

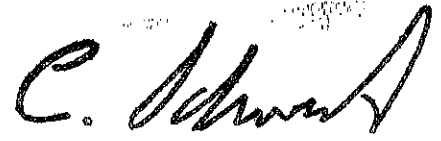
**Senate Finance Committee
Article IX**

Not Adopted

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Legislative Budget Board

By: Schwertner



Article IX

Proposed Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2025

Overview

The following action amends Article IX.

This 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 87th Texas Legislature created the Texas All-Payor Claims Database (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 the quality of healthcare outcomes for Texans. The 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.

Establishing full funding will allow the TX-APCD to provide valuable health care cost data and resources to all Texas consumers, patients, and lawmakers. UTHealth Houston requests \$10 million (\$5 million/year) for the 2026-2027 biennium for this purpose.

Required Action

Amend Article IX by striking Section 10.06 and replacing with a new rider to read as follows:

~~**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 Payer Claims Database.

(a) From funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall allocate \$5,000,000 per 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 I. 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. 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.

By: Sen. Hall

Article IX
Proposed Rider
Prohibition on Electric Vehicle Purchases

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/27/2025

Overview

The following action adds a new rider prohibiting the use of appropriated funds for the purchase of electric vehicles (EVs) as replacements for state and institution of higher education-owned vehicles. The transition to and maintenance of an EV fleet presents significant financial and logistical challenges, including infrastructure requirements, long-term maintenance costs, and operational limitations in rural and high-demand settings. This rider ensures that state agencies and institutions prioritize reliable, cost-effective, and operationally flexible vehicle options that do not require additional infrastructure investments.

Required Action

On page IX-XX add the following new rider:

_____. **Sec. 6.25. Prohibition on Electric Vehicle Purchases.** No funds appropriated by this Act shall be expended by a state agency or institution of higher education for the purchase, lease, or acquisition of electric vehicles (EVs) as replacements for state or institution-owned vehicles.

A state agency or institution may submit a written request to the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA), in a format specified by CPA, requesting that the requirements of this rider may be waived for specific purchases. A written request submitted to CPA shall be considered disapproved unless CPA issues a written approval within 30 business days of the date on which CPA receives the request.

By June 3, 2026, CPA shall submit a report to all members of the Legislature and the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) detailing:

- (1) the total number of EVs currently in the state agency or institution's fleet;
- (2) any waivers granted under this rider; and
- (3) a cost analysis of EV purchases compared to traditional fuel-based vehicles.

CPA shall make this report publicly available on its internet website with 30 calendar days of submission to the Legislature and the LBB.

Please use this template as a guide when preparing riders, and submit to the Committee letter-sized, one-sided, collated (not stapled) page-numbered copies.

Roy W. By Roy W. Author/Sponsor

**Texas Facilities Commission, Article 9
Construction, Maintenance and Renovation for Texas Southern University
Thurgood Marshall School of Law**

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$120,000,000 in General Revenue over the 2026-2027 biennium for construction, maintenance, and renovation of facilities for Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Required Action

On page X-XXX of Texas Facility Commission’s bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$120,000,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2026 in Strategy ___, Construct and Renovate Facilities, for the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

It is the Texas Legislature’s intent for Texas Southern University’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law to receive an appropriation with the express purpose of construction, maintenance, and renovations of their educational facilities in order to better serve their population of students.

Out of funds appropriated above, Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law shall develop a plan for the ongoing operations of the current and newly-constructed law school and submit the plan in writing, not later than August 31, 2026 to the Office of the Lt Governor, Speaker, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Texas Senate Committee on Education, and the Chair of House Higher Education.

The plan shall:

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