Juvenile Justice Department Officer Positions: transition all commissioned peace officer positions at TJJD from Schedule B to Schedule C (law enforcement) and direct SAO to make corresponding changes in the Position Classification Plan.					Adopted			
<b>Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalent / Tentative Decisions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0



Article IX General Provisions Section 10.06 The Texas All-Payor Claims Database Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2026-27 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2026-27 Biennial Total		Adopted 2026-27 Biennial Total		Article XI 2026-27 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
<b>Cost-Out Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Technical Adjustments:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Other Budget Recommendations</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Agency Requests:</b>								
1. None.								
<b>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</b>								
1. Article IX, Section 10.06, The Texas All-Payor Claims Database: Delete existing Section 10.06, Cross-Agency Coordination on Healthcare Strategies and Measures, and replace with new section requiring HHSC to allocate funding for the administration of a database and to provide legislative reporting.					Adopted		\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
<b>Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

By: \_\_\_\_\_

## Provisions Relating to the Position Classification Plan and to Salary Administration and Employment Provisions, Article IX

### Proposed Rider Modification of Sec. 2.01, Position Classification Plan Addition of new Sec. 3.15, Direction to the State Auditor’s Office on Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Positions

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 7, 2024

#### Overview

Reclassify Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Positions from Schedule B to Schedule C employees.

#### Required Action

1. Add the following positions, or similarly named positions, in **Sec. 2.01, Position Classification Plan**:

XXXXX	Investigator VI, Commission on Law Enforcement	C04
XXXXX	Investigator VII, Commission on Law Enforcement	C05
XXXXX	Program Supervisor VII, Commission on Law Enforcement	C06
XXXXX	Director II, Commission on Law Enforcement	C08

2. On page IX-29 of Art. IX, add the following new rider:

- 3.15. **Direction to the State Auditor’s Office on Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Positions.** The State Auditor’s Office is directed to assign appropriate Schedule C salary classifications (including class number, class title, and salary group) for the following positions or similarly named positions:

XXXXX	Investigator VI, Commission on Law Enforcement	C04
XXXXX	Investigator VII, Commission on Law Enforcement	C05
XXXXX	Program Supervisor VII, Commission on Law Enforcement	C06
XXXXX	Director II, Commission on Law Enforcement	C08

By: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Provisions Relating to the Position Classification Plan and to Salary Administration and Employment Provisions, Article IX**

### **Proposed Rider**

#### **Modification of Sec. 2.01, Position Classification Plan**

**Addition of new Sec. 3.16, Direction to the State Auditor’s Office on Texas Juvenile Justice Department Officer Positions**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 7, 2024

### **Overview**

Reclassify Texas Juvenile Justice Department Officer Positions from Schedule B to Schedule C employees.

### **Required Action**

1. Add the following positions, or similarly named positions, in **Sec. 2.01, Position Classification Plan**:

XXXXX	Investigator IV, Juvenile Justice Department	C03
XXXXX	Corporal, Juvenile Justice Department	C04
XXXXX	Manager II, Juvenile Justice Department	C04
XXXXX	Investigator VII, Juvenile Justice Department	C04
XXXXX	Manager V, Juvenile Justice Department	C05
XXXXX	Manager VII, Juvenile Justice Department	C07
XXXXX	Director IV, Juvenile Justice Department	C08

2. On page IX-29 of Art. IX, add the following new rider:

- 3.16. **Direction to the State Auditor’s Office on Texas Juvenile Justice**

**Department Officer Positions.** The State Auditor’s Office is directed to assign appropriate Schedule C salary classifications (including class number, class title, and salary group) for the following positions or similarly named positions:

XXXXX	Investigator IV, Juvenile Justice Department	C03
XXXXX	Corporal, Juvenile Justice Department	C04
XXXXX	Manager II, Juvenile Justice Department	C04
XXXXX	Investigator VII, Juvenile Justice Department	C04
XXXXX	Manager V, Juvenile Justice Department	C05
XXXXX	Manager VII, Juvenile Justice Department	C07
XXXXX	Director IV, Juvenile Justice Department	C08

By: Schwertner, Betencourt

## **Health-Related Provisions**

### **Proposed Funding and Rider**

### **Texas All-Payor Claims Database**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/11/2025

#### **Overview**

The following rider will fund the Texas All-Payor Claims Database (TX-APCD) at the UTHealth Houston Center for Health Care Data to provide transparency for the rising cost of health care, to find the best quality providers, and to increase the value for patients and taxpayers. The 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature created the TX-APCD at UTHealth Houston (HB 2090, Burrows/Hancock). The purpose of the TX-APCD is to collect paid health insurance claims from all areas of the state, analyze those claims and issue reports, and provide access to qualified researchers to increase public transparency of health care prices and improve quality of healthcare outcomes for Texans. TX-APCD is required to develop an online public portal to allow Texans to easily access and navigate health care cost and quality information and to provide access to the claims database to qualified research entities.

This rider will also continue funding healthcare data analysis of the state-funded health care services provided through the Health and Human Services Commission, Department of State Health Services, the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the Teacher Retirement System, to identify inefficiencies and opportunities for improvement.

#### **Required Action**

On page IX-63 in Article IX, Special Provisions, delete Section 10.06 and replace it with the following rider:

#### **Sec. 10.06 Cross-Agency Coordination on Healthcare Strategies and Measures.**

- ~~(a) Out of monies appropriated elsewhere in this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall coordinate with the Department of State Health Services, the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the Teacher Retirement System to compare healthcare data, including outcome measures, and to identify outliers and improvements for efficiency and quality that can be implemented within each healthcare system. To administer the data comparison, HHSC shall expend \$2.5 million per year with the Center for Healthcare Data at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for data analysis, including individual benchmark and progress data for each agency. As applicable, agencies shall collaborate on the development and implementation of potential value-based payment strategies, including opportunities for episode-based bundling and pay for quality initiatives.~~
- ~~(b) The agencies shall meet quarterly to carry out coordination activities as described above.~~
- ~~(c) The agencies shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than September 1, 20242026, describing coordination activities, efficiencies identified, individual agency policies and practices that have been improved due to the application of the data, and recommendations on future ways to reduce cost and improve quality of care in each healthcare system.~~

#### **Sec. 10.06 The Texas All-Payor Claims Database.**

- (a) From funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall allocate \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year to The University of Texas

Health Science Center at Houston for the administration and operation of the Texas All-Payer Claims Database at the Center for Healthcare Data (Center) at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston as provided in Insurance Code, Chapter 38, Subchapter 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that the allocation of funds shall be used by the Center to provide access to entities under Insurance Code, Section 38.4055 at no more than a nominal charge, except for state agencies which may not be charged for use of the database. In addition, the Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of State Health Services, the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the Teacher Retirement System, shall provide claims and other relevant health data in a manner and format as required by the Center to permit the Center to conduct a comparative data analysis of this data to identify outliers, opportunities for efficiency, and quality improvements within each health care system.

- (b) The Center will develop and maintain an online public portal, respond to research requests, and issue biennial reports and data on the following:
- (1) Trends in statewide healthcare expenditures, with detailed analysis of medical and pharmaceutical costs;
  - (2) Trends in healthcare utilization and accessibility;
  - (3) Measures of healthcare quality;
  - (4) Incidence and prevalence of chronic diseases; and
  - (5) Comparative analysis of state-funded health care services and major cost drivers across and among state agencies providing state healthcare services.

Biennial reports required by this subsection shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by September 1, 2026.

**Article IX**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/1/2025**

**Overview**

The following action amends Article IX by adding a new section to appropriate money to provide for a six percent salary increase for licensed attorneys.

**Required Action**

Amend Article IX, by adding an appropriately numbered section to read as follows:

**Sec. 17.17. Appropriation for a Salary Increase for Licensed Attorneys in Certain Positions.**

(a) As used in this section, “salary increase” shall mean:

(1) a six percent increase in salary, to begin on September 1, 2025, for licensed attorneys in all classified positions generally requiring a law degree; and

(2) any related employee benefits costs associated with the increase in salary described by Subsection (a)(1) including contributions required by Sections 17.03 and 17.06.

(b) In addition to other amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, for the biennium the Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated an amount estimated to be \$39,300,000 out of the General Revenue Fund to provide for a salary increase as described in Subsection (a).

(c) The amounts appropriated by this section intended to be used for the salary increase described by Subsection (a) of this section may not be used to provide a salary increase for statewide elected officials, justices and judges of the appellate and district courts, district attorneys, criminal district attorneys, county attorneys performing the duties of a district attorney, or the compensatory per diem of board or commission members.

(d) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to administer this section and the appropriations that are intended to be used for the salary increase described by Subsection (a) of this section. Amounts appropriated in this section shall be allocated to each agency, and to the appropriate employee benefit appropriation items, in accordance with these rules and regulations and may be used for the purpose of providing a salary increase and paying associated benefit costs.

(e) This section does not authorize an increase of classified salary rates or exempt salary rates above the rates listed in the applicable schedule in this Act.

(f) This section shall apply to part-time employees hired pursuant to Government Code, Section 658.009. For the purposes of this section, in computing the annual salary increase for a part-time employee, the salary increase shall be proportional to an employee working 40 hours per week.

(g) Licensed attorneys employed in the following classification titles and series of classification titles to be provided with a salary increase as provided by this section include:

- (1) Attorney series;
- (2) Assistant Attorney General series;
- (3) General Counsel series;
- (4) Administrative Law Judge series;
- (5) Master Administrative Law Judge series;
- (6) Law Clerk;

- (7) Court Law Clerk series;
- (8) Hearings Officer series;
- (9) Associate Deputy Attorney General;
- (10) Deputy Attorney General;
- (11) Deputy First Assistant Attorney General; and
- (12) First Assistant Attorney General.

By: Sen. Huffman

**Article IX**  
**Proposed Rider Amendment**  
**Amendment to Contingency for Senate Bill 293**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2025

**Overview**

Amend the contingency rider for Senate Bill 293 to update costs for the Employee Retirement System of Texas to remain actuarially sound.

**Required Action**

On page IX-113 of General Provisions, Contingency and Other Provisions, amend the following rider:

- Sec. 18.01. Contingency for Senate Bill 293.** Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 293 or similar legislation, relating to the discipline of judges by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, notice of certain reprimands, judicial compensation and related retirement benefits, and the reporting of certain judicial transparency information; authorizing an administrative penalty, following changes are made:
- (a) In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Office of Court Administration, \$1,981,001 is appropriated in each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a fifteen percent increase in pay for certain judges linked to the base pay of a district judge authorized by Government Code, Section 659.012.
- (b) In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Judiciary Section, \$21,100,467 is appropriated in each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a fifteen percent increase in pay for certain judges and prosecutors linked to the base pay of a district judge authorized by Government Code, Section 659.012.
- (c) In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals, and the 15 Courts of Appeals, \$2,636,610 is appropriated in each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a fifteen percent increase in pay for certain judges and linked to the base pay of a district judge authorized by Government Code, Section 659.012.
- (d) In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney, \$23,100 is appropriated in each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a fifteen percent increase in pay for certain prosecutors linked to the base pay of a district judge authorized by Government Code, Section 659.012.
- (e) In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Employees Retirement System, ~~\$39,500,000~~\$38,356,638 in one-time costs is appropriated in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to maintain the actuarial soundness of the Employee Retirement System and the Judicial Retirement System I/II associated with a fifteen percent increase in pay for certain judges and prosecutors linked to the base pay of a district judge authorized by Government Code, Section 659.012. In addition, \$3,387,072 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund, \$963,890 is appropriated from Judicial Fund 573, and \$220,750 is appropriated from Other Fund 998 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,387,070 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund, \$963,890 is appropriated from Judicial Fund 573, and \$220,750 is appropriated from Other Fund 998 in fiscal year 2027 to address on-going costs.



By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Article IX**  
**Proposed Rider Amendment**  
**Amendment to Contingency for Legislation Establishing the Dementia Prevention**  
**Research Institute of Texas**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2025

**Overview**

To be consistent with the committee substitutes for Senate Bill 5 and Senate Joint Resolution 3 Article IX, Section 18.02 must be amended.

**Required Action**

Amend Article IX by striking Section 18.02 and replacing with a new rider to read as follows:

~~**Sec. 18.02. Contingency for Legislation Establishing the Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas.** Contingent on enactment of legislation relating to the creation of the Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT) or a similar institute, whose primary purpose is progress in the area of dementia research, and establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund or a similar fund, as a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, and subsequent voter approval of the constitutional amendment proposed by Senate Joint Resolution XX, or similar legislation relating to the creation of the institute and the fund, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer \$3,000,000,000 in the 2026-27 biennium from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of distribution on January 1, 2026, to the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund or a similar fund created by the legislation. The \$3,000,000,000 may be expended by the DPRIT without further appropriation except that not more than \$300,000,000 in new awards and operating expenses may be expended in any state fiscal year.~~

~~Additionally, contingent on enactment of legislation relating to the creation of DPRIT or a similar institute, and establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund or a similar fund, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, and subsequent voter approval of the constitutional amendment proposed by Senate Joint Resolution XX, or similar legislation relating to the creation of the institute and the fund, the Department of State Health Services is appropriated \$10,000,000 in the 2026-27 biennium from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of initial development of a fully operational institute.~~

~~**Sec. 18.02. Contingency for Legislation Establishing the Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 5, or similar legislation relating to the creation of the Dementia Prevention Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT) or a similar institute, whose primary purpose is progress in the area of dementia research, and establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund or a similar fund, as a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, and subsequent voter approval of the constitutional amendment proposed by Senate Joint Resolution 3, or similar legislation relating to the creation of the institute and the fund, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer \$3,000,000,000 pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 3 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of distribution on or before January 1, 2026, to the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund or a similar fund created by the legislation. DPRIT or a similar institute created by the legislation is appropriated from the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund or a similar fund \$300 million in fiscal year 2026 and \$300 million in fiscal year 2027 to implement the provisions of the legislation.~~

~~Any unobligated or unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.~~

~~DPRIT or a similar institute created by the legislation may purchase capital assets and employ staff sufficient for the needs of the institute.~~

By: Huffman

**Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Article IX**  
**Proposed Funding and Rider**  
**Texas Music Film Television and Multimedia Office Reporting and Contingency for SB 22**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/11/2025

**Overview**

Remove the rider shown in Senate Bill 1 as introduced, Article IX, Section 18.03 Contingency for Senate Bill XX, and replace with a new rider in Article IX to include:

1. Addition for certain reporting requirements of the Texas Film Commission and the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program.
2. Addition of a new exempt position of "Director of Film, Television, and Multimedia" with a salary of \$175,000, Group 5. This position should be shown in Article IX, Section 3.04, Schedule Exempt Positions, in subsection (b)(3). This position must be filled by a search committee and must be someone who:
  - a. Has 10 years of experience in the film industry;
  - b. Is capable of serving as an ambassador to recruit projects to Texas; and
  - c. Is prepared to review all projects received by the Film Commission.
3. Contingent on SB 22, appropriate \$766,406 in FY 2026 and \$743,563 in FY 2027 for staff/operating costs and 7.0 additional FTEs in each fiscal year
4. Contingent on SB 22, the Trusteed Programs 2026-27 GR appropriations to Strategy C.2.1, Music Film Television Multimedia, are reduced, leaving administrative funding.

**Required Action**

1. On page IX-113, remove the following rider:

~~18.03 **Contingency for Senate Bill XX.** Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill XX, or similar legislation relating to the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program (TMIIIIP) and providing tax credits, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor is appropriated \$766,406 for fiscal year 2026 and \$743,563 for fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to Strategy C.2.1, Music Film Television Multimedia, to implement the provisions of the legislation, including the issuance of certificates of eligibility for tax credits that in aggregate do not to exceed \$450,000,000 during the 2026-27 biennium. Additionally, the "Number of Full Time Equivalents (FTE)" is increased by 7.0 in each fiscal year of the agency's bill pattern for this purpose.~~

2. In Article IX, add the following rider:

**Texas Music Film Television and Multimedia Office Reporting and Contingency for Senate Bill 22.**

a. The Office of the Governor shall submit a report to provide details of projects funded through the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program (TMIIIIP) to the Legislative Budget Board biennially, with the first report due November 1, 2026. The report shall include:

1. the total dollar amount of grants funded by appropriation year;
2. the dollar amount of remaining unencumbered balances for the biennium; and
  3. the details of each project awarded, including:
    - i) the company name;
    - ii) the project title;
    - iii) the project classification;
    - iv) the amount awarded;
    - v) the total amount of in-state spending for the project; and
    - vi) the number of Texas-based cast and crew hired.

- b. The Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor is authorized a new exempt position titled “Director of Film, Television, and Multimedia” in Group 5 with an authorized salary of \$175,000 in each fiscal year identified within the “Schedule of Exempt Positions”. The position shall be identified in Article IX, Section 3.04, Scheduled Exempt Positions, in subsection (b)(3). It is the intent of the legislature that this position must be filled by a search committee and must be someone who:
1. Has 10 years of experience in the film industry;
  2. Is capable of serving as an ambassador to recruit projects to Texas; and
  3. Is prepared to review all projects received by the Film Commission.
- c. Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 22, or similar legislation relating to the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program (TMIIIIP), by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the following changes are made:
1. In addition to appropriations made elsewhere in this Act, the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor is appropriated \$766,406 for fiscal year 2026 and \$743,563 for fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to Strategy C.2.1, Music Film Television Multimedia, and the “Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)” indicated in the bill pattern is increased by 7.0 in each fiscal year to implement the provisions of the legislation.
  2. Appropriations made to the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor in General Revenue in Strategy C.2.1, Music Film Television Multimedia, are reduced by \$22,317,035 in fiscal year 2026 and \$21,317,035 in fiscal year 2027.